

**School District of Kewaskum  
Annual School District Meeting and Budget Hearing  
6:00 p.m., August 26, 2024  
Minutes**

The Annual Meeting of the School District of Kewaskum was held in the Kewaskum High School Theater on Monday, August 26, 2024. The meeting was called to order by School Board President, Jim Leister, at 6:00 p.m.

Following a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Leister.

President Leister introduced Board Members present: Dennis Aupperle, Stephanie Bird, Ric Leitheiser, Sue Miller, Bradley Petersen and Timothy Ramthun.

Forty-one (41) district residents signed in as attending.

Bradley Peterson nominated Jim Leister as chairperson. No additional nominations were presented. Tim Ramthun moved to closed nominations. Michelle Haim seconded the motion. All aye. Motion passed.

Jim Leister became Chairperson.

Ric Leitheiser motioned to approve the agenda as written. Archie Graham seconded the motion. All aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Leister moved to select Stephanie Bird as secretary. Stephanie Bird designated secretarial duties to Lisa Heiser. Lisa Heiser accepted and took the minutes for the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Leister appointed the following staff members as tellers; Jody Heipp, Julie Skelton, Kevin Bryant, Shelley Hyde and Angie Petersen.

Bruce Towell motioned to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure. Sue Miller seconded the motion. All aye. Motion passed.

Archie Graham motioned to approve the August 28, 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes. Mark Steinert seconded the motion. All aye. Motion passed.

#### **District Administrator's Report**

Dr. Bazata presented the District Administrator's Report.

#### **New Business**

Presentation of the 2024-2025 Budget and Tax Levy

Business Manager, Keith Brightman, presented the 2023/24 financial results, the preliminary 2024/25 budget and the estimated tax levy.

#### **Budget Hearing for Questions and Discussion**

Questions were received by the audience members.

#### **Resolutions**

1. Authorization of Salaries for School Board Members ss 120.10(3)

Be it resolved by the electors of the School District of Kewaskum that the salary of the School Board members be set at \$5,000 per year.

Motion by Archie Graham, seconded by Mark Steiner. All aye. Motion passed.

2. Authorization to Provide Reimbursement of Expenses for School Board Members ss 120.10(4)  
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.

Motion by Archie Graham, seconded by Michelle Haim. All aye. Motion passed.

3. Adoption of the Tax Levy ss 120.10(8-11)  
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 2024-25 school year in the amount of \$10,026,346; for debt retirement in the amount of \$1,930,363; for the operations of the Community Services fund in the amount of \$105,100.

Motion by Stephanie Bird, seconded by Sue Miller. All aye. Motion passed.

4. Authorization for the School Board to Set the Time and Date for the 2025 Annual Meeting ss 120.08(1)  
Be it resolved by the electors of the Kewaskum School District, that the Board of Education is authorized, in compliance with State Statutes governing the same, to set the time and date for the 2025 Annual Meeting. Such date to be August 25, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Archie Graham, seconded by Michelle Haim. All aye. Motion passed.

#### **Comment Period Concerning District Operations**

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

Motion to adjourn by Archie Graham, seconded by Michelle Haim. All aye. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes approved: Monday, August 25, 2025