

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
October 7, 2020

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: 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 Guests: Attorney Mick McFarland
Attorney Bronson Brown
Eric Bruce, Director of Maintenance and Grounds

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board, Excused

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Heather Kintzley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 361 staff and guests in attendance.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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 September 16, 2020
- Minutes of Special Board Meeting September 30, 2020

- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Amber McCall, 2510 S. Jefferson Court Kennewick, shared that she is a Kennewick School District employee and a parent of four children, one who has an IEP. Ms. McCall shared her concerns regarding legal issues with liability for COVID infections and IEP compliance.

Isaac Nelson, Kennewick, encouraged the Board to reverse their decision to open schools for hybrid learning in October. Mr. Nelson shared that he does not believe the health department can know for certain that the mental and emotional state of children is related to schools being closed. Mr. Nelson expressed concern about the long-term effects of the virus, which is unknown at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Representative to the Board Long Doan reported that he volunteered with the school National Honor Society to help set up social distancing in classrooms. Mr. Doan shared that he assisted in two 12th-grade classrooms and believed the District is doing a good job

Ms. Sundvik reported that she attended a League of United Latin American Citizens meeting and the Benton-Franklin Special Ed PTA meeting.

Mr. Mabry reported that he attended the WSSDA General Assembly, where he voted on proposals for the upcoming legislative session. Mr. Mabry stated that he would forward the outcome of the voting to the Board members.

Ms. Sundvik added that she, too, attended the Legislative General Assembly and shared what a great job Mr. Mabry does in representing Kennewick Schools.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Safety/School Readiness

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Jack Anderson, and Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Rob Phillips, presented an update on schools' readiness to begin hybrid learning, including PPE and safety protocols.

Board discussion followed.

Safety and Security

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, introduced Eric Bruce, Director of Maintenance and Grounds. Mr. Bruce reported on COVID-related facility safety and

facility-related security upgrades.

WIAA Update

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce and Jack Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, provided an update on WIAA return-to-play guidelines. Dr. Pierce reported on the new guidelines from WIAA that were issued on October 6, 2020. Mr. Anderson presented the new Kennewick School District plan for sports conditioning that beginning on October 12. Mr. Anderson shared that Athletic Directors and Coaches will ensure compliance with all WIAA health and safety protocols.

Board discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 3122, STUDENTS: Excused and Unexcused Absences, First Reading

Jack Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, presented updated language to Policy 3122 per WSSDA recommendations.

Ms. Sundvik commented that on page four, item number two under the heading Unexcused Absences that the wording his/her should be changed to their. Dr. Pierce agreed with Ms. Sundvik, along with other updates to the sentence.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 3122, STUDENTS: Excused and Unexcused Absences for first and second reading with the changes identified by the Board.

Mike Connors seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Heather Kintzley announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:11 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. Kintzley noted that no further formal action would be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ms. Kintzley reconvened the regular session of the Board at 7:35 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: October 21, 2020