

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
October 13, 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; Zachary Glenn, 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.

Other Guest(s): Attorney Mick McFarland by phone
Attorney Bronson Brown
Eric Bruce, Director of Maintenance and Grounds

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 78 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Jose Aparicio, 6645 W. Bonnie Ave, Kennewick, s a Dual Language teacher member, shared that he doesn't believe he is trained to develop a curriculum. Mr. Aparicio commented on Bilingual Unit Frameworks (BUFs) require planning time outside of the regular workday.

Amanda Brown, 4503 Cactus Court, Pasco, a 4th-grade Dual Language teacher, reported that the BUFs are not complete and that teachers are being promised supports but have not received them.

Matthew Yeager, 2303 W. 23rd Ave., Kennewick, a 3rd-grade Dual Language teacher, commented on how the BUFs do not include grammar, and he highlighted the importance of addressing grammar.

Ben Allen, 405 S. Zinser Street, Kennewick, shared that he has three children who attend the Kennewick School District. He commented on the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Policy and Procedure and Public transparency. Mr. Allen reported that one of his children was sexually harassed and that the school is not doing everything they are supposed to be doing. He indicated that it is hard to get getting information from the

school and stated that there needs to be a curriculum that teaches antibullying.

Sue, 1355 Belmont Boulevard, West Richland, a Dual Language Teacher, shared that it is not the role of the teacher to write curriculum and that BUFs are not a curriculum. She added that there are no guides on how to incorporate the BUFs into standards.

Elida Alvarez, 209 S. Dawes Street, Kennewick, commented on the Dual Language program. Ms. Alvarez shared that teachers are not curriculum writers and asked the District listen to t Dual Language teachers.

Alfredo Arroyo, 2521 Road 80, Pasco, shared that this is his 6th year teaching and his first year as a Dual Language teacher. Mr. Arroyo reported that teachers are being told not to use district-adopted curriculum and that teachers have to use an incomplete framework.

Lynn Houston, 2821 S. Hartford Place, Kennewick, commented on COVID-19 procedures. Ms. Houston shared that she has a 6th grader and that students have no tables to sit at during lunch. The students must sit in a chair or sit on the floor to eat their lunch, and no one encourages students to wash their hands before they eat.

Heather Henrikson, 1517 S. Irving Place, Kennewick, shared that she is a 4th grade Dual Language Teacher. Ms. Henrikson commented on the BUFs and how teachers teach from incomplete units. She asked the District to give the teachers the frameworks and supports needed for the entire year.

President Adams asked Dr. Pierce to have someone connect with Mr. Allen.
President Adams asked Dr. Pierce to look into BUFs and report to the Board.
President Adams asked Dr. Pierce to look into the lunch situation at HHH.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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 September 22, 2021
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Curriculum Adoption

- ✓ ***Born a Crime, book.*** Author, Trevor Noah, published by One World. This material will be used in 10th – 12th grade Cultural Identity classes at Southridge High School.
- ✓ ***Into the Wild, book.*** Author, Jon Krakauer, published by Anchor Books. This material will be used in 11th grade American Literature classes at Kamiakin High School.
- ✓ ***Write Reader, Digital Program.*** Author, Janus Madsen, Babar Baig, Ulrik Jensen, published by Egmont. This material will be used in 1st – 5th-grade Elementary Technology classes at Washington Elementary.
- Extra-Curricular Contract 2021-2023

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce shared that October is National Principal's Month, and she thanked the Principals for their outstanding work. Dr. Pierce added that October is also Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. She stated the reports tonight will highlight some of the exceptional work principals are doing in working with their staffs to develop goals for their schools connected to our District goal: All students are safe, known, and valued. Lastly, Dr. Pierce updated the Board on the progress in complying with the state vaccine mandate for K-12 employees. She shared that 93% of employees have been vaccinated or have received an approved medical or religious exemption.

Student Representative to the Board, Zachary Glenn, thanked everyone who helped make homecoming events happen in the high schools. Zachary reported on school-based therapists and how ASB's can help promote their role. He shared that the Superintendent Student Advisory Council meeting held on October 6 and added that he would be participating in a WSSDA networking call on October 19.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the following meetings: WSSDA Weekly Networking Webinars (3); Governor Inslee press conference on TVW; KEY Connections monthly meeting (Zoom); RSD board meeting (Zoom); Washington DOH COVID19 media briefing on TVW (2), Amistad ribbon cutting; OSPI WA Teachers of the Year "What Students Need" webinar; and the League of Education Voters "COVID's Disproportionate Impact on Youth Now and Tomorrow" webinar.

Vice President Heather Kintzley shared that she cut the ribbon at the recent Amistad Elementary Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony Ms. Kintzley added that having the students in the pictures was great, and she encouraged children's participation in the future. Ms. Kintzley shared that she was proud to have a former student on opposing counsel that she had worked with in Mock Trial.

President Adams congratulated Ron Mabry for being elected President-Elect for WSSDA.

Ms. Kintzley congratulated President Adams for becoming a grandma.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

District Efforts and Building Safety Goals

Dr. Pierce, Superintendent; Jack Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; and Eric Bruce, Director of Maintenance and Grounds, presented on the districtwide student survey, facility-related security upgrades, and building level goals and efforts.

Levy Information and Planning

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented levy planning information. Mr. Roberts reviewed a levy planning timeline, current levy amounts and rates, public school funding sources, and Kennewick School District historical information. Mr. Roberts presented three levy scenarios: maintaining the current levy rate of \$1.66, increasing the levy rate to \$2.50, and incrementally increasing the levy rate. Mr. Roberts will provide more information at the October 27 School Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 3300, STUDENTS: Student Discipline, First Reading

Dr. Pierce presented a policy update to the discipline policies and procedures to align with the newly updated WSSDA policy.

Motion by Michael Connors to accept Policy No. 3300, STUDENTS: Student Discipline 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:27 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a legal issue for approximately 30 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ms. Adams reconvened the regular session of the Board at 7:49 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: October 27, 2021