

“It is recommended that the September 2023 cash receipt deposits totaling \$296,576.86, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$28,453,078.90, be approved.

Check numbers 626704 through 627496 (net of voided batches) totaling \$5,631,024.78, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$4,494,570.27, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

“The Board of Education adopted the 2022-2023 budget on October 25, 2022, as prescribed by Wisconsin State Statute 65.90. From time to time there is a need to modify or amend the adopted budget for a variety of reasons. State Statutes require that official modifications to the adopted budget be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Education and that there be a publication of a Class 1 notice within 10 days of approval. This document identifies budget modifications to the 2022-2023 budget delineated by fund and project.

The majority of these changes are the result of carryover notifications determined to be available for various grants/programs after the budget was formally adopted. Other grant awards (e.g. Education Foundation, mini-grants) were also received after the adoption of the budget. These grant awards conform to existing Board policy and have been previously shared with the Board of Education through the approval of the grant.

Since State Statutes authorize the budget to be adopted by function; the administration also requests approval of additional budget modifications that did not add

“Historically, Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD) has prohibited the automatic carryover of unutilized budget authority from one fiscal year to the next. At the August 9, 2000 meeting of the School Board, it was unanimously approved to discontinue the practice of automatic site carryovers. Currently, carryover authority is only approved if required by an outside agency or if it is specifically approved by the Board on an exception basis.

Site requested carryovers require a pre-approved specific purpose before they are

As birth rates continue to decline, we continue to experience a decline in our total student fulltime equivalents (FTE) which drives our revenue limit authority. While 3rd Friday enrollment counts came in slightly better than originally expected, after counts were converted into membership FTE, we still experienced an overall loss of 355 FTE. This resulted in an average loss of 194 FTE for revenue limit authority purposes. Our continual declining enrollment status can trigger additional temporary (non-recurring) revenue limit exemptions that are meant to buy districts time and provide temporary budget relief as they prepare to make adjustments to operations. These exemptions include a declining enrollment exemption amount of \$2,134,000 for KUSD in this year's calculation.

In the official October 15th certification, our general state aid increased by \$708,637, or 0.48% as compared to last year. However, our total state aid that impacts tax levy decreased by a total of \$364,603 or -0.24% as shown in the following table. The increase in General State Aid is negated by the loss of High Poverty Aid which has been defunded in the 2023-2025 WI Biennial Budget.

The 2023-24 general fund (10) is being presented as an unbalanced budget in which expenditures are projected to exceed revenues by \$6,018,105 if all budget authority is fully exercised. The budget is not in a positive position with unallocated funds that could be used to absorb the carryover spending authority requests submitted to the Board for consideration. Any approved carryover authority will increase the budgeted expenditures and increase the deficit or difference between expected revenues and expenditures for the year. Any approved carryover spending will be considered a planned one-time use of fund balance.

Based on an analysis of district funded positions within the operational funds of the general fund (10) and special education fund (27), vacancies are projected to make up for most of the projected deficit after factoring in the likelihood of increases in other areas of the budget such as substitute teacher and special education support substitutes. Comparing all of the authorized (budgeted) staffing FTE to the filled positions reveals an overall fill rate of 96.08%.

For all intents and purposes, KUSD has spent down or allocated three out of the four major Federal stimulus grants intended to provide relief to districts facing unplanned COVID-related expenses. This budget contains the final \$30.5 MM of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) grant that closes on September 30, 2024. While the grant technically closes in the first quarter of the next fiscal year, the only expenses expected to occur in FY 2024-2025 are facilities-related air quality projects that will be completed in the summer. There are currently 101.25 staffing FTE being paid for by the ESSER III grant which are in their final year of funding.

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approved tax levy to the clerk of each municipality on or before November 10, 2023. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keckler presented the Official Third Friday Enrollment Report submitted by himself, Mrs. Laura Sawyer, Research Analyst; Mrs. Erin Roethe, Data Analyst; and Dr. Weiss, excerpts follow:

“Annually, Administration provides the Kenosha Unified School Board with the District’s *Official Third Friday Enrollment Report*. The data contained in this report are also reported to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in its designated format. The School Board should note that this report contains only enrollment data and does not contain student membership data that are used to develop revenue projections and budgetary planning documents.

District-wide, enrollment decreased -317 students, from 19,187 students in 2022-23 to 18,870 in 2023-24. Beginning in 2009-10, Kenosha started to experience a decline in community birth rates, with the related effect of declines in elementary school enrollments five years later. This trend currently impacts grades pre-kindergarten through grade 8. The District’s overall enrollment for the past six (6) years is shown below. The COVID-19 Pandemic significantly impacted school year 2020-21.

At the end of school year 2022-23, Wilson Elementary School was closed. Nearly half of those students transferred to Frank, with smaller amounts moving to EBSOLA-CA, and Stocker. Also, the Kenosha eSchool is no longer an individual school a student can attend, however, the program and classes are still being offered at individual schools where needed.

