

Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools – ISD 2172
School Board Meeting Minutes – May 19, 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 elementary media center followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Tonya Craig, Marilyn Syverson, Debb Paquin, Erica Aronson, Madilynn Lurken and ex-officio member superintendent Beth Giese. Absent were AJ Lindell and James Jarvis.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda. M/S/C Syverson/Craig, 5-0.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Announcements/Recognitions

Thank you to everyone that was involved in the senior recognition night.

V. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from April 28, 2025, May 4, 2025, and May 10, 2025. M/S/C Aronson/Craig, 5-0.

VI. Personnel Report

Motion to approve personnel report. M/S/C Craig/Paquin, 5-0.

Resignation/Retirement

Anna Giese, M/HS English Teacher, resignation effective 5/30/2025.

Dylan Surface, JV Football Coach, resignation effective 5/2/2025.

Lynette Nerison, Special Ed Paraprofessional, resignation effective 5/29/2025.

Holly Schaefer, Special Ed Paraprofessional, resignation effective 5/27/2025, will continue as Knights Kids Paraprofessional until end of summer.

Jill Paulson, MS Secretary, resignation effective 6/13/2025

Appointments

Chrissy Alexander, HS Special Ed Teacher, BA+30, Step 3; effective 10/23/2025 – 5/29/2026

Hailee Bolton, Summer Custodian, Class 1, Step 1, 40 days at 8 hours each from 6/2/2025-7/31/2025.

Griffin Bakken, Summer Custodian, Class 1, Step 1, 40 days at 8 hours each from 6/2/2025-7/31/2025.

Simon Grove, Summer Custodian, Class 1, Step 1, 40 days at 8 hours each from 6/2/2025-7/31/2025.

Israel Hiller, Summer Custodian, Class 1, Step 1, 40 days at 8 hours each from 6/2/2025-7/31/2025.

Eli Hedeon, Summer Custodian, Class 1, Step 1, 40 days at 8 hours each from 6/2/2025-7/31/2025.

Change in Employment

Kay Benzick, Knights Kids Coordinator, stipend for additional duties admin duties, \$80 per month from June 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

Advancement of Probationary Staff to Second Year Probationary Status for 2025-2026

Heather Olson

Advancement of Probationary Staff to Continuing Contract for 2025-2026

Mackenzie Ehlers

Hannah Johnson

Dakota VanLanen

Cole Walters

Rebecca Keller

VII. Items for Discussion

None

VIII. Items for Individual Action

A. Superintendent Contract 2025-2027

Motion to approve the superintendent contract for Patrick Heiderscheit at .5FTE for 2025-2027. M/S/C Craig/Aronson, 5-0.

B. Change location of future board meetings to Kenyon

Motion to change future board meetings from the Wanamingo site to the Kenyon site with the same dates and times. M/S/C Syverson/Paquin, 5-0.

C. Kenyon Community Cable Channel request to post meetings

Motion to approve posting to the Kenyon community cable channel recordings of school board meetings. M/S/C Craig/Aronson, 5-0.

D. MSHSL Resolution for Membership

Motion to approve the resolution for MSHSL membership for 2025-2026. M/S/C Paquin/Craig, 5-0.

E. Revised Policy-Final Reading-704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets.

Motion to approve the final reading of revised policy 704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets. M/S/C Paquin/Aronson, 5-0.

F. Resolution proposing to place teacher on unrequested leave of absence

Member Paquin introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE Brent Lurken ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2172, as follows:

1. That it is proposed that Brent Lurken, a continuing contract employee/teacher of said school district, be placed on unrequested partial (.33 FTE) leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2024 - 2025 school year on June 30, 2025, pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, subdivision 11. Said action is taken in accordance with the district master agreement.

2. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows:

Lack of Pupils and Financial Limitations

3. That each and all of the foregoing grounds of said notice are within the grounds for unrequested leave placement as set forth in M.S. 122A.40, subdivision 11 and are hereby adopted as fully as though separately set forth and resolved herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of proposed placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher/continuing contract employee and that an affidavit of the same be placed in the teacher's personnel file with a copy of the notice and resolution.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Craig and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Syverson, Craig, Paquin, Aronson. Lurken abstained, Jarvis and Lindell absent.

and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

G. Extended Field Trip Requests

Motion to approve extended field trips listed. M/S/C Aronson/Paquin, 5-0.

