

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD DECEMBER 13, 2022

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Ms. Adams, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mrs. Schmaling, Mr. Price, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Battle, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder, and Ms. Adams. Dr. Weiss was also present.

Ms. Adams, 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. Schmaling introduced the student ambassador, Benjamin Rothove from Tremper High School, and he made his comments.

There were no awards or recognitions.

There were no Administrative and Supervisory Appointments.

The Superintendent's Report was given by Mr. William Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership; and Mrs. Christine Geyer, Coordinator of Professional Learning; who gave an overview of the Aspiring Administrators' Cohort Group.

Mrs. Modder gave the legislative report.

Views and comments were made by the public.

Remarks by the President were made by Ms. Adams.

The board recessed at 8:05 P.M. and reconvened at 8:09 P.M.

Board members considered the following Consent-Approve items:

Consent-Approve item X-A – Recommendations Concerning Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Retirements, Resignations, and Separations.

Consent-Approve item X-B – Minutes of the 11/15/22 Special Meeting and Executive Session and the 11/15/22 Regular Meeting.

Consent-Approve item X-C –

“It is recommended that the November 2022 cash receipt deposits totaling \$131,689.25, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$4,940,446.12, be approved.

Check numbers 617589 through 618277 (net of voided batches) totaling \$2,853,426.62, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$4,503,626.55, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the November 2022 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$16,741,145.70, and net payroll check batches totaling \$14,439.61, be approved.”

Mrs. Modder moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Battle seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Hamdan introduced Mrs. Amber Drewieske from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP and she presented the Annual Financial Report. She gave an overview of the independent auditors' report, management's discussion and analysis, district-wide financial statements, fund balance statements, required supplemental information, additional independent auditor's report for basic financial statements, and federal and state awards.

Dr. Weiss presented the Governance Core Book Discussion submitted by himself, excerpts follow:

“Earlier this fall, copies of Governance Core by Michael Fullan and Davis Campbell were shared with school board members. This book provides the foundation for effective relationships between the school board and superintendent. Dan Nerad, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards consultant, will be basing the January 11, 2023 board learning session on the principles of Governance Core. As a means of preparing for this session, this agenda item will appear at the December 2022 and January 2023 regular school board meetings to allow for discussion prior to and after the January learning session.

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the state level that will likely eliminate most of those recommendations. We will continue to closely monitor the state budget development process and update the Board as we know more.

The administration is recommending the following reduction items for the 2023-24 budget:

1. Reduce Education Support Center (ESC) departmental discretionary budgets by 20% for an estimated savings of \$600,000;
2. Reduce school discretionary budgets by 10% for elementary, 15% for middle, and 20% for high schools for an estimated savings of \$690,000;
- 3(a). Reduce the facilities major maintenance budget by 50% for an estimated savings of \$1,000,000;
- 3(b). Designates the TID #2 proceeds to be used for major maintenance projects to fund the large project to replace the fieldhouse floor at Bradford High School as described in the October 25, 2002, report;
4. Reduce the Technology Refresh budget by 50% for a savings of \$500,000;
5. Eliminate district contributions to staff Health Saving Accounts (HSA) for a savings of \$2,070,000; and
6. Instrumentality Charter School Cost sharing adjustments for a savings of \$300,000.

The administration recommends that the Board approve items 1 thru 6 as described in this report for an estimated \$5,160,000 in reductions to help balance the preliminary 2023-24 budget.”

Mrs. Modder moved to approve items 1, 2, 3(a), 4, and 6 as described in the report. Mrs. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mrs. Schmaling, Mr. Meadows, and Mr. Battle dissenting.

Dr. Weiss presented the WASB Proposed Resolutions – 2023 submitted by himself, excerpts follow:

“The Superintendent and Leadership Council reviewed the 2023 WASB proposed resolutions and make the following recommendations:

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
23-01	High-Cost Transportation Aid	Support
23-02	Voter Education	Support
23-03	Independent Charter School Funding	Support
23-04	Learning Barriers for Students with Disabilities	Support
23-05	Discipline of Students with Disabilities	Support
23-06	Parent Contracts for Private School Transportation	(If properly funded) Abstain (Due to lack of financial impact clarity)
23-07	Career and Technical Education	Support
23-08	Services for Students with Disabilities at Voucher Schools	Abstain
23-09	Addressing Barriers to Learning for Students with Disabilities	Support
23-10	FORT Requirement for Educators	Support

Ms. Stevens presented Resolution 405 – National Mentoring Month January 2023 which read as follows:

“WHEREAS, a number of organizations in the Kenosha community have partnered with the Kenosha Unified School District to offer a variety of mentoring programs that are designed to support student learning and success; and

WHEREAS, relationships that students build with caring mentors offer valuable support; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas; and

WHEREAS, mentoring provides the skills needed to build strong, positive relationships with family, friends and community members; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combating school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration and truancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Kenosha Unified School District does hereby proclaim January as the annual observance of National Mentoring Month and recognizes those who volunteer their time to help in our mission of providing excellent, challenging learning opportunities and experiences that prepare each student for success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Board of Education.”