

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
February 10, 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): Becca Anderson, Director of Special Services
Bronson Brown, Attorney/KSD Legal Counsel
Mick McFarland, Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 73 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Anne Russell, 6117 West 41st Avenue, Kennewick, shared that she is a parent with children in the Kennewick School District. Ms. Russell noted that her children were receiving four days of remote Zoom instruction when school started. Her children now are only receiving two days of in-class instruction and very little instruction for the other two days with hybrid teaching.

Dr. Pierce explained that as the District along with KEA developed the plan for hybrid learning, it was agreed that teachers would be responsible for providing five days of meaningful instruction. There is a multitude of ways teachers can provide that instruction.

Ron Mabry asked if students are allowed to record a session and refer back to it later. Dr. Pierce replied that she would need to double-check the bargaining agreement and follow up with the Board.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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 January 27, 2021
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Kennewick Association of Educational Support Professionals Salary Ratification
- Revised 2020 – 2021 High School and Middle School ASB Fees
- Curriculum Adoption – MAUS: A Survivor’s Tale – My Father Bleeds History

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported that this is the second week of in-person hybrid learning for high school and our third week at middle school. Dr. Pierce noted that protocols are being followed, things are going smoothly, and students seem happy to be back in school. Dr. Pierce shared that since we have been in hybrid learning at elementary for several months, buildings are looking at additional ways to support students who are continuing to struggle.

Dr. Pierce noted that the annual WASA, WSSDA, WASBO legislative conference is on Sunday, February 21, and will be held over Zoom. Dr. Pierce pointed out that the District is carefully watching two bills . HB 1476 provides budget stabilization for districts with enrollment decline, and SB 5128 provides additional transportation funding for school districts by temporarily suspending rider eligibility criteria during the COVID-19 emergency. Dr. Pierce shared that districts are continuing to run replacement levies, and the District’s capital technology and EP&O levies will be up for renewal in 2022.

Student Representative to the Board, Long Doan, reported on the Superintendent/Student Advisory Group meeting held on February 3, 2021.

Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the Racial Equity and Social Justice Coalition meeting. Ms. Sundvik shared that she is paying attention to SB5237 and HB1213 having to do with ECEAP funding.

President Adams encouraged administrators to continue looking for equitable opportunities for all students who may be struggling.

Mr. Mabry shared that he is keeping an eye on a legislative bill that would reimburse Districts for Wi-Fi costs for helping all students access Wi-Fi.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Budget Update 2020 - 2021

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts reported projected student enrollment FTE for the school year at 18,148 compared to the budget of 18,734. Mr. Roberts reviewed projected changes in revenue and expenditures compared to the adopted budget. The actual fund balance for the year ended August 31, 2020, was reviewed, as was the projected fund balance amounts for the year ending August 31, 2021. ESSER I funding of \$4.3M was shown as part of the projected fund balance calculation. More information on ESSER II funding should be received in the next few weeks. Mr. Roberts shared the General Fund Budget outlook along with a levy and budget timeline, showing June 23 as the date for Board adoption of the 2021-2022 budget.

Ms. Sundvik asked about the amount of ESSER I funds spent to date. Mr. Roberts indicated that costs were approaching \$1.5M for I.T. and remote learning materials, \$600K for PPE, with the remaining balance of \$2.0M to be used to offset lost enrollment revenue through reimbursement of staffing costs and pay for COVID related leave costs.

Ms. Sundvik expressed concerns regarding the enrollment drop of middle school students and asked if those students had been contacted. Mr. Roberts replied that he would follow up with Matt Scott in the Curriculum department and the middle school Principals.

Capital Budget Update

Vic Roberts also reported on projected capital fund revenues and expenditures for September 2018 – August 2025. He reviewed the projected costs of projects planned to be completed during the school year 2020 - 2021. Mr. Roberts' projected ending fund balance through the school year 2024 - 2025 as related to financing upcoming school construction projects as well as other capital improvements. Mr. Roberts provided information regarding summer 2021 projects as well as researching the purchase of a track cleaning machine.

Ms. Sundvik asked if there are different types of track cleaning machines and whether other places in the state use the machines. Mr. Roberts replied that Ryan Jones is in the process of gathering information and looking at options and prices for what it would cost to have someone clean the tracks.

Mr. Mabry commented that he thought the track package had a clause stating they would clean the track for so many years, and if not, he asked if the cleaning could be contracted out. Mr. Roberts replied that he would get more information on the cost to have someone come out and clean the track.

Special Education: Inclusionary Practices

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Development, and Becca Anderson, Director of Special Services, presented information on special education programs and services and strategies being used to increase our

student inclusion rate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 3520, STUDENTS: Student Fees, Fines, Charges, First Reading

Superintendent Pierce shared updates to Policy No. 3520.

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept the updates to Policy No. 3520, STUDENTS: Student Fees, Fines, Charges, for first and second reading.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 3545, STUDENTS: Extracurricular Activities Enrollment/Academic Eligibility, First Reading

Jack Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, presented changes to Policy No. 3545.

Motion by Michael Connors to accept changes to Policy No. 3545, STUDENTS: Extracurricular Activities Enrollment/Academic Eligibility for first and second reading.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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 7:07 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 7:28 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: February 24, 2021