

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting  
March 23, 2022

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: Michael Connors, President of the Board; Ron Mabry, (attended remotely) Vice President of the Board; Diane Sundvik, Legislative Representative of the Board; Micah Valentine, Board Member; Gabe Galbraith, 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): Sam Shick, Nutrition Services Director  
Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager  
April Heiser, Transportation Manager

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 110 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

Winter Sports Recognition

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Jack Anderson recognized Athletic Directors, Coaches, and state participants from the following schools: Kamiakin High School state participants in bowling, basketball, and wrestling; Southridge High School state participants in boys and girls wrestling; Kennewick High School state participants in bowling; and Mid-Columbia Partnership state participants in archery.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Representative Brad Klippert read House Resolution No. 2022-4649, honoring the parents and families of Washington State's students. Superintendent Dr. Pierce accepted the resolution on behalf of the KSD parents and families.

Amanda Brown, 4503 Cactus Court, commented on the shortage of substitute teachers and the loss of "specials" classes at the elementary schools due to the shortage. Ms. Brown suggested paying substitute teachers more money instead of paying teachers to

cover classes during their prep time.

Tina Gregory shared concerns about questions she has asked in the past that have not been addressed. She shared Bible scriptures and asked the Board to support no more overreach of the governor's powers.

JoJo Davis, 4300 West 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., Kennewick, thanked the Board for taking the time to listen and for visiting Highland Middle School. She stated that KSD should fund and support all schools with what they need and provide some schools with more and some with less, as all schools don't have the same needs. Ms. Davis asked the Board to help provide all students the same opportunity.

Elida Alvarez, 209 S. Dawes Street, commented on the substitute teacher shortage and shared concerns that students have not had specials classes for an entire week in months. Ms. Alvarez asked what steps the District is taking to keep subs.

Robert Alvarez, 209 S. Dawes Street, shared that he is a parent of two students in KSD and is concerned about the loss of specials classes for students due to the shortage of substitutes.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Connors	Yes
	Mr. Mabry	Yes
	Ms. Sundvik	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	Yes
	Mr. Galbraith	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 9, 2022
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2021-2022
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending February 28, 2022
- Budget Status Report Ending February 28, 2022

#### SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce updated the Board on the communication and information campaign for the upcoming levy. She highlighted that the District would be hosting three open-house levy information sessions in March and April. Dr. Pierce shared that the District used information from the community survey and the board study session

to help inform the updated levy plan. Dr. Pierce added that if the levy doesn't pass, the District will have to look at removing programs and reducing staff.

Diane Sundvik asked if the mailer could go out earlier as some residents received the previous mailer after sending their ballots in.

Gabe Galbraith asked Student Representative Zachary Glenn if there might be students interested in helping with daycare during the community open houses.

Student Representative to the Board, Zachary Glenn, reported that he was a judge in the Future Chefs event, and he shared updates from the WSSDA Student Representative Network.

Gabe Galbraith reported that he attended the Future Chefs, Highlands Spring Sports Day, Math is Cool, and visited Southridge High and Lincoln Elementary Schools.

Micah Valentine shared that he met with Brian Leavitt and was able to visit Southridge High and Lincoln Elementary Schools.

Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the following events: Washington State School Directors' Association Weekly Networking Webinar (2) (Zoom); Tri-Tech Future Chefs Competition judging (in person); Tri-Cities Coalition for Racial Equity and Social Justice monthly meeting (Zoom); KEY (Kennewick Empowering Youth) Connections monthly meeting (Zoom); watched segments of Richland School Board meeting (Zoom), and Math is Cool 5<sup>th</sup>-grade competition (Zoom). As the KSD board legislative representative, she shared that she watched Governor Inslee sign six education bills into law: HB 1833 online parent sign up for nutrition services, HB 1153 access to language interpreters for students, HB 1590 enrollment stabilization to 2019-20 enrollment, HB 1664 change in prototypical funding for SEL staff, SB 5497 allowing student representatives on the state Board of Education to have voting privileges, and HB 1699 allowing retired educators to return to work without losing their benefits.

