

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
June 23, 2021

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: Heather Kintzley (remotely), Vice President of the Board; Ron Mabry, Legislative Representative of the Board; Michael Connors (remotely), Board Member; Diane Sundvik, Board Member; and Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Dr. Doug Christensen, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources; 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): Elizabeth Barnes, Executive Director of The Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia
Paul Osbourne, Principal of Legacy High School

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board, Excused

CABINET MEMBERS ABSENT

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment, and Professional Development, 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 18 staff and guests in attendance in person and 43 virtual attendees via Zoom.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Olga Cepeda and Ximena Ospina, 1693 Brittlebush Lane, Richland – Ms. Cepeda stated that she is a biologist, and her partner Ximena Ospina is an academic counselor. Ms. Cepeda and Ms. Ospina shared information about their idea for a program called My Big Sib, which focuses on mentoring elementary school students. Ms. Kintzley suggested that the board members review the proposal and let Dr. Pierce know if they would like further information.

Cindy Olsen, 1700 W 24th Place – Ms. Olsen asked about the district's stance on Critical

Race Theory (CRT). Ms. Kintzley responded she is not aware of any CRT in use in the district and added that Public Comment is a time for the Board to receive comments from the public. Dr. Pierce added that Ms. Olsen is welcome to email schoolboard@ksd.org with any questions, and she would be happy to respond.

Sylvia Loosveldt, 6058 W. 38th Avenue, Kennewick –Ms. Loosveldt asked if KSD has done anything to remove materials from district website that she believes are Marxist/Socialist website. Ms. Loosveldt stated that she believes the materials are racist, and that she believes that the governor is overreaching his authority by mandating training for teachers.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Michael Connors.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Semi-Annual School Board Retreat June 9, 2021
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending May 31, 2021
- Budget Status Report Ending May 31, 2021
- 2021 – 2022 School Board Meeting Calendar
- Curriculum Adoption:
 - ***The Road, book.*** Author Cormac McCarthy, published by Vintage International, Random House. This material will be used in 11th and 12th grade IB English Classes at Kennewick High School.
 - ***Persepolis, book.*** Author, Marjane Satrap, published by Pantheon. This material will be used in 11th and 12th grade IB Literature Classes at Kennewick High School.
 - ***Great Writing, textbook.*** Authors Keith S. Folse, April Muchmore-Vokoun, and Elena Vestri, published by National Geographic Learning, a Cengage Learning company. This material will be used in 9th to 12th grade EL English, SET English 1-2, SET English 3-4 Classes at Kennewick and Southridge High School.
 - ***The Other Wes Moore, book.*** Author Wes Moore, published by Random House. This material will be used in 9th to 12th grade Pre-AP Classes at Kamiakin and Southridge High School.
 - ***Grammar in Context, textbook.*** Authors Sandra N. Elbaum, and Judi P. Peman, published by National Geographic Learning, a Cengage Learning

company. This material will be used in 9th to 12th grade ELL English, SET English 1-2, SET English 3-4, SET English 5-6 classes at Kamiakin, Kennewick, and Southridge High School.

- ***Norse Mythology, book.*** Author Neil Gaiman published by W.W. Norton & Company. This material will be used in 12th-grade Mythology and Survey of World Lit Classes at Kamiakin and Kennewick High School.
- Resolution No. 9, 2020-2021: Sale of Surplus Property
- Resolution No. 10, 2020-2021: Admit Prosser School District to the Tri-Tech Skills Center Interdistrict Cooperative and Membership in the Tri-Cities Area Educational Cooperative.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce introduced Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Jack Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education to introduce new school administrators.

Dr. Pierce announced that the new Student Representative of the Board for 2021-22 is Zachary Glenn from Kennewick High School.

Dr. Pierce shared that face coverings are no longer required for fully vaccinated people who are in non-school sites per the current state COVID-19 guidance. She added that the district would assume that anyone entering without a face covering is fully vaccinated. Although vaccinations are not required, if employees would like to exercise the option not to wear a face covering, they must complete a one-time vaccination attestation that we keep on file. In accordance with state rules, face coverings are still required at this time in all school buildings as well as on buses.

Dr. Pierce reminded the Board that the July 21 Board meeting would be fully remote via Zoom, and the agenda will include only consent items.

Mr. Mabry thanked everyone, especially Jack Anderson, who worked hard and executed graduations despite the challenges and heat. He noted that the graduating classes this year seemed even more excited than usual. Mr. Mabry stated that he attended six graduations.

Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the following meetings: three WSSDA weekly Networking Webinars; three WA state DOH COVID19 briefings; League of Education Voters "Voices From the Latino Community, Part 3"; WSSDA Nominating Committee meeting; WSSDA Nominating Committee candidate interviews (4 hours); KEY Connections Youth/BFHD meeting; and MCP, Legacy, Phoenix, KeHS, KaHS, and SHS graduations. Ms. Sundvik agreed with Mr. Mabry that students were exceptionally elated this year and also thanked Jack Anderson for his contributions to the success.

Ms. Kintzley congratulated the new administrators and the retirees.

Mr. Mabry added that Dr. Pierce did an extraordinary job with graduation as well.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Hearing of Proposed 2021 – 2022 Budget

Vice President Heather Kintzley called the public hearing to order at 5:59 p.m.

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts presented the proposed district budget and General Fund budget fiscal goal for 2021–2022.

