

Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools – ISD 2172  
School Board Meeting Minutes – March 24, 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, James Jarvis, Marilyn Syverson, Debb Paquin, Erica Aronson, Madilynn Lurken, AJ Lindell (remote) and ex-officio member Superintendent Beth Giese.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion to remove item 8.C.6. Reduction of .5 FTE Music Teacher-\$31,972 from the agenda. M/S/C Craig/Syverson, 7-0. Motion to approve amended agenda. M/S/C Syverson/Aronson, 7-0.

III. Public Comment

Public Comment was received.

IV. Announcements/Recognitions

Superintendent Giese congratulated Owen Siems for earning his Eagle Scout and recognized Richard Kincaid for his 36 years of service at K-W Schools as he is retiring this year.

V. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from February 24, 2025. M/S/C Paquin/Aronson, 7-0.

VI. Personnel Report

Motion to approve personnel report. M/S/C Aronson/Syverson, 6-0-1, Lurken abstained.

Resignation/Retirement

Chad Lexvold, Wrestling Coach-Jr. High, resigned effective 3/9/2025.

Richard Kincaid, HS Science Teacher, 1.0 FTE, resignation effective 5/30/2025.

Appointments

Natalie Jacobson, Knight Kids paraprofessional, move from substitute to 2 hours per week; effective 3/24/2025.

Tate Erlandson, move from Baseball-Jr. High to Softball-1<sup>st</sup> Assistant, Year 3; effective for the 2024-2025 season.

Brent Lurken, Baseball-Jr. High, Year 4; effective for the 2024-2025 season.

VII. Items for Discussion

- A. Revised Policy 704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets– First Reading  
Move to the second reading.

VIII. Items for Individual Action

- A. Revised Policy 701 Establishment and Adoption of Budget - Final Reading  
Motion to approve revised Policy 701 Establishment and Adoption of Budget. M/S/C Syverson/Craig, 7-0.

- B. Revised Policies - Single Reading
  - a. 413 Harassment and Violence
  - b. 516 Student Medication
  - c. 621 Literacy and the Read Act

Motion to approve revised policies 413 Harassment and Violence, 516 Student Medication and 621 Literacy and the Read Act. M/S/C Craig/Aronson, 7-0.

C. Reductions and Realignment for FY26

1. Reduction of .5FTE Elementary Principal from Superintendent - \$70,152  
Motion to approve reduction of .5 FTE Elementary Principal from Superintendent. M/S/C Syverson/Paquin, 7-0.
2. Reduction of 1.0 FTE Dean of Students - \$68,006  
Motion to approve reduction of 1.0 FTE Dean of Students. M/S/C Paquin/Jarvis, 7-0.
3. Reduction of 1.0 FTE Secretary - \$49,000  
Motion to approve reduction of 1.0 FTE Secretary. M/S/C Aronson/Craig, 7-0.
4. Reduction of 1.0 FTE Custodian - \$40,937  
Motion to approve reduction of 1.0 FTE Custodian. M/S/C Syverson/Jarvis, 7-0.
5. Reduction of .5 FTE Physical Education Teacher - \$43,931  
Motion to approve reduction of .5 FTE Physical Education Teacher. M/S/C Paquin/Syverson, 6-0-1, Lurken abstained.
6. Reduction of .5 FTE High/Middle School Science - \$50,836  
Motion to approve reduction of .5 FTE High/Middle School Science. M/S/C Aronson/Craig, 7-0.
7. Reduction of .2 FTE Tech Assistant - \$13,236  
Motion to approve reduction of .2 FTE Tech Assistant. M/S/C Jarvis/Lurken, 7-0.
8. Reduction of .2 FTE Buildings and Grounds Director - \$21,178  
Motion to approve reduction of .2 FTE Buildings and Grounds Director starting October 1, 2025. M/S/C Syverson/Craig, 7-0.
9. Reduction of 1.0 FTE Elementary Library/Title Para - \$23,952  
Motion to approve reduction of 1.0 FTE Elementary Library/Title Para. M/S/C Aronson/Syverson, 7-0.
10. Reduction of 1.0 FTE Title 1 Para - \$44,720  
Motion to approve reduction of 1.0 FTE Title 1 Para. M/S/C Paquin/Craig, 7-0.
11. Reduction of Theatre Department expenditures of \$3400  
Motion to reduce theatre dept expenditures by \$2901, keeping the one act play and eliminating the fall high school play. M/S/C Paquin/Syverson 4-3, Jarvis, Lindell and Aronson voting no.
12. Reduction of Middle School Knowledge Bowl - (Stipend, Transportation, subbing costs) - \$3050  
Motion to approve reduction of Middle School Knowledge Bowl – (Stipend, Transportation, subbing costs). M/S/C Paquin/Aronson, 6-1, Lindell voting no.
13. Reduction in Food Service Expenses - \$34,100  
Motion to approve reduction in Food Service Expenses. M/S/C Paquin/Craig, 7-0.
14. Reduction of 1.0 FTE Preschool Teacher - \$51,197  
Motion to approve reduction of 1.0 FTE Preschool Teacher. M/S/C Syverson/Lurken, 7-0.
15. Increase in Activity Fees by 20% - \$55 to \$75, \$90 to \$110, \$130 to \$150, family cap increase from \$600 to \$700.  
Motion to approve increase in activity fees by 20%- \$55 to \$75, \$90 to \$110, \$130 to \$150, family cap increase from \$600 to \$700. M/S/C Aronson/Craig, 6-1, Syverson voting no.
16. Add Activity Fees to Grade 5 and 6 participants  
Motion to approve to add activity fees to Grade 5 and 6 participants. M/S/C Aronson/Craig, 5-2, Syverson and Lindell voting no.

D. 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
\$250 for Robotics Program	Schad Tracy Signs, Oronoco

IX. Administrative Reports

A. Administrative reports were given

B. Finance Report

Claims on Accounts and Electronic Transfer

Fund 01	\$264,535.26
Fund 02	\$737.37
Fund 04	\$347.43
Fund 06	\$0.00
Fund 07	\$3,700.00
Fund 18	\$0.00
Fund 50	<u>\$5679.74</u>
Total	\$274,999.80

Electronic Fund Transfers \$618,150.34

MNTRUST Transfers \$800,000.00

B. Student Enrollment Summary

Monthly enrollment total: 634

X. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. M/S/C Aronson/Jarvis, 7-0.

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Debb Paquin, School Board Clerk