School District of Kewaskum
Annual School District Meeting and Budget Hearing
6:00 p.m., August 25, 2025
Minutes

The Annual Meeting of the School District of Kewaskum was held in the Kewaskum High School Theater on Monday, August 25, 2025. 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.

Twenty two (22) district residents signed in as attending.

Michelle Haim nominated Mike Koepke as chairperson. Bradley Petersen nominated Jim Leister as chairperson.
A ballot vote was taken; 13 votes for Jim Leister, 9 votes for Mike Koepke.
Jim Leister became Chairperson.

Bruce Towell motioned to approve the agenda as written. Archie Graham seconded the motion.
20 aye, 1 no, 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Jim Leister appointed the following staff members as tellers:
Kevin Bryant, Mark Getz, Jody Heipp, Angie Petersen, and Julie Skelton.

Jim 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.

Archie Graham motioned to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure. Stephanie Bird seconded the motion. All aye. Motion passed.

Archie Graham motioned to approve the August 26, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Michelle Haim seconded the motion. All aye. Motion passed.

District Administrator's Report
Dr. Bazata presented the District Administrator's Report, highlighting the District's five strategic dimensions.

New Business
Presentation of the 2025-2026 Budget and Tax Levy
Business Manager, Keith Brightman, presented the 2024/25 financial results, the preliminary 2025/26 budget and the estimated tax levy.

Budget Hearing for Questions and Discussion
Questions regarding the budget were received from 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 Ric Leitheiser, seconded by Archie Graham. 13 Ayes, 4 no. 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 Stephanie Bird, seconded by Bradley Petersen. 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 2025-26 school year in the amount of $11,445,098; for debt retirement in the amount of $1,920,775; for the operations of the Community Services fund in the amount of $76,800.

   Motion by Stephanie Bird, seconded by Bradley Petersen. All aye. Motion passed.

4. Authorization for the School Board to Set the Time and Date for the 2026 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 2026 Annual Meeting. Such date to be August 24, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

   Motion by Sue Miller, seconded by Dennis Aupperle. All aye. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Bird, seconded by Archie Graham. All aye. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.