

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
January 27, 2021

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Ron Mabry, Legislative Representative of the Board; Michael Connors, Board Member; Diane Sundvik, Board Member; Long Doan, Student Representative to the Board; and Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Dr. Doug Christensen, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources; Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Development; Jack Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations; Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology.

Other Guest(s): Sam Shick, Director Nutrition Services
Mollie Lutz, Safety and Loss Prevention
Lexie Jauregui, 5th Grade Student Cottonwood Elementary

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 76 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

School Board Members – National School Board Month

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce read Governor Inslee's proclamation naming January as School Board Recognition Month. Dr. Pierce shared that each Board member received a certificate from the Washington State School Directors' Association along with a goodie bag from the Kennewick School District. Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations, shared a thank you video to the Board members from the schools.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Jeremy H., Kennewick, shared his concerns regarding schools reopening and the amount of instruction time students will receive.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Michael Connors.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Yes
	Kintzley	Yes
	Mabry	Yes
	Connors	Yes
	Sundvik	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting / Retreat January 13, 2021
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending December 31, 2020
- Budget Status Report Ending:
 - November 30, 2020
 - December 31, 2020
- Kennewick High School Furniture Bid Award
- Middle and High School Athletic Fees

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce shared that middle school students started hybrid learning this week. Dr. Pierce noted that protocols are being followed, things are going smoothly, and students seem happy to be back in school.

Student Representative to the Board, Long Doan, reported on the Superintendent/Student Advisory Group meeting held by Zoom on January 20, 2021. Long also shared that he attended the District Equity Team meeting on February 1, 2021.

Diane Sundvik reported that she attended 19 Zoom meetings, most notably the WSSDA Weekly and WSSDA Legislative Update.

Ron Mabry shared kudos to the teachers and administrators who worked so hard to start middle school hybrid learning.

President Adams encouraged the District to develop a plan to ensure continuous feedback from parents, teachers, and students on hybrid learning so necessary improvements can be made during implementation.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Nutrition Services Annual Report

Sam Shick, Sodexo Nutrition Services Director, and Christine Benson, Assistant Director, shared a sample of what meal kits included in the 2019 – 2020 school year, along with revenues and expenses of the school lunch program for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Mr.

Shick reported on grant funding, meal count comparisons, lunch balance status, and focus for the 2020 – 2021 school year. He also provided an update on Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Mr. Shick then introduced Lexie Jauregui, the winner of the Future Chef contest. The theme was “Reimagine Your Favorite School Lunch,” and her recipe was Nacho School Lunch. Lexie was also recognized as a national winner by Sodexo.

Workers’ Compensation/Annual Staff Safety Report (see below for full report)

Dr. Pierce shared that the Workers’ Compensation/Annual Staff Safety report is connected to our new strategic staff goal: “All staff members are safe, respected, and valued professionals.” Dr. Pierce recognized Mollie Lutz, Safety & Loss Prevention Specialist, for her work focusing on COVID-19 safety in addition to her regular work.

Mollie Lutz was unable to share her report due to audio trouble. President Adams asked Ms. Lutz to work on the audio problem, and in the meantime, asked that Mr. Scott share his report on Social Emotional Learning.

Social-Emotional Learning Audit Report

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Development, reported on the District’s Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) audit. Mr. Scott shared a brief history of SEL supports in the school district, the audit process, audit results, and action planning.

Ms. Sundvik asked Mr. Scott to share a little more about the competency section under action planning. Mr. Scott replied that people would need the training and the ability to implement the supports.

Mr. Connors expressed concerns that, with almost 19,000 students in the school district, it may not be feasible to individualize a plan for every student. Mr. Scott replied that all schools are making an effort to address the students' needs and make it a more comprehensive system-wide approach.

President Adams called on Mollie Lutz to present the Workers’ Compensation/Annual Staff Safety Report.

Workers’ Compensation/Annual Staff Safety Report

Mollie Lutz presented an annual safety report on OSHA recordable injuries, OSHA accepted claims and Safe Schools training. Ms. Lutz reported that OSHA recordable injuries for the calendar year 2020 were 26 claims, and time-loss injuries were six. She noted that accepted claims for 2019 were 52. Ms. Lutz reported that 96.82% of staff completed the Safe Schools online training tailored to the employees’ job.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Compensation (Policy 1532)

Dr. Pierce explained that Policy 1532, regarding Board Member Compensation, requires the Board annually to vote to accept or waive compensation allowed under state law for attending official School Board meetings.

Diane Sundvik made a motion to waive annual compensation to Board Members as allowed in Policy 1532.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

Board discussion followed regarding Board members allocating where the waived funds should go. President Adams suggested the Board receive feedback from the administration to see what needs exist as part of the regular budget process.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Yes
	Kintzley	Yes
	Mabry	Yes
	Connors	Yes
	Sundvik	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a legal issue for approximately 30 minutes. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ms. Adams reconvened the regular session of the Board at 7:02 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: February 10, 2021