

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
REMOTE BOARD MEETING
August 18, 2021

MINUTES

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; 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 378 staff and guests in attendance.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve the 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:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting July 21, 2021
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans (2021 – 2022)
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending July 31, 2021
- Budget Status Report Ending July 31, 2021
- Summary of Contract Changes 2021 – 2022
- Curriculum Adoption:
 - ***Refugee, book.*** Author, Alan Gratz, published by Scholastic Press. This material will be used in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade English classes at Chinook,

- Park, and Horse Heaven Hills Middle School.
- ***Rewards, Reading program materials with books and teacher resources.*** Author, Anita L. Archer, published by Voyager Sopris Learning. This material will be used in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade IP English 1-2, 3-4, and IP ELA classes at Kamiakin High School.
- ***Fences, book.*** Author August Wilson, published by Plume, a member of Penguin Group. This material will be used in 11th and 12th grade English Classes at Kennewick High School.
- ***High Noon Books.*** Author, various, published by High Noon Books. This material will be used in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade IP English 1-2, 3-4, and IP ELA classes at Kamiakin High School.
- ***We Beat the Street: How A Friendship Pact Led to Success, book.*** Author, Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt with Sharon M. Draper published by Puffin Books. This material will be used in 7th grade honors English Classes at Chinook Middle School.
- ***StudySync British and World Literature, textbook, digital curriculum, books.*** Author, McGraw Hill, published by McGraw Hill. This material will be used in 12th grade British Literature classes at Legacy High School.
- Interagency contracts for Special Education Services 2021 – 2022:
 - The ARC of the Tri-Cities
 - Pasco School District Deaf Program
 - Comprehensive Mental Health
 - Columbia Industries

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Introduction of New Administrators

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce asked Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, and Jack Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, to introduce the new elementary and secondary administrators for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

Superintendent Special Report

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported on 2021-22 COVID-19 requirements, sharing that the goals are to keep schools open for full-time, in-person learning all year long and minimize transmission of COVID-19 among students, staff, families, and community. She highlighted the financial penalties that the state will impose on districts that defy state mandates.

Dr. Pierce also reported on local Board control of curriculum. She reviewed the legal authority of the Board regarding establishing final curriculum standards and evaluating teaching materials. Dr. Pierce emphasized the following facts: 1) KSD is not teaching or implementing critical race theory (CRT); 2) CRT is not in district standards or curriculum; 3) KSD has not adopted and is not implementing the 1619 Project or

curriculum; and 4) KSD has long-standing Board policies governing the adoption of curriculum. (Policy and Procedure 2121, 2310, 2311, 2331, 2330) Next, Dr. Pierce reported that with the passage of Senate Bill 5044, beginning in 2021-22 and every other year forward, districts must provide one professional learning day on Cultural competency Diversity Equity and Inclusion (CCDEI) training. The next CCDEI year is 2023-24. Dr. Pierce highlighted that the staff training is consistent with existing civil rights laws and district non-discrimination policies, and emphasized that training is required by policy.

Dr. Pierce concluded by sharing the strategic goals for students, which are focused on success for all students. The goals are: all students are safe, known, and valued; all students are engaged learners; and all students are ready for their future.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Allison Dabler, 1128 S. Tranquility PR SE, Kennewick, commented on mitigating the spread of the virus in our schools and community.

Courtney Klems, 1102 S. Olympia Place, Kennewick, commented on implementing school masks and vaccine mandates.

Sylvia Loosveldt, 6058 West 38th, Kennewick, shared concerns on Critical Race Theory (CRT).

Keri Hester, 1914 W. 9th Ave., Kennewick, commented on mandatory wearing of masks.

Lisa Peppard, 2762 Katie Road, Kennewick, shared concerns on the masking mandates.

Cindy Olsen, 1700 West 24th Place, Kennewick, commented on CRT and freedom to choose.

Shelly Barnes, 8512 W. Entiat Pl., Kennewick, commented on the mask mandate.

David Chan, 1804 S. Buchanan St., Kennewick, commented on ensuring that communism is not spread in the Kennewick School District.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the following meetings: WSSDA Legislative Representatives Learn - Mastery based learning with OSPI Staff and Early Learning and Childcare; KEY Connections Community Event Resiliency; Bounce Back Stronger, and Needs Assessment Leadership Team meeting; LULAC (League of Urban Latin American Citizens) monthly meeting; WASA/WSSDA/AWSP Lunch & Learn Dealing with Difficult Conversations and Engaging in Equity Discussions in Your Community; OSPI press conference regarding Superintendent Reykdal's letter to the Governor on K-12 staff vaccinations; Governor Inslee's press conference regarding

Early Learning, K-12, and Higher Ed vaccinations and mask mandate; Visited Legacy to meet with Asst. Principal Travis Hatke, Principal Osborne, and two staff members.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Technology Operations Update

Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology, presented an annual report on District technology operations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 3520, STUDENTS: Student Fines and Fees, First Reading

Jack Anderson presented revisions to policy 3520 as a result of legislative action.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 3520, STUDENTS: Student Fines and Fees for first and second reading.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 5515, PERSONNEL: Workforce Secondary Traumatic, First Reading

Dr. Doug Christensen presented a new policy as a result of legislative action.

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve Policy No. 5515, PERSONNEL: Workforce Secondary Traumatic for first and second reading.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Approved: September 8, 2021

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD