

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Remote Board Meeting
July 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; 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; Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations; Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Connors, Board Member, Excused

CABINET MEMBERS ABSENT

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, Excused.
Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Excused.
Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Development, Excused.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 46 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Gabe Galbraith, Kennewick, shared his concerns about Critical Race Theory (CRT) concepts being taught in schools. Mr. Galbraith noted that Richland School District adopted a resolution regarding CRT and would appreciate the Kennewick School Board doing the same so that parents have a clear understanding of where the Board stands on this issue.

Zoe Guillen, 28004 S 918 PR SE, Kennewick, shared concerns regarding the school-issued iPad having a game called Subway Surfers, which offers no educational value. Ms. Guillen stressed the importance of students needing daily personal instruction, not iPads

Kaleb Fisler, 98414 Canyon View Dr., Kennewick, shared that he graduated two years ago from the Kennewick School District, and he believes the concept of CRT is racist.

John Fisler, 98414 Canyon View Dr., Kennewick, shared concerns that Kennewick School District will continue to offer remote learning. Mr. Fisler requested the School

Board and the school administrators consider reviewing students' GPAs during remote learning.

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
	Sundvik	Yes

Motion carried 4 - 0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting June 23, 2021
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending June 30, 2021
- Budget Status Report Ending June 30, 2021
- Amended Food Services Management Contract for 2021 – 2022
- Amended Tri-Tech Culinary Arts Agreement for 2021 – 2022
- Ridge View Architect Selection
- Curriculum Adoption:
 - ***Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen, book.*** Author, Jose Antonio Vargas, published by Dey Street Books. This material will be used in 11th and 12th grade English for College Classes at Kamiakin High School.
 - ***Flesh & Blood So Cheap; The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy, book.*** Author, Albert Marrin, published by Random House Children's Books. This material will be used in 7th grade English Classes at Chinook, Park, and Legacy Middle School.
 - ***Marine Science: The Dynamic Ocean, textbook.*** Author, Meghan Marrero, and Glen Schuster, published by Pearson, Prentice-Hall. This material will be used in 11th and 12th grade Science Classrooms at Kennewick High School.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reminded everyone that, in an effort to accommodate for summer vacation schedules and enable flexibility, on an annual basis, the July School Board meeting will be held remotely via Zoom. The meeting will include only consent agenda items and no reports.

Dr. Pierce commented that she is waiting on updated K-12 school guidance for the fall from the State Department of Health and OSPI. She stated that they indicated it would be

provided by the middle of next week.

Dr. Pierce shared that she will be reporting at the August School Board meeting on Senate Bill 5044 concerning professional learning, equity, diversity, and inclusion to clarify that the Kennewick School District is not teaching CRT.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the following meetings: CDC/Dept. of Education “Vaccinations, In-Person – Learning & What All Parents Need to Know; WA DOH COVID-19 briefing; KEY Connections Resilience Event Planning Committee meeting; WSSDA Legislative Representatives Learn Interim “Special Education with Dr. Glenna Gallo (OSPI); Rep. Ybarra, and Rep. Pollett, Tri-Cities Coalition for Racial Equity and Social Justice; and, the League of Education Voters webinar “Islamophobia in Schools.”

Board Member Ron Mabry reported that he attended the WSSDA Legislative meetings and is pleased that the Legislative Committee continues to fight for schools.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: August 18, 2021