

Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools – ISD 2172
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2024

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Craig called the regular meeting of the Kenyon-Wanamingo Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary media center followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Tonya Craig, James Jarvis, Marilyn Syverson, Debb Paquin, Jamie Sommer, AJ Lindell (Remote), Ben Bakken and ex-officio member Superintendent Beth Giese.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented. M/S/C Sommer/Lindell, 7-0.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Announcements/Recognitions

September is now School Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Giese thanked the board for all they do. Bakken recognized local fire departments, Wanamingo and Kenyon for recent donations to the school.

V. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve meeting minutes from August 26, 2024. M/S/C Paquin/Sommer, 7-0.

VI. Personnel Report

Motion to approve personnel report. M/S/C Sommer/Bakken, 7-0.

Resignation/Retirement

Steve Blacker, Special Education Teacher, resignation effective 9/6/2024

Allina Mendoza, Custodian-Part-time, resignation effective 9/11/2024

Arely Ramirez, Paraprofessional-Sped, resignation effective 8/27/2024

Megan Jordan, Girls Basketball Coach-Jr.High, resignation effective 9/13/2024

Kirby VanDeWalker, Baseball-Head Coach, resignation effective 9/15/2024

Appointments

Steve Blacker, Special Education Teacher-HS, MA, Step 12, effective 8/27/2024

Heaven Brewer, Paraprofessional-Preschool and Knights Kids Assistant, Class 1, Step 1, effective 9/16/2024

Corey Douville, Paraprofessional-SPED, Class 1, Step 1, effective 9/3/2024

Melissa Zellmer, Custodian-FT Evenings; Class 1, Step 1 effective 9/16/2024

Leave of Absence

Stacy Maki, Special Education Teacher, FMLA intermittent leave request starting 8/27/2024

Change in Employment

Cole Walters, Lane Change from MA+20 to MA+30, effective 9/10/2024

Tracy Erlandson, move from Girls Basketball 2nd Assistant to 1st Assistant, effective with the 2024-2025 season.

Bernis Johnson, Knights Kids, decrease in hours from 37 to 34 effective 9/9/2024

Holly Schaefer, Knights Kids, decrease in hours from 3.75 to 2.5 effective 9/9/2024

Becky Vukelich, Knight Kids/Paraprofessional, decrease in hours from 35.5 to 22.75 effective 9/9/2024

VII. Items for Discussion

- A. Revised Policy-Second Reading-522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedures and Process.
Policy was reviewed.

VIII. Items for Individual Action

- A. Certify Proposed Tax Levy 2024 Payable 2025
Motion to certify the proposed maximum tax levy 2024 payable 2025. M/S/C Craig/Sommer, 7-0.
- B. Set Truth in Taxation Meeting-December 9th at 7PM during regular meeting
Motion to set Truth in Taxation Meeting-December 9th at 7PM during regular meeting. M/S/C Craig/Bakken, 7-0.
- C. READ Act Memo of Understanding
Motion to approve the READ Act Memo of Understanding. M/S/C Sommer/Bakken, 7-0.
- D. Approval of MREA (MN Rural Education Association) Membership at 50% discount rate
Motion to approve MREA (MN Rural Education Association) Membership at 50% discount rate. M/S/C Craig/Paquin, 7-0.
- E. Acceptance of Donations
Member Paquin introduced and moved adoption of, Member Craig seconded, and the board approved upon roll call vote, 7-0, the resolution of donations accepted with gratitude as follows:

Amount/Value of Item	Donor
School Supplies	Urland Church
Backpacks & School Supplies	Plymold
School Supplies	Holden/Dale Lutheran Churches
School Supplies w Calculators	Wangen Prairie Church
Backpacks & Calculators	Jeff and Karen Davidson
Pallet of cases of water	Nilssen’s Food Zumbrota
8 boxes of cake pops for Teachers/Staff	Ponderosa Sweet Treats – Joe and Theresa Gullickson
\$2000 for videography	Kenyon Firemans Relief Association

IX. Administrative Reports

- A. Superintendent/Elementary Principal
Cherie Johnson, Executive Director of GCED, reported on the recent significant drop in enrollment at 5RO and explained how this results in a decline in funding for K-W.

B. Finance Report

Claims on Accounts and Electronic Transfer

Fund 01	\$241,906.73
Fund 02	\$6,993.10
Fund 04	\$2,220.27
Fund 06	\$0.00
Fund 07	\$15,723.36
Fund 18	\$0.00
Fund 50	<u>\$4,956.11</u>

Total	\$271,799.57
Electronic Fund Transfers	\$540,302.22
MSDLAF Transfers	\$600,000.00

C. Principal Report

Principal report given.

D. Student Enrollment Summary

Monthly enrollment total: 645

E. School Board Committee Reports

School Board Committee Reports were given.

X. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. M/S/C Sommer/Craig, 7-0.

Debb Paquin, School Board Clerk