

Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools – ISD 2172
School Board Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2025

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Craig called the meeting of the Kenyon-Wanamingo Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. in the M/HS media center in Kenyon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Tonya Craig, James Jarvis, Marilyn Syverson, Debb Paquin, Madilynn Lurken, AJ Lindell (remote-6:06 p.m.) and ex-officio member Superintendent Beth Giese. Absent: Erica Aronson

II. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda. M/S/C Paquin/Jarvis, 5-0.

III. Items for Discussion

A. Presentation on land owned by K-W Schools

Paul Clauson reviewed a presentation explaining what land is owned and where by K-W Schools.

IV. Items for Individual Action

A. Statutory Operating Debt Plan

Discussion was held on statutory operating debt plan.

B. Recovery from Statutory Operating Debt Resolution

Board member Debb Paquin introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RECOVERY FROM STATUTORY OPERATING DEBT (SOD)

WHEREAS, School District 2172 has moved into Statutory Operating Debt as of June 30, 2021 as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.81, Subdivision 2; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.83, Subdivision 4, requires a school district in SOD to submit to the commissioner a special operating plan to reduce deficit expenditures; and, to receive aids contingent on the school district's continued compliance with the plan;

WHEREAS, School District 2172 has prepared a Special Operating Plan which has been presented, reviewed and understood by the school board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of School District 2172:

1. Approves the attached Special Operating Plan and accompanying SOD Recovery Spreadsheets and transmits same to MDE;
2. Agrees to reduce current year expenditures by all legal means possible, without negatively impacting current programs or contractual obligations;
3. Agrees to immediately discontinue the practice of approving deficit budgets;
4. Creates an unreserved fund balance target of 5 percent within 5 years after the removal of SOD;
5. Agrees to a 'dollar for dollar' cut in current and future budgets to respond to a negative variance in revenues and expenditures as displayed in the SOD plan;

6. Agrees to use any aid formula improvement from the legislature to reduce debt;
7. Agrees to remove the condition of SOD by the end of FY 2026 and achieve a positive fund balance by FY 2027;
8. Requests specialized training as appropriate; and,
9. Agrees to submit preliminary budgets to MDE showing the discontinuance of deficit spending, prior to their formal board approval, each subsequent year until the removal of negative fund balances.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Board Member Marilyn Syverson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following members voted in favor thereof: Tonya Craig, Debb Paquin, James Jarvis, Marilyn Syverson, Madilynn Lurken and AJ Lindell.

and the following members voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

V. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. M/S/C Jarvis/Craig, 6-0.

Debb Paquin, School Board Clerk