

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting  
September 16, 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

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 671 staff and guests.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Mike Connors.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Yes
	Kintzley	Yes
	Mabry	Yes (email - speaker did not work)
	Connors	Yes
	Sundvik	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 2, 2020
- Personnel Actions – Certificated and Classified
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending August 31, 2020
- Cabinet and Superintendent Performance Goals

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Long Doan, Student Representative to the Board, shared that he along with many students are excited about the idea of going back to school.

Board Member

Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the KNDU's Home Room Help Town Hall via Zoom and heard Dr. Pierce speak.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

School Reopening

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce presented a review of school reopening learning models presented in the July School Board meeting. Dr. Pierce then shared the current Benton-Franklin Health district (BFHD) data, information, and recommendation, along with the updated recommended Kennewick School District Safe Start Plan.

Following Board discussions:

Motion by Heather Kintzley to begin the hybrid learning model for K-12 students effective October 12 and to provide administration with the flexibility to determine in its discretion whether to allow the student groups in Phase 2 of the KSD Safe Start plan to return in a hybrid model earlier than October 12, but no sooner than October 1.

Seconded by Mike Connors.

Diane Sundvik commented that she has concerns with everyone coming back at the same time.

Ron Mabry asked if we see a trend change, will we still have time to change the recommendation. Dr. Pierce replied that she would continue to share the data with the Board to determine if the District would need to step back or continue forward.

President Adams asked Dr. Pierce to place metrics on the front page of the Kennewick School District Safe Start Plan.

Ms. Kintzley added that the recommendation is data-driven, but the Board doesn't want to commit to only what the health district says unconditionally. It is a guidance, and at the end of the day, it is the Board that makes the final determination.

Ms. Adams stated that she agrees with Ms. Kintzley that we need a guide and our own additional metrics.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Yes
	Kintzley	Yes

Mabry	Yes
Connors	Yes
Sundvik	No

Motion carried 4-1.

Ms. Kintzley suggested the Board look at COVID numbers again at the next board meeting.

Ms. Sundvik asked how the information would go out to staff and parents regarding the hybrid startup.

Dr. Pierce replied that she would weekly update the Board, provide clear information on our website

#### Enrollment Report

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented a preliminary enrollment report showing a September student headcount of 18,668 compared to 18,998 the prior year, a decrease of 330 students. The initial student FTE count of 18,309 was 518 less FTE than budgeted with the potential loss of \$6.0M in enrollment revenue over the school year. Mr. Roberts was hopeful that the September enrollment numbers would go up with some clean up of the information over the next few weeks . Mr. Roberts noted there was savings at the end of last year in various cost categories due to schools shifting to distance learning in the spring.

Ms. Sundvik asked Mr. Roberts to provide the board with information on some of those savings areas.

#### Capital Projects Update

Capital Projects Manager Ryan Jones updated the Board on eight capital projects, including Amistad Phase II and Tri-Tech Core Growth, which are nearly completed or complete, and Kennewick High School, Kamiakin High School Addition, Southridge High School Addition, and Highlands Track, which are in construction. Mr. Jones added that due to COVID, some projects were a little behind, but much better than he would have anticipated.

Mr. Mabry commented that he had concerns about the red panels being used on the Tri-Tech project becoming dirty and not being able to replace them. Mr. Jones replied that he would look into the panels and follow up with Mr. Mabry.

#### Capital Project Fund Update

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, reviewed the Capital Projects Fund. He review funding related to projects completed in the past two years, those that are currently underway, and those that are being planned. Mr. Roberts included the cost, fund, status, and completion date of each project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b) to discuss a Real Estate 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 8:35 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: October 7, 2020