

KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting of the Whole
Educational Support Center – Room 110
October 11, 2022
MINUTES

A standing committee meeting of the whole which included the Kenosha Unified Audit/Budget/Finance, Curriculum/Program, Personnel, and Planning/Facilities Committees chaired by Ms. Adams was called to order at 5:00 P.M. with the following committee members present: Mrs. Modder, Mr. Meadows, Ms. Cullen, Ms. Elrod, Mr. Frese, Ms. Gravitter, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Pereira, Mr. Puhr, Ms. Arcos, Ms. Garin, Mr. Price, Mr. Flood, Ms. Geissman, Mrs. Infusino, Ms. Kretchmer, Mr. Levin, Dr. Moon, Ms. Gyger, Mr. Kauffman, Ms. Koschkee, Ms. McRoberts, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Schmaling, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Huff, Dr. Kavenik, Ms. Krajacic, Ms. Rightler, Ms. Sanchez-Nava, Mr. Westhoff, Mr. Barry, Mr. Pokorny, Ms. Santoro, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Kelsey, Mr. Yao, Mrs. Ciesielski, and Ms. Adams. Dr. Weiss, Mr. Haithcock, Mrs. Housaman, Mr. Hamdan, Mr. Neir, Mr. Keckler, Mrs. Ruder, and Mr. Finnemore were also present. Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Rugani were absent. Mr. Battle was excused.

2023-24 Budget Workshop

Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, gave a PowerPoint presentation which covered the following topics: tonight's goal, make-believe school district, budget simulation directions, make believe budget, processing questions, wrap up, and exit slip feedback.

Mr. Hamdan explained that members at each table would be working together and participating in a budget exercise where groups would be presented with three hypothetical situations (a \$6 million dollar budget deficit, a \$9 million dollar budget deficit, and then \$12 million dollar deficit) for a fictitious school district. The attendees would then be tasked with determining what budget items they would cut in order to balance the budget.

Dr. Weiss, Mr. Haithcock, Mrs. Housaman, Mr. Hamdan, Mr. Neir, Mr. Keckler, Mrs. Ruder, and Mr. Finnemore answered questions of committee members during each scenario.

After each scenario, groups were given the opportunity to report their decisions and share their thoughts.

Dr. Weiss thanked the committee members for participating in the exercise and asked them to fill out an exit slip with their feedback before departing the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Stacy Stephens
School Board Secretary