Eagle Bluff Learning Center	5/19/26-5/22/26
FFA State Convention	4/19/26-4/21/26
FFA National Convention	10/28/25-11/1/25
FCCLA Leadership Conference	March 2026
Robotics Regional	April 2026
Choir Dorian Festival	1/11/26-1/12/26
Band/Choir Tour, Chicago, IL	3/20/2026-3/23/2026

H. Student Activity Fundraiser Requests

Motion to approve activity fundraiser requests listed. M/S/C Aronson/Craig, 5-0.

Robotics	Sponsorship Letter	5/2025-3/2026
Robotics	Halloween Carnival	10/31/2025
Eagle Bluff	Chip Shoppe	10/1/2025-10/22/2025
FFA	Plant Sale	3/1/2026-5/31/2026
FFA	Fruit Sale	10/1/2025-12/20/2025
Choir	Popcorn Sales	9/1/2025-10/31/2025
Band/Choir	Silent Auction	12/2025
Band	Car Wash	8/2025
Band	Benefit Dinner	11/21/2025
Band	Bagging at Cub Foods	11/2025

I. Acceptance of Donations

Member Paquin introduced and moved adoption of, Member Craig seconded, and the board approved upon roll call vote, 5-0, Jarvis and Lindell absent, the resolution of donations accepted with gratitude as follows:

Amount/Value of Item	Donor
\$100 for Football Program	Kreate Sunshine 10% Give Back
\$92.13 and trailer of goods for Ed Foundation sale	Mark Lenway
\$100 for Eagle Bluff Scholarship	Wanamingo Lions Club
Keyboard with Headphones donated to Band program	John and Kim Lang

J. Revised Budget FY 25

Motion to approve the revised budget as presented. M/S/C Craig/Aronson, 5-0.

IX. Administrative Reports

A. Administrative reports were given

B. Finance Report

Claims on Accounts and Electronic Transfer

Fund 01	\$224,059.33
Fund 02	\$50,323.87
Fund 04	\$1,153.64
Fund 06	\$0.00
Fund 07	\$0.00
Fund 18	\$0.00

Fund 50	<u>\$3,181.88</u>
Total	\$278,718.72
Electronic Fund Transfers	\$579,450.02
MNTRUST Transfers	\$800,000.00
B. Student Enrollment Summary	
Monthly enrollment total: 635	

X. Closed Meeting Summary for April 28, 2025

On Monday, April 28th at 6pm, the Kenyon-Wanamingo School Board held a Regular Meeting at the Kenyon-Wanamingo Middle/High School Media Center. Members in attendance were Tonya Craig, James Jarvis, Marilyn Syverson, Debb Paquin, Erica Aronson, Madilyn Lurken and AJ Lindell. As permitted by MN Statutes 13D.05 subdivision 3(c), the meeting was closed to the public at 6:47pm to discuss the listing for the sale of district owned property at 225 Third Ave, Wanamingo, MN and one offer that had been received prior to the property being listed from Friends of Wanamingo. The meeting reopened at 7:36 p.m and immediately adjourned.

XI. Closed Meeting Summary for May 10, 2025

On Saturday, May 10th at 8:30 am, the Kenyon-Wanamingo School Board held an Emergency Meeting at the Kenyon-Wanamingo Middle/High School Media Center. Members in attendance were Tonya Craig, Debb Paquin, Madilyn Lurken and AJ Lindell. Members present in remote posted locations were James Jarvis, Marilyn Syverson, and Erica Aronson. As permitted by MN Statutes 13D.05 subdivision 3(c), the meeting was closed to the public at 8:41 am to discuss two offers received for the sale of district owned property at 225 Third Ave, Wanamingo, MN. Upon board closure, several members of the public refused to leave the meeting room and eventually left the room at 8:53 a.m. and the closed meeting began. Offers discussed were received from Friends of Wanamingo and Two Oak Hills, LLC. The meeting reopened at 9:41 am and adjourned 9:46 am.

XII. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. M/S/C Craig/Aronson, 5-0.

Debb Paquin, School Board Clerk