Mr. Roberts started his presentation by giving a description of the different funds. He discussed current and future enrollment, ESSER funding, and Levy funding. He reviewed the amount of ESSER funds budgeted as revenue and as expenditures. The General Fund budget showed \$285,409,700 of revenues and \$291,856,427 of expenditures. A transfer out of the General Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Capital Fund was related to Tri-Tech capital project plans. Mr. Roberts indicated the next levy election is February 2022 to renew the current levy for 2023 and years thereafter depending on the term of the levy that the Board approves to present to voters. Student enrollment for 2021-2022 was budgeted at 18,496 compared to 2020-2021 projected enrollment of 18,148. The 2021-2022 General Fund budget showed a deficit of \$7,446,727. Revenues, expenditures, including staff, costs of materials, supplies, operating costs (MSOC) were presented. Mr. Roberts indicated that the final 2021-2022 year-end could finish up closer to break even as the expenditure budget may not be fully spent, and ESSER funds could cover some costs.

Mr. Roberts gave an overview of program updates for 2021-2022. The Self-Insured Program budget for 2021-2022 was reviewed in addition to the 4-year projected budgets for the General Fund and other funds.

Heather Kintzley called for questions and comments. There were no questions or comments to speak for or against the 2021-2022 budget either in-person or remotely. Ron Mabry asked where the funding goes when budgeted contingencies are unspent. Mr. Roberts answered that unspent contingency funds return to the fund balance.

There being no other comments or questions, Vice President Heather Kintzley called for a motion to close the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Motion by Ron Mabry to close the public hearing.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

Roll call vote:	Kintzley	Yes
	Mabry	Yes

Connors	Yes
Sundvik	Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 8, 2020 – 2021: Adoption of Proposed 2021 – 2022 Budget

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept and approve Resolution No. 8, 2020-2021: Adoption of Proposed 2021-2022 Budget as presented.

General Fund	\$291,856,427
Transportation Fund	\$950,000
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 24,053,600
Debt Service Fund	\$ 17,975,000
Associated Student Body Fund	\$ 2,096,252

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

READY! For Kindergarten and Team Read Reading Foundation

Elizabeth Barnes, Executive Director of The Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia, presented on READY! For Kindergarten and Team Read.

Ms. Barnes shared that the mission for READY! For Kindergarten is for parents to be their children's first teachers. She shared that the 2020-2021 school year was the second-highest participation ever, noting the success of the remote e-learning model. Participation of non-English speaking families also increased. Ms. Barnes shared that Team Read provides one-on-one reading tutoring at seven elementary schools. This year, instead of the traditional volunteers, they provided training to the parents and families to provide tutoring at home to their students. Team Read sent home monthly supplies for the parents to perform the tutoring, including 3,998 books. Each student received 24 books as well as decodables. They piloted adding kindergartners this year by extending the program to about 90 kindergarten students. There was \$40,100 worth of books given to teachers and students in the 2020-2021 school year.

Ron Mabry asked about how students were selected. Ms. Barnes answered that the teachers select the students and that every student selected is served. Mr. Mabry asked if parents are aware of the program and if they can access it without teacher selection. Mr. Mabry asked Dr. Pierce if the District could increase family awareness of the program and allow parents to initiate participation. Dr. Pierce indicated she would follow up with Ms. Barnes and Rob

Phillips.

Diane Sundvik added that the program is wonderful and thanked Ms. Barnes for their hard work. She also shared that some of her acquaintances preferred remote e-learning over in-person and that it met their needs much better.

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept the agreements as presented to approve 2021 – 2022 READY! For Kindergarten and Team Read contracts.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Naming Committee Results: New Online High School

Jack Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, presented information on the new online high school that the district has developed. He shared that Paul Osbourne will serve as principal. In addition, Mr. Anderson reviewed the Board policy regarding the naming process for new schools. Mr. Osbourne, who chaired the naming committee, shared that the committee received over 150 name suggestions via the survey distributed to the community. The committee, which included five teachers, a secretary, a parent, and Mr. Osbourne, then narrowed the list to their three top options to present for Board consideration:

- Endeavor Online High School: represents a new age of online learning and promotes hard work, hope for the future, and the pursuit of achieving a common goal.
- Confluence Virtual High School: represents different programs in the district, the three rivers coming together, and students from different backgrounds coming together.
- Freedom High School: represents the freedom for students to work when and where they want and at their own pace.

Mr. Osbourne indicated that Endeavor Online High School was the top choice of the committee. Ron Mabry asked whether the school needs to have "online" or "virtual" as part of the name; he stated that he believes the school should just be addressed as a high school versus being labeled "online." Mr. Connors added that he agreed with Mr. Mabry. Ms. Sundvik asked if there is any benefit to leaving "online" or "virtual" in the name. Mr. Osbourne stated that only that it is descriptive of what it is, and he shared that the committee also had a similar discussion and would be supportive of the school not having "online" in its name. Mr. Mabry added that this would be aligned with other "specialty" schools such as Delta, Legacy, and Phoenix.

Motion made by Ron Mabry to name the new online high school Endeavor High School.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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 6:54 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session at 7:05 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a legal issue and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) to discuss a personnel issue for approximately 20 minutes. Ms. Kintzley noted that no further formal action would be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ron Mabry reconvened the regular session of the Board at 7:25 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: July 21, 2021