

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
February 24, 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 Attendees: Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 65 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

National Board Certified Teachers

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Doug Christensen recognized Brittany Brader, and Noemi Morales, for receiving National Board Teacher certification.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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 Board Meeting February 10, 2021
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending January 31, 2021
- Budget Status Report Ending January 31, 2021
- 2021 – 2022 School Calendar
- Resolution No. 3 2020 – 2021; Amistad Elementary Replacement Project Commissioning Report Acceptance
- Resolution No. 4 2020 – 2021; Accept Amistad Elementary Replacement Project as Complete.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported that the governor had authorized regions in Phase 2 to add an in-person component to their public meetings if they follow specific guidelines. Dr. Pierce said that KSD would continue to plan for providing an in-person component to the meeting, and if no one pre-registers to attend in person, we would then shift to a fully remote meeting. Dr. Pierce added that if the Board wants to discuss this further, the topic could be introduced under “new business” or put on a future meeting agenda.

Dr. Pierce updated the Board on the status hybrid learning and state assessments, and she reported on legislative bills the District is monitoring. Dr. Pierce noted that she and Mr. Mabry, Ms. Sundvik, Mr. Christensen, and Ms. Halmaker-Teals all attended the annual WASA, WSSDA, WASBO Legislative Conference on Sunday, February 21.

Student Representative to the Board, Long Doan, reported on the District Equity Team meeting held on February 23, 2021.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the Legislative Conference and the Key Connection Virtual Meeting.

President Adams asked Dr. Pierce to add a discussion about Board policy regarding remote Board meeting attendance to the next Board meeting agenda.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2021 – 2022 Preliminary Budget

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, reported that student enrollment numbers for the 2020-2021 school year are projected to be 18,148 compared to the budget of 18,734. Preliminary budgeted enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is 18,442, or 292 students fewer than what was budgeted for 2020 - 2021. Mr. Roberts discussed budget challenges for the 2021–2022 school year, elementary and secondary

School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding, and legislative bills that will impact the budget. Mr. Roberts presented utility, fuel, and property insurance trends from 2016-2017 through 2019-2020 with projections for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Mr. Roberts then presented a budget timeline showing June 17 as the date for Board adoption of the 2021-2022 budget.

Capital Projects Update

Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager, reported on the Amistad Phase II and the Tri-Tech Core Growth projects, which are now complete. Mr. Jones shared that the Kennewick High School, Kamiakin High School addition, and Southridge High School addition are in the construction phase. Mr. Jones noted that the planning process for Ridge View Elementary is underway and a feasibility study and conceptual design process is beginning for the District MTS building.

High School and Beyond Plan

Jack Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, reviewed the State Board of Education graduation requirements for the Class of 2021 and beyond. Mr. Anderson shared the connections to Kennewick School District strategic goals. Mr. Anderson presented the components, processes, new online management system, and current community service requirements of the High School and Beyond Plan.

Long Dong asked if students who are graduating are still required to do 12 hours of community service and asked if there is a pathway for students to graduate without passing a test.

Dr. Pierce replied students are still required to do 12 hours of community service to graduate under current policy. She stated that since the state board has adopted graduation requirements to provide additional flexibility for students, the District is proposing a change to Board policy that encourages, supports, and provides recognition for community service, but does not require it. Dr. Pierce also shared that students can graduate without passing the state assessment test, as there are other options or pathways students can choose.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 2416 INSTRUCTION: Community Service, First Reading

Jack Anderson presented policy changes for the community service requirement portion of the High School and Beyond Plan graduation requirement, aligning policy to RCW 28A.320.193.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve Policy No. 2416 INSTRUCTION: Community Service for first and second reading as presented.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Yes
	Kintzley	Yes
	Mabry	Yes
	Connors	Yes (no sound; gave a thumbs up)
	Sundvik	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 6:43 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.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ms. Adams reconvened the regular session of the Board at 7:05 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: March 10, 2021