

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting  
September 2, 2020

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.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Heather Kintzley called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 16 staff and guests in attendance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce administered the Oath of Office to the Student Representative to the board, Long Doan. Long attends Southridge High School and is the eleventh student to serve as a representative on the school board.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Mike Connors.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular board Meeting August 12, 2020
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Budget Status Report Ending July 31, 2020

- Interagency Contracts for Special Education Services 2020 – 2021
  - The ARC of the Tri-Cities
  - Lourdes Day Treatment
  - Pasco School District Deaf Program
  - Presence Learning Speech Language Pathologist Contract
- Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance 2020 - 2021

## SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

### Superintendent

Dr. Traci Pierce reported that Kennewick School District received a check from Gesa Credit Union for \$52,324.50. The proceeds are from Gesa Credit Union's High School Co-Branded Debit Card program.

Dr. Pierce shared the names of the 2020 Staff Excellence Award Winners along with our community partners of the year.

### Board Member

Diane Sundvik reported that she attended a Key Connection virtual meeting and the League of United Latin American Citizens meeting.

Ron Mabry reported he attended a legislative caucus and shared eight items regarding school funding.

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### School Reopening

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce presented on remote learning, online learning, and the first day of school. She reported that approximately 1,000 KSD students enrolled in the Online Academy, 12,968 Chromebooks were distributed to students in grades 3-12, and 1,300 meals were served on the first day of school. Dr. Pierce shared the different digital learning tools, and training that was provided for teachers. She then explained how the District is preparing for hybrid learning using the AA/BB model.

### Special Education

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Development and Becca Anderson, Director of Special Services gave an update on the Special Education Services program for fall 2020. Ms. Anderson shared that Special Services focuses on providing equitable access to services and offering in-person services to the maximum extent possible for students based upon local health conditions that guide reopening plans. Special Services is also focusing on prioritizing bringing the most impacted students (Tier 3) back as they are the least likely to participate successfully in distance

learning.

President Dawn Adams commented that it normally takes a long time to make changes; for example, when the District added the Dual Language program. She stated that it can take up to two full years to implement a remote program. She applauded the leadership, the employees of the District, students, families and community partners for implementing the remote program in such a short amount of time. Ms. Adams asked about a system to track issues; suggesting someone on full point on issue management. If the Board could see a list of open issues, they could possibly better serve the District and the community. She noted that everyone is doing a great job and that there will be challenges; not everything is going to be perfect.

Diane Sundvik commented that this task has been a heavy lift with parents having great concerns. She applauds Dr. Pierce and her staff for getting everything done so quickly.

#### Strategic Plan

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce updated the Board on Envisioning the Future/the new draft strategic plan. She shared a brief review of the process and timeline, the updated draft, and the next steps to be taken, noting the great support from leadership and staff on the direction the District is headed. Dr. Pierce showed a date of October 21, 2020 to present the final draft for Board acceptance.

Dr. Pierce reported on the implementation of a new “Get to Know Kennewick Schools” strategy with monthly evening opportunities and online access beginning in October 2020.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Policy No. 3113, STUDENTS: Part-Time or Home-Based Students, First Reading

Dr. Traci Pierce presented the updated policy for first reading.

##### Policy No. 2410, INSTRUCTION: High School Graduation Requirements, First Reading

Dr. Traci Pierce presented the updated policy for first reading.

President Adams asked the District when updating and implementing the procedures, to make sure it is not subjective, to ensure that there is consistency with all schools and principals.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to adopt Policy No. 3113, STUDENTS: Part-Time or Home-Based Students and Policy No. 2410, INSTRUCTION: High School Graduation for first and second reading.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:            Adams            Yes

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| 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 6:51 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to discuss Superintendent Goals Evaluation for approximately 20 minutes. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken.

#### OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ms. Adams reconvened regular session of the Board at 7:07 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: September 16, 2020