

A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2025

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the John J. Hosmanek Educational Support Center. The purpose of this meeting was for a Discussion and Update on Act 20, Agenda Review for the February 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, Verbal Updates, and Views and Comments by the Public.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Schmaling, Mr. Tierney, Mrs. Landry, and Mrs. Modder. Dr. Weiss, Mr. Haithcock, Mr. Hamdan, Mr. Keckler, Mr. Neir, Mrs. Ruder, and Mrs. Tindall were also present. Ms. Stevens arrived later. Ms. Adams and Mr. Price were excused.

Mrs. Modder, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a special meeting of the School Board of the Kenosha Unified School District. Notice of this special meeting was given to the public by forwarding a copy of the notice to all requesting radio stations and newspapers.

Ms. Stevens arrived at 5:03 p.m.

Dr. Weiss introduced Mrs. Wendy Tindall, Chief Academic Officer, who then introduced her team to present the Act 20 presentation: Ms. Jodi Cascio, Coordinator of Learning Systems, Ms. Stacy Guckenberger, Director of Special Education and Student Support, Ms. Teresa Curley, Principal of Whittier Elementary, Ms. Mary Hoover, Coordinator of English Language Arts Elementary, Ms. Rachel Conran, Instructional Coach in Teaching & Learning, and Ms. Alessandra Hartnell, Instructional Coach at Grewenow Elementary.

Mrs. Tindall turned the meeting over to Ms. Hoover and the team who began the Act 20 presentation, which included the topics of: Curriculum, Personal Reading Plans, Professional Development for Leaders and Teachers, Reading Readiness Assessment, Personal Reading Plans, Grade 3 Promotion Policy, Successes, Challenges, and Next Steps for Advocacy.

Dr. Weiss introduced and opened the opportunity for dialogue with State Rep. Amanda Nedweski, who gave background and detailed information regarding the writing and formation of Act 20, as well as other updates from the state government.

Dr. Weiss opened the Agenda Review discussion for the February 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. Discussion topics included:

- a. Policy 6311 - Reading Instruction
- b. Policy 8712 - School Board Meeting Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
- c. Head Start Semi-Annual Report
- d. Head Start Federal Grant Budget Revision Request
- e. Four-Year Graduation Rate

f. School Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Enrollment Projections

Verbal Updates/Information:

- Mr. Kevin Neir, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented the Teacher Licensure Audit Update.

A view and/or comment was made by the public.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Mrs. Landry. Second by Mr. Tierney. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Denise Ewing
School Board Secretary