

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD MAY 27, 2025

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the John J. Hosmanek Educational Support Center. Mrs. Modder, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following Board members present: Ms. Adams, Mr. Bryan, Mrs. Landry, Mr. Tierney, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Price, and Mrs. Modder. Dr. Weiss was also present.

Mrs. Modder, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a regular meeting of the School Board of Kenosha Unified School District. Notice of this regular meeting was given to the public by forwarding the complete agenda to all requesting radio stations and newspapers. Copies of the complete agenda are available for inspection at all public schools and the Superintendent's office. Anyone desiring information as to forthcoming meetings should contact the Superintendent's office.

Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communications Officer, presented the Indian Trail and Tremper High Schools DECA State Award Recipients and DECA Internationals Qualifiers, the LakeView SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference Awards, the Districtwide Student Art Show Collection Awards, and the Bradford and Tremper High School FBLA Regional and State Leadership Conference Awards.

Mr. Tierney introduced the Student Ambassador, D'Marcus Gaston from Indian Trail High School, and he made his comments.

Dr. Weiss gave the Superintendent's Report.

Mr. Price and Mr. Bryan gave the Legislative Report.

Views and comments were made by the public.

Mrs. Modder gave remarks by the President.

Dr. Weiss read the biographies and presented the following Administrative Appointments: Teresa Curley as Title One Director, Kim Fischer as Principal at Reuther Central High School, Yolanda Jackson-Lewis as Principal at Curtis Strange Elementary, and John Setter as Director of Facilities.

Board members considered the following Consent-Approve items:

Consent-Approve items X(A) – Recommendations Concerning Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Retirements, Resignations, and Separations;

Consent-Approve item X(B) – Minutes of the 3/25/25 Special Meeting and Executive Session, 3/25/25 Regular Meeting, 4/10/25 Special Meeting and Executive Session, and 4/10/25 Special Meeting;

Consent-Approve item X(C) – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers, and Check Registers submitted by Mrs. Lisa Salo, Accounting Manager; Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer; and Dr. Jeffrey Weiss, Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Bryan moved to approve consent agenda items X(A), X(B), X(C), X(D), X(E), X(F), noting that the minutes of the 04-29-25 Organization Meeting have been Revised and copies provided to the board members. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams read and moved to approve Resolution 444 – Resolution of Appreciation to Kristine Schmaling. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Landry read and moved to approve Resolution 446 – National Foster Care Month 2025. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2025-26 Budget Update submitted by Dr. Weiss and himself.

Ms. Adams made a motion to approve Attachment B, which includes the reduction of 42.84 FTE, as an initial starting point to balance the projected 2025-26 budget. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wendy Tindall, Chief Academic Officer, along with Ms. Jennifer Lawler, Coordinator of Secondary Mathematics and Science, presented the Adoption of Instructional Materials for Sixth Grade through Eighth Grade Science, submitted by Dr. Weiss and themselves.

Mr. Price made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment kits to support the implementation of sixth grade through eighth grade OpenSciEd curriculum materials as outlined in the report including Appendix C, showing an estimated purchase cost of \$260,120.00 for materials. Second by Mr. Bryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamdan, along with Mrs. Lisa Salo, Accounting Manager, presented updates to Policy 3420 – Purchasing as submitted by Ms. Amy Franz, Purchasing Agent, Dr. Weiss and themselves.

Mrs. Landry made a motion to approve the revised Policy and Rule 3420 – Purchasing as a first reading, to be effective July 1, 2025. Second by Mr. Tierney. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamdan and Mrs. Salo presented updates to Policy 3800 – Asset Management and Policy 3801 – Inventory as submitted by Ms. Franz, Dr. Weiss and themselves.

Mrs. Landry made a motion to approve the revised and renamed Policy and Rule 3800 – Capital Assets and approve the creation of Policy 3801 – Inventory, as a first reading, to be effective July 1, 2025. Second by Mr. Tierney. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Tindall, Mr. Kris Keckler, Chief Information Officer, and Mrs. Stacy Cortez, Elementary Math and Science Coordinator, presented updates to Policy 5118 – Promotion/Acceleration and Removal of Policy 5118.1 – Promotion, Policy 5118.3 – Retention/Acceleration and Administrative Regulation 5118.3 – Retention/Acceleration, submitted by Dr. Weiss and themselves.

Ms. Adams made a motion to approve the revised Policy 5118 – Promotion/Acceleration with the corrections mentioned in the meeting as a first reading and refer to the Curriculum Standing Committee prior to the second reading at the June board meeting. Second by Mr. Bryan. Motion carried with dissention 5-2 with Mr. Tierney and Mrs. Landry voting no.

Mrs. Tindall, Mrs. Cortez, and Mr. Keckler presented Policy 5119 – Third Grade to Fourth Grade Promotion for Students with a Reading Plan, submitted by Mrs. Mary Hoover, Coordinator of Elementary English Language Arts, Dr. Weiss and themselves.

Mrs. Landry made a motion to approve Policy 5119 – Third Grade to Fourth Grade Promotion for Students with a Reading Plan as a first reading. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keckler and Mrs. Tindall presented updates to Policy 6470 – Student Records, submitted by Mr. William Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership, Dr. Weiss and themselves.

Mr. Price made a motion to approve Policy 6470 – Student Records as a first reading. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keckler, Mrs. Tindall, and Mrs. Jody Cascio, Multi Level Systems of Support Coordinator, presented a Report of Contract in Aggregate of \$50,000 – NextPath, submitted by Ms. Franz, Mr. Hamdan, Dr. Weiss and themselves.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve a three-year contract with NextPath in the approximate amount of \$94,000 per year, beginning July 1, 2025. Second by Mr. Tierney. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keckler presented the Proposed School Year 2026-27 Instructional Calendar as submitted by himself, Mrs. Tindall, Mr. Haithcock, and Dr. Weiss.

Mrs. Landry moved to approve the Proposed School Year 2026-27 Instructional Calendars. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keckler presented the Open Enrollment Applicants for School Year 2025-2026 as submitted by himself, Dr. Weiss, Mr. Haithcock, Ms. Rhonda Lopez, Director of Early Education Programs, and Ms. Stacy Guckenberger, Director of Special Education and Student Support.

Mrs. Landry made a motion to approve applicants identified as numbers: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76 due to available space at the grade level, school requested and special education or related services required by the IEP. The motion also included denying applicants identified as numbers: 12,53,64 due to one of the following reasons: overcapacity at the grade level, special education related services required by the IEP, limitation of school requested, age ineligibility, habitual truancy, or expulsion in the current or preceding two years. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Weiss presented the Board Goal Setting item submitted by Mrs. Modder and himself.

There was no action on this item as it was an informational item.

Mr. Price read and move to accept Resolution 445 – Juneteenth Independence Day 2025. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bryan read and move to accept Resolution 447 – Resolution Affirming Student Belonging and Inclusion in the Month of June. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no donations to the district.

Board members made announcements.

Mr. Tierney moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Denise Ewing
School Board Secretary