

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

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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> |
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| 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 –