REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD OCTOBER 28, 2025

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, October 28, 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 7:00 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 2024-25 WIAA Award of Excellence to Tremper High School Athletics, one of only 36 schools in the state to receive this prestigious award.

Mr. Tierney introduced the Student Ambassador, Joshua Susmilch from Tremper High School, and he made his comments.

Dr. Weiss gave the Superintendent's Report.

Mr. Price gave the Legislative Report.

Views and comments were made by the public.

Mrs. Modder gave remarks by the President.

There are no Administrative or Supervisory Appointments.

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 9/16/25 Public Hearing on the Budget, 9/16/25 Annual Meeting of Electors, 9/23/25 Regular Meeting, and 10/16/25 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;

Ms. Adams moved to approve the consent agenda items A-C as presented. Second by Mr. Bryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, presented the update on Controlled Entrances Funding Options and recommendation submitted by himself, Mr. William Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership, Mr. John Setter, Facilities Director, and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Tierney moved to approve the recommendation to authorize up to $333,000 to complete the remaining design work with Riley Construction on the seven schools that do not have controlled entrances, based on the plans that were agreed upon in the KUSD Safety Committee. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamdan and Ms. Amy Franz, Purchasing Agent, presented the Report of Contract in Aggregate of $75,000 – Gordon Flesch Company, Inc., as submitted by themselves and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Bryan moved to approve spending $400,320 over the course of a 4-year contract with Gordon Flesch for copier machine leases. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wendy Tindall, Chief Academic Officer, along with Mr. Scott Plank, Coordinator of Fine Arts, presented a New Course Proposals: High School Band submitted by themselves and Dr. Weiss.

Mrs. Landry moved to approve the addition of two new courses: Introduction to High School Band and High School Band Honors. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Tindall and Mrs. Stacy Cortez, Coordinator of Elementary Math, presented the Adoption of Instructional Materials for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Mathematics, *Bridges in Mathematics, Third Edition* for a cost of approximately $400,000 from the Teaching and Learning Budget as outlined in the report submitted by themselves and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Tierney made a motion to refer this proposal to the Curriculum Committee for additional discussion, data, and further review. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Haithcock and Mr. Setter presented the Annual School Safety Law Requirements as submitted by themselves and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Price moved to approve the recommendation to approve the 2025 Emergency Operations Plan and Annual School Safety Law Requirements. Second by Ms. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Haithcock and Ms. Rhonda Lopez, Principal of Chavez / Head Start Director, presented the KUSD Head Start Semi Annual Report as submitted by themselves, Ms. Heather Connolly, Regional Coordinator, and Dr. Weiss.

No action was taken on this item as it was an informational item.

Mr. Kris Keckler, Chief Information Officer, presented the Official Third Friday Enrollment Report as submitted by himself, Ms. Erin Roethe, Data Analyst, Ms. Laura Sawyer, Research Analyst, and Dr. Weiss.

No action was taken on this item as it was an informational item.

Mr. Hamdan presented the Change in Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted Budget submitted by himself and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the report and that the attached Class 1 notice be published within 10 days of the official board adoption. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamdan presented the 2024-2025 Budget Carryovers to the 2025-2026 Budget report as submitted by himself, Mrs. Salo, and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Bryan moved to approve the recommendation to carryover funds in the amount of $3,042,698 to be incorporated into the 2025-2026 budget. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamdan presented the Formal Adoption of the 2025-26 Budget as submitted by himself, Mrs. Salo, and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Tierney moved that the 2025-2026 budget for the Kenosha Unified School District, as presented, for all funds showing expenditures, other revenues, and tax levies in summary be adopted as outlined in Attachment B and in the accompanying format required by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in Attachment C. Second by Mr. Bryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Landry moved to direct the administration to prepare a class one legal notice to be published publicly within ten days of the adoption as shown in Attachment C. Second by Mr. Tierney. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Price moved to approve the property tax levy to be collected from the municipalities within the school district in the amount of $80,656,892 for the general fund, $12,318,766 for the debt service fund, and $1,500,000 for the community service fund. Second by Ms. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Landry moved that the Board direct the district clerk to certify and deliver the Board-approved tax levy to the clerk of each municipality on or before November 10, 2025. Second by Mr. Bryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bryan read the American Education Week Resolution and made a motion to approve. Second by Ms. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Landry read the National Native American Heritage Month Resolution and made a motion to approve. Second by Mr. Bryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tierney read the Veterans Day Resolution and made a motion to approve. Second by Ms. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tierney presented the Donations to the District and made a motion to approve. Second by Mr. Bryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members made announcements.

Ms. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Denise Ewing
School Board Secretary