

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
November 17, 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): Elese Washines, Manager Yakama Nation Higher Education & AVT
Lori Butler, Director of Assessment and Staff Development

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 99 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

David Hall, 639 Cullum Ave #135, Richland, commented on the mandates and how masks add distractions during school and expressed that masks and vaccines should be optional.

Amanda Brown, 4503 Cactus court, Pasco, expressed appreciation to the Board for addressing the dual-language concerns and allowing teachers to be heard. Ms. Brown thanked Board members Ms. Adams and Ms. Kintzley for their service.

Elida Alvarez, 209 S. Dawes St., Kennewick, thanked the Board for their support and for taking the time to listen to the concerns of Dual Language teachers. Ms. Alvarez added that she hopes this movement has been positive and that the agreement doesn't involve teachers writing curriculum, adding that she appreciates the Board.

RECOGNITION

Native American Heritage Month

Superintendent Dr. Pierce read Governor Inslee's Proclamation proclaiming November 2021 as Native American Heritage Month and November 26, 2021, as Native American

Heritage Day.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Michael Connors.

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| 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 October 27, 2021
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending October 31, 2021
- Curriculum Adoption:
 - ***Chasing Vermeer, book.*** Author, Blue Balliet, published by Scholastic Press. This material will be used in 4th grade Highly Capable classes at Amon Creek Elementary.
 - ***Guests of the Sheik: An Ethnography of an Iraqi Village, book.*** Author, Elizabeth Warnock Fernea, published by Knopf Doubleday Publishing. This material will be used in 11th and 12th grade IB Social and Cultural Anthropology classes at Kennewick High School.
 - ***Just Mercy, book.*** Author, Bryan Stevenson, published by Spiegel and Grau. This material will be used in 11th and 12th grade English for college classes at Kamiakin High School.
 - ***Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words, book, and teacher resources.*** Author, John Shefelbine, Katherine K. Newman, published by Collaborative Classroom. This material will be used in K-5th grade Reading Intervention classes at Amistad Elementary.
 - ***Tell Them Who I Am, book.*** Author, Elliot Liebow, published by Penguin Group. This material will be used in 11th and 12th grade IB Social and Cultural Anthropology classes at Kennewick High School.
 - ***The Forest People, book.*** Author, Colin Turnbull, published by Simon and Schuster. This material will be used in 11th and 12th grade IB Social and Cultural Anthropology classes at Kennewick High School.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Pierce reported on the consultation with Yakama Nation regarding the use of native logos and mascot at Kamiakin and Phoenix High Schools. Dr. Pierce then introduced Yakama Nation Higher Education & AVT Manager Else Washines, who

presented information regarding the recent Yakama Nation consultation process with Kennewick School District.

Ron Mabry asked Ms. Washines if once a conclusion is reached, it would be for long term or year to year. Ms. Washines shared that a resolution could support a continued use for at least one year, with a need to continue ongoing consultation with the tribe. She expressed that ongoing consultation would best serve both the tribe and the school district. Mr. Mabry asked about future naming's, and whether it would be acceptable to bring the name(s) before the Yakama Nation before the District names the building. Ms. Washines stated that having input on the building design and naming would be beneficial.

Student Representative to the Board, Zachary Glenn reported he attended the following meetings: WSSDA Legislative Representatives Learn Speaking Engagement where he was asked to speak on graduation pathways and how it has impacted him; Superintendent's Student Advisory Council meeting on November 3, 2021; WSSDA Student Representative Networking call; Southridge High School leadership meeting; and Zoom call with Shoreline School District Student Representative. Zachary indicated that he will be attending the 2021 WSSDA Annual Conference in Bellevue November 18-20.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the following meetings: OSPI press conference to review K-12 school employee vaccination and exemption data (Zoom); two days (10/29-30) WSSDA General Assembly to review proposals, positions, and priorities that will inform our strategic advocacy throughout the coming year (Zoom); WSSDA weekly Networking webinar (Zoom); Ben Franklin Transit Mobility Access Taskforce (MAT) (Zoom); Tri-Cities Coalition for Racial Equity & Social Justice (Zoom); WSSDA Legislative Representatives Learn: Graduation/Pathways with Sen. Wellman, Chair of Senate Education Committee and Linda Drake, State Board of Education (Zoom). Our KSD student board representative, Zachary Glenn, an invited speaker, did a phenomenal job! I also attended the Richland School Board meeting (Zoom); WA DOH COVID19 briefings (2) (Zoom); and Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce Three-day Diversity Summit (11/15-17) (Zoom).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Dual Language Updates

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Development Matt Scott provided an update on Dual Language. He provided updates on the expansion at Eastgate Elementary School, Dual Language curriculum, and a the Biliteracy Unit Frameworks. In addition, he presented multilingual learner data across Dual Language (one-way and two-way) and supportive mainstream programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2, 2021-2022: Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts and Dr. Pierce presented a

recommendation for the Educational Programs and Operations Levy to be replaced.

Motion by Michael Connors to approve Resolution No. 2, 2021-2022: Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 3, 2021-2022: Technology Levy

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts and Dr. Pierce presented a recommendation for the Technology Levy to be replaced.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Resolution No. 3, 2021-2022 Replacement Levy for Technology Improvements.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Appointment of “For” and “Against” Committees to Write Voter Pamphlet Statements

Superintendent Dr. Pierce presented the names of people who asked to serve on the committees to write voter pamphlet statements. Three people contacted the District to express interest in serving on the “For” committee, and no one contacted the District to express interest in serving on the “Against” committee.

Motion by Ron Mabry to appoint the following individuals to serve as the committee to write the “For” statement for the voters’ pamphlet’s levies: Mary Lynn Merriman, Jan Fraley, and Pat Mastaler.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

2022 Legislative Priorities

Superintendent Dr. Pierce presented a draft of legislative priorities for 2022 and asked the Board to review for adoption at the December 8 School Board meeting.

Kamiakin Gym Naming

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Jack Anderson presented the process and results of the committee to name the Kamiakin Gym. Mr. Anderson reported that, after careful consideration and thoughtful deliberation, the naming committee recommends that the gym at Kamiakin High School be named “Randy Dolven Gymnasium.”

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve the Kamiakin High School gym to be named “Randy Dolven Gymnasium.”

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Highly Capable Program Annual Plan 2021 - 2022

President Adams explained that Board Member Diane Sundvik had requested the Highly Capable Program Annual Plan be removed from the Consent Items in order to have a discussion prior to approval. Lori Butler, Director of Assessment and Staff Development, was in attendance to answer Board members' questions and concerns. Ms. Butler added that she would prepare a detailed report on the Highly Capable Program to present at another Board meeting.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve the Highly Capable Program Annual Plan for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

Seconded by Michael Connors.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Special Recognition of President Dawn Adams and Vice President Heather Kintzley

Superintendent Dr. Pierce recognized President Dawn Adams and Vice President Heather Kintzley for their outstanding service on the Kennewick School Board and presented them with a golden apple. Dr. Pierce shared that President Adams has served for twenty years and Ms. Kintzley for twelve years on the Board. Other Board members expressed their appreciation for both Ms. Adams and Ms. Kintzley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 8:06 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. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 8:36 p.m. Ms. Adams extended the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

Ms. Adams reconvened the regular session of the Board at 8:42 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: December 8, 2021