

Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools – ISD 2172
School Board Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2026

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Craig called the meeting of the Kenyon-Wanamingo Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. in the media center in Kenyon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Tonya Craig, Madilynn Lurken, Erica Aronson, Marilyn Syverson, Debb Paquin, James Jarvis, AJ Lindell-remote and ex-officio member Superintendent Pat Heiderscheit.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion to remove Item 8E-Revised Policy 721 Procurement for further discussion. M/S/C Craig/Syverson, 7-0. Motion to approve amended agenda. M/S/C Paquin/Syverson, 7-0.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Announcements/Recognitions

None

V. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from February 23, 2026. M/S/C Aronson/Lurken, 7-0.

VI. Personnel Report

Motion to approve personnel report. M/S/C Craig/Lindell, 6-0-1. Lurken abstained.

Resignation/Retirement

Brent Lurken, Baseball Coach- Jr. High, resignation, effective 2/26/2026

Holly Carlstrom, Knights Kids Assistant, resignation, effective 3/25/2026

Leave of Absence

Amy Buchal, Assistant Director of Special Education, currently on leave of absence as teacher on special assignment; request for extension of general leave of absence effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Change in Employment

Rebecca Keller, move to probationary contract status for the 2025-2026 school year due to Tier 2 License status

VII. Items for Discussion

None

VIII. Items for Individual Action

A. Revised Budget 2025-2026

Motion to approve revised budget 2025-2026. M/S/C Craig/Aronson, 7-0.

B. MOU KWEA Contract Revisions – Teacher Schedule

Motion to approve MOU with the KWEA for contract revisions to the teacher schedule due to move to a six-period day. M/S/C Lurken/Lindell, 7-0.

C. Resolution Reducing and Discontinuing Educational Programs and Positions

Member Paquin introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE AND REDUCE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the School District is facing changing enrollment and financial limitations, has been in Statutory Operating Debt, and needs to significantly reduce expenditures and manage its staff services

more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 2172, Kenyon-Wanamingo adopted a resolution on January 26, 2026, directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions; and

WHEREAS, said recommendations have been received and considered by the School Board;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2172, Kenyon-Wanamingo, as follows:

1. The positions of six elementary teachers are eliminated effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year, June 30, 2026.
2. The position of Lead Bookkeeper is eliminated effective June 30, 2026.
3. The positions of Maintenance Technician and Outdoor Grounds Maintenance are eliminated effective April 6, 2026.
4. The position of one custodian is eliminated effective April 6, 2026.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Syverson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Jarvis, Syverson, Craig, Lindell, Paquin, Lurken, and Craig and the following voted against: None whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

D. 2026-2027 Official School Calendar

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Official School Calendar. M/S/C Craig/Aronson, 7-0.

E. Activity Fundraiser Request-Track and Field

Motion to approve the Activity Fundraiser Request for Track and Field for Snap Raise from 4/13/2026-5/11/2026. M/S/C Paquin/Lurken, 7-0.

F. Acceptance of Donations

Member Paquin introduced and moved the adoption of, Member Craig seconded, and the board approved upon roll call vote, 7-0, the resolution of donations accepted with gratitude as follows:

Amount/Value of Item	Donor
Thinkpad E16 for Robotics/\$912.11 Value	Paul and Elrene Clauson
\$500 for Spring Musical	K-W School Education Foundation
\$350 for Spring Musical	Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Operation Round-Up
\$100 for Spring Musical	Workout 24/7 Gyms, Tina Leininger
\$100 for Spring Musical	David and Sue Davidson
\$100 for Spring Musical	Jill Warner, Gold Door Realty
\$100 for Spring Musical	International Experience Student Exchange
\$100 for Spring Musical	Zumbro Valley Landscaping
\$65 for Spring Musical	Aaron and Sara Quam

\$50 for Spring Musical	Area 57 Coffee Cafe-Ryan Holmes
\$50 for Spring Musical	D&S Sign, Banner & Print, Sarah Jystad
\$50 for Spring Musical	Mary's Rustic Rose – Mary Bailey
\$50 for Spring Musical	Kevin and Mary Gail Anderson
\$50 for Spring Musical	L & M Construction, Kenyon
\$50 for Spring Musical	Chris Mallery Realty
\$25 for Spring Musical	Creata'Vous Salon, Julie Miland

IX. Administrative Reports

- A. Administrative reports were given
- B. Student Enrollment Summary: 606
- C. Finance Report

Claims on Accounts and Electronic Transfer	
Fund 01	\$316,766.67
Fund 02	\$99,691.23
Fund 04	\$1,316.54
Fund 07	\$21,870.33
Fund 18	\$1,000
Fund 50	<u>\$3,320.81</u>
Total	\$443,965.58
Electronic Fund Transfers	\$605,249.96
MNTRUST Transfers	\$600,000.00

X. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. M/S/C Aronson/Jarvis, 7-0.

Debb Paquin, School Board Clerk