Michael Connors shared that he attended the Highlands Spring Sports Day and thanked Sam Shick and his team for the meal they prepared for the Board members.

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### Nutrition Services

Sam Shick, Sodexo Nutrition Services Director, presented a sample of the meal kits (Build your own Ramen Bowl) included in the 2020 – 2021 school year, along with revenues and expenses of the school lunch program for the 2020 – 2021 school year. He reported on grant funding, meal count comparisons, summer school, Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program, and focus for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Mr. Shick shared a short video of David Herrera, last year's Kennewick Future Chef contest winner. The theme last year was "Fiesta Fit," and his recipe was Envoltorio de Pollo (Chicken Wrap).

Mr. Valentine shared that he would like to follow up with Mr. Shick regarding processed foods.

Mr. Mabry asked Mr. Shick if he could list all the participants in the Future Chef competition next year.

#### Preliminary Budget 2021-2022 General Fund & Capital Fund

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts presented the General Fund projected revenue changes for 2021-22. He reported Basic Ed revenue changes, preliminary staff cost changes, MSOC budget, and SEL Funding for 2022-23. Mr. Roberts shared state-funded wages and benefit-cost versus District costs and the General fund budget outlook for the 2022-23 school year through 2027-28.

#### Asset Preservation

Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager, presented the District's Asset Preservation Program required by OSPI to be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Asset Preservation Program demonstrates the district's commitment to maintaining buildings through upgrades to building infrastructure. One of the state's requirements is to ensure a certified evaluator completes a building condition evaluation every six years. Mr. Jones reported that the evaluation was completed in March of 2020. He then reviewed the building condition scores explaining the evaluation process for scoring.

#### Bus Purchase Plan

April Heiser, Transportation Manager, presented an overview of staff, state funding, fleet summary, and depreciation. Ms. Heiser shared cost estimates to add air conditioning to new and existing buses.

Following the Board discussion, Dr. Pierce asked Ms. Heiser to research the cost to report on retrofit 35 buses with air conditioning

Motion by Ron Mabry to authorize Transportation Director to order seven buses with air conditioning for delivery in summer 2023.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Connors	Yes
	Mr. Mabry	Yes
	Ms. Sundvik	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	No
	Mr. Galbraith	Yes

Motion carried 4-1.

#### Comprehensive Sexual Health Education: Process Update

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment, and Professional Development provided an update on SB 5395 and the process, to date, to develop a recommendation for the 6-12 Health curriculum and resources for School Board consideration on May 25, 2022.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### Adoption of Action Plan: School Drinking Water (RCW 28A.201.410)

Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager, presented a final action plan for Board approval.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to adopt the Lead in Drinking Water Action Plan as presented.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Connors	Yes
	Mr. Mabry	Yes
	Ms. Sundvik	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	Yes
	Mr. Galbraith	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Policy No. 3143, STUDENTS: Notification and Dissemination of Information about Student Offenses and Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm, First Reading

Dr. Pierce presented the policy and explained that it specifies notifications required by law.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 3143, STUDENTS: Notification and Dissemination of Information about Student Offenses and Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm for first reading.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Connors	Yes
	Mr. Mabry	Yes
	Ms. Sundvik	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	Yes
	Mr. Galbraith	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

##### Policy No. 1431, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Public Participation, First Reading

Dr. Pierce presented updates to the policy. Following the Board discussion, Dr. Pierce stated that she would update the language regarding ceding time during public comment and will ask the legal counsel for information on political campaigning during public comment.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. Annual Staff / Human Resources Update
- B. 2022-23 Preliminary Budget
- C. Executive Session: Quarterly Legal Update

Mr. Mabry asked that the Board discuss the facility status of Park and Highlands Middle School at a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: April 13, 2022