The percent and number of English Learner students (ELs) for the district barely changed from the previous school year. There are 1,794 (9.5%) EL students in 2023-24 compared to 1,782 (9.3%) EL students in 2022-23. The English Learners are reported out by those in Dual Language and those in a traditional classroom (EL). The number of Dual Language students increased to 420 in 2023-24 in comparison to 216 in 2022-23. *Please note that the Dual Language EL category includes only those students who are enrolled in the Dual Language Program at Edward Bain Dual Language or Bullen and are **not** English proficient. All other students who are not English proficient are identified as English Learners (EL).*

The enrollment for students with disabilities (*as defined by IDEA-Individuals with Disabilities Act*) decreased, from 2,685 in 2022-23, to 2,646 in 2023-24. These students currently account for 14.2% of the overall KUSD population compared to 14.0% in 2022-23.

KUSD continues to expand its diverse student population. The combined nonwhite race/ethnicities make up a majority of the student population at 55.4%. The enrollment distribution for Asian, Black, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander remains constant. A continual increase can be seen in the number of students identified as Hispanic students.

The full report including the appendices listed below can be found at the following link: <http://kUSD.edu/sites/default/files/document-library/english/third-friday.pdf>.”

No action was taken, as this report was for informational purposes.

Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, presented the School Safety Law Requirements submitted by himself, Mr. Haithcock, and Dr. Weiss, excerpts follow:

“On March 26, 2018, former Governor Walker signed the Wisconsin School Safety Bill which created a new Office of School Safety in the Department of Justice (DOJ) and provided \$100M in funding for school safety grants of which KUSD received \$2,121,287. In addition to the grant funding, the new school safety law contained other requirements some of which require School Board review and approval. This report will serve as the formal Board approval of these requirements for 2023.

The law requires [State Statute 118.07(4)(b-e)] that school districts file a copy of their school safety plan with the Department of Justice Office of School Safety prior to January 1, 2019, and before January 1 every year thereafter. We will submit our safety plan as part of the annual submittals to the DOJ at the end of December. The law also requires that the School Board review and approve the plan every three years, and that local law enforcement also review the plan.

Even though the District is not required to have a formal review and approval of the entire plan annually, we have chosen to do have our Kenosha County Emergency Management Director perform an annual review of any changes we make. The major changes this year were:

We added a new section covering mass dismissal which covers all of the major roles and assignments in the event that a large number of parents come to a school to pick up their children after an event that does not warrant an offsite reunification and/or cancelling school for the remainder of the day (that procedure starts on page 52 of the EOP).

We added a two-page summary on our threat assessment process per the recommendation of the DOJ Office of School Safety (pages 21 and 22 of the EOP).

We updated the contact list which is something we do annually (that list starts on page 101 of the EOP).

One other change we made per the recommendation of the DOJ was to add steps to every procedure regarding providing access for students and staff to counselors and other student support services after an emergency. Those additions were made near the end of every major procedure.

The changes were reviewed and approved by Kenosha County Emergency Management Director, Sgt. Christopher Hannah of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department on September 23, 2023.

Administration recommends that the School Board approve the Annual School Safety Law Requirements as described in this report for the 2023-2024 school year on October 24, 2023.”

Mr. Battle moved to approve the Annual School Safety Law Requirements as described in the above-named report. Second by Mrs. Schmaling. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Weiss presented the Expulsion Independent Hearing Officers . Resolution 418 as submitted by himself and Mr. William Haitcock, Chief of School Leadership, excerpts follow:

Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the appointment of Ms. Therese Freiberg, a former MPS attorney, as the primary Hearing Officer for the purpose of expulsion hearings for the 2023-24 school year at the rate of \$100 for the first hour and \$25 for every 15 additional minutes after the first hour not to exceed \$300 per hearing. It is also recommended that the Board approve Resolution 418 . Resolution to Authorize Independent Hearing Officers to Determine Pupil Expulsions for the 2023-2024 School Year.+

Mrs. Modder moved to approve Resolution 418. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer, along with Ms. Stacy Guckenberger, Director of Special Education and Student Support, presented revisions to Board Policy and Rule 5534 . Medication, submitted by Mrs. Housaman, Ms. Guckenberger, and Dr. Weiss, excerpts follow:

School Board Policy and Rule 5534-Medication-was originally approved in 1991 and most recently revised in August of 2013. Since that time there has been a shift in guidance for medication administration to students within the school setting. Current Kenosha Unified School District policy on medication administration and management does not align with current recommendations from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the National Association of School Nurses, or the Wisconsin Public Health Association. These professional medical agencies have provided recommendations for school district policies on medication administration and management based upon current research. The proposed revisions to School Board Policy and Rule 5534 are based upon:

- " Recommendations from professional medical agencies;
- " Collaboration among Kenosha Unified School District school nurses, Kenosha County Public Health Nurses, and Kenosha Unified School District special health needs nurses; and
- " A recommendation to add information on medication disposal from Curriculum/Program Standing Committee which met and reviewed the policy at their October 10, 2023 meeting.

Administration recommends that the Board of Education grant approval to revise

WHEREAS, Their contributions to our society are cause for celebration and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, The month is a time dedicated to celebrating their rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories while acknowledging the importance of their contributions; and

WHEREAS, National Native American Heritage Month is an opportune time to educate students about tribes, raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native Americans have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges; and

WHEREAS, corresponding school activities held in November, as well as throughout