

School District of Kewaskum
Annual School District Meeting and Budget Hearing
7:00 p.m., August 23, 2021
Minutes

The meeting was available via audio.

The Annual Meeting of the School District of Kewaskum was held in the Kewaskum High School Theatre on Monday, August 23, 2021. The meeting was called to order by School Board President, Jim Leister, at 7:00 p.m. Following a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jim Leister.

President Leister introduced the newly appoint board member, Bradley Petersen, other present board members including Stephanie Bird, Ric Leitheiser, Sue Miller and Tim Ramthun and School District Attorney Claire Hartley who was present as Parliamentarian.

Thirty-three district residents signed in as attending.

Tim Ramthun nominated Jim Leister as chairperson. Sue Miller seconded the motion.

No additional nominations were presented. Attorney Hartley closed nominations. Motion passed 22-0. Jim Leister became Chairperson.

Sue Miller motioned to approve the agenda as written. Tim Ramthun seconded the motion. Motion passed 26-0.

Mr. Leister appointed Vickie Plachinski to perform secretarial duties for the meeting. Vickie Plachinski accepted and took the minutes for the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Leister appointed the following staff members as tellers:
Jody Heipp, Julie Skelton, Scott Stier, Jake Flood, Shelley Hyde and Angie Petersen.

Randy Reysen motioned to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure. Stephanie Bird seconded the motion. Motion passed 28-0.

Doug Gonring motioned to approve the August 24, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes. Ric Leitheiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 29-0.

District Administrator's Report

Dr. Bazata thanked the board, staff, parents, students and the community as a whole for the support they provided during the 2020-21 school year to ensure learning continued.

He reviewed the renovations that took place this summer including converting an old computer lab at Kewaskum Elementary School into a STEAM Studio and removing the tiered large group learning and making that space more useable and an expansion to the cafeteria. The high school library was also renovated to support the culinary and business academic pathways. The updated space will also be used as an extension to the cafeteria.

The district is working on updating its mission and vision statements. Dr. Bazata reviewed the Vision of a Learner which had been developed through communications with staff, parents students, businesses, and post-secondary institutions.

New Business

Presentation of the 2021-22 Budget and Tax Levy

Business Manager, Julie Thoreson presented the 2020-21 financial results, the preliminary 2021-22 budget and the estimated tax levy.

Budget Hearing for Questions and Discussion

Questions were received by the audience members.

Resolutions

Be it resolved by the electors of the School District of Kewaskum that the salary of the School Board members be set at \$4,000 per year. Motion by Doug Gonring, seconded by Tanya Stater. Motion passed 13-9.

Be it resolved by the electors of the School District of Kewaskum to authorize the payment of actual and necessary expenses of a School Board member when traveling in the performance of duties and the reimbursement of a School Board member for actual loss of earnings, (currently not to exceed \$125.00 per day), when duties require the School Board member to be absent from regular employment. Motion by Carrie Goebel, seconded by Randy Reysen. Motion failed 8-13.

Be it resolved by the electors of the School District of Kewaskum to authorize the payment of actual and necessary expenses of a School Board member when traveling in the performance of duties and the reimbursement of a School Board member for actual loss of earnings, (currently not to exceed \$0.00 per day), when duties require the School Board member to be absent from regular employment. Motion by Tim Ramthun, seconded by Nate Weseman. Motion passed 21-0.

Be it resolved by the electors of the School District of Kewaskum that a tax be levied on all taxable property of the District for operating expenses and capital outlay for the 2021-22 school year in the amount of \$8,714,191; for debt retirement in the amount of \$2,215,716; for the operations of the Community Services fund in the amount of \$107,125. Motion by Randy Reysen, seconded by Mary Miller. Motion passed 21-0.

Be it resolved by the electors of the Kewaskum School District, that the Board of Education is authorized, in compliance with State Statutes governing same, to set the time and date for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Such date to be August 22, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Stephanie Bird, seconded by Tim Ramthun. Motion passed 21-0.

Comment Period Concerning District Operations

The floor was open to the community for comments allowed by law relating to the operation of the district. Comments were received.

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Bird, seconded by Tim Ramthun. Motion passed 29-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.