

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
April 21, 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 (Remote); 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): 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 20 in person staff and guests and 55 remote guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Cooper Long, 1403 W. 15th Avenue Kennewick, a student from Canyon View, shared his concerns regarding playground restrictions. Cooper explained that there is no freedom at recess and kids need to have fun.

Rafael Coria, 1703 W. 25th Pl, Kennewick, a student from Canyon View, shared his desire to have playground equipment available during recess. Rafael explained some of the benefits of having the sports equipment available and how students could easily sanitize the equipment between recesses. Rafael added that high school students can now participate in sports.

Brandy Strait, 1913 S. Lyle St. Kennewick, read a letter written by her two daughters in attendance with her from Canyon View Elementary regarding the importance of having play equipment during recess.

Bambi Pescasio, 2912 W. Hood Ave. Kennewick, a teacher at Canyon View Elementary, shared that her students have related recess to prison as they are stuck in certain areas. Some areas have no play equipment. Her students talked with the principal and were told they had to follow the guidelines. They did research showing middle, and high school sports are safely being played and would like to have sports equipment once again

available to them during recess.

President Adams thanked everyone who took the time to speak and shared that she would have Dr. Pierce look at the framework of the rules to see if there is something that can be done.

Mr. Mabry asked if Ms. Pescasio could identify which pieces of sports equipment the students want to have available during recess. Ms. Pescasio replied, “tetherball, kickball, basketball, and foursquare balls,” noting that students could use hand sanitizer when returning to class, and the balls could be sanitized, providing physical activity in each section. Ms. Pescasio added that the students would not play regular basketball due to social distancing, but could play games like P.I.G., where students can social distance.

Dr. Pierce thanked everyone for presenting such great ideas in such a thoughtful way and added that the District is working with the Benton-Franklin Health Department to see what adjustments may be able to be made.

CONSENT ITEMS

President Adams noted the removal of the March 24 School Board meeting minutes from Consent Items to New Business.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve the amended 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:

- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending March 31, 2021
- Budget Status Report Ending March 31, 2021
- Resolution No. 5, 2020 – 2021: Emergency Waiver of High School Graduation Credits
- Curriculum Adoption:
 - Really Great Reading-Supplemental Curriculum Kits, Author, A. Vandenboogart, J. Hergert, published by Really Great Reading. This material will be used in grades K-5 at Westgate Elementary.
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2020 - 2021

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce shared that today the district welcomed students back to five full days of in-person learning. She recognized every Kennewick School District team member for their hard work, flexibility, adaptability, and continued commitment to students and families. Dr. Pierce also thanked the Board members for immediately and unanimously authorizing the return to full-time, in-person learning as soon as the state adopted the new CDC guidance. Dr. Pierce shared that the District will be working on completing the District's Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan, which is a plan required by the state and federal government. The plan is required by the legislature per HB 1368 and by Congress per the American Rescue Plan as a condition of receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. Districts are required to submit their plans to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) by June 1, and the Board must approve plans prior to submittal to OSPI. Dr. Pierce added that she would be providing additional updates and information to the Board in the coming weeks and expects to bring the District plan forward for Board approval at either the May 12 or the May 26 Board meeting.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the weekly WSSDA Networking webinar, Department of Health COVID 19 media briefings, Richland School District Board meeting, the monthly Racial Equity and Social Justice meeting, along with two League of Education Voter webinars.

Student Representative to the Board, Long Doan, reported on the Superintendent/Student Advisory Group meeting held on April 14.

President Adams commented on the Sodexo Future Chefs competition and encouraged Board members to participate in judging next year.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2021 – 2022 Preliminary Budget

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented the General Fund Legislative Session 2021 – 2022 funding changes and budget information. Mr. Roberts explained preliminary 2021 – 2022 basic education revenue changes, staff cost changes, and non-staff cost MSOC (Materials, Supplies, and Operating Cost) changes. Next, Mr. Roberts reviewed the 2021 – 2022 preliminary budget for Associated Student Body (ASB) Fund, Transportation Vehicle Fund, and the Debt Service Fund. A budget timeline was presented, showing June 23 as the date for Board adoption of the 2021 – 2022 budget.

Mr. Mabry asked if the District would receive reimbursed for the use of buses for other activities other than ridership. Mr. Roberts replied that the legislature approved the continued use of buses for non-student transportation activities like delivering meals; however, there was no additional funding provided for those activities.

Mr. Mabry asked if Mr. Roberts was aware of the development on the south side of Kennewick. Mr. Roberts replied that he receives communications from the City of Kennewick and that currently, the plans are very preliminary. Mr. Mabry added that he knows the developer, and as soon as the city gives the okay, he is ready to go. Mr. Mabry said that he does not want the District to be blindsided.

Mr. Connors commented with regard to the purchase of buses in the 21-22 preliminary budget that an order may need to be placed earlier than normal as delivery of heavy equipment has been running behind schedule.

Annual Staff Goal Report

Dr. Doug Christensen, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, reported on the newly developed annual all-staff survey, current staff statistics and data, recruiting and hiring efforts, and professional growth, support, and evaluation efforts.

Mr. Mabry suggested reaching out to parents who have helped out in the classrooms to be on the substitute call list. Dr. Christensen agreed this would be a good way to possibly grow the substitute list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Adams asked for the minutes from March 24, 2021, to be corrected to show Michael Connors' roll call vote as "Yes" to approve the adoption of the McGraw Hill "StudySync" core curricular materials for 6 – 10th grade English Language Arts courses and the Grade 11 American Literature elective course.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to adopt minutes from the March 24 School Board meeting as amended.

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 6:26 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a

legal issue for approximately 60 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 7:25 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: May 12, 2021