

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
May 11, 2022

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: Michael Connors, President of the Board; Ron Mabry, 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): Bronson Brown, District Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 143 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

Park Middle School Drumline

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce recognized the Park Middle School Drumline and introduced Tanner Cornell, Band Director for Park Middle School. Mr. Cornell thanked the Board and Administrators for allowing the students to perform.

Dr. Pierce recognized the certificated employees and expressed appreciation for all they do in our District. She then shared a video to honor the certificated staff and read a National Proclamation by the President.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Sylvia Loosveldt shared that she filed a citizen's complaint against the book *Anti Racist Baby* by Ibram Kendi. She was informed that the book would not be removed from school libraries and said she would be filing an appeal regarding this decision. Ms. Loosveldt added that she would be willing to work on a curriculum that focused on the rights and duties of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

JoJo Davis asked the Board to help provide resources to create a system in Kennewick that is designed to educate and lay a foundation for healing and health, so the community

and children benefit fully.

Jackson Kintzley spoke on the levy and about Board members' role in the levy. Jackson asked Board members to please vote yes on the next levy opportunity on behalf of all students.

Amanda Brown commented on hiring practices, equity, and substitutes for teachers.

Tina Gregory shared her concerns that the Board will not stand against unlawful mandates and that she thinks that is why the levy failed. She called on the Board to stop pushing immoral agendas and rid schools of any indoctrination. Ms. Gregory added that she appreciated the Board's transparency on the sex education curriculum.

Brad Klippert encouraged the Board to reject any ideas to teach CRT and reject teaching anything associated with comprehensive sex education. He thanked the Board for supporting Student Resource Officers (SRO) and encouraged the Board to continue supporting them.

CONSENT ITEMS

Gabe Galbraith asked to remove Curriculum Adoption: Creative Writer's Handbook from the consent items as he would like to discuss it at the end of the Board meeting.

Micah Valentine made a motion to have the Personnel Action Items removed from the consent items for discussion during Executive Session.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve the consent items with the removal of Curriculum Adoption: Creative Writer's Handbook and Personnel Action Items as requested.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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 April 13, 2022
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2021-22
- Resolution No. 13, 2021-2022: Delegating Authority to WIAA 2022-23
- Resolution No. 14, 2021-2022: Accept Value Engineering Report for Ridge View Elementary Replacement Project
- Resolution No. 15, 2021-2022: Accept Ridge View Elementary Replacement Project constructability Review
- 2021-22 Certificated Contract Holders Returning for 2022-23
- Curriculum Adoption:
 - ***Write Now, Right Now, Digital Program.*** Authors Darlene McPherson and Terry Hoit published by Write Now, Right Now. This material will be used in K-5th grade Writing Classes at Hawthorne Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported she was completing her spring visits to schools and was able to recently attend special school events including the National Jr. Honor Society Induction Ceremony at Highlands Middle School and Day of the Child /El Dia del Niño at Eastgate Elementary School. Dr. Pierce also asked Board members to confirm which graduations they would be able to attend.

Student Representative to the Board, Zachary Glenn, reported he attended WSSDA Student Representative Network and the Superintendent Student Advisory Council meeting.

Gabe Galbraith reported he attended the Canyon View school carnival and gave the staff kudos.

Micah Valentine shared that he was happy to be able to donate soccer balls for the event at Eastgate Elementary School. He reported that he continues to receive emails with pictures of signs still in our schools regarding masks and social distancing. Mr. Valentine encouraged the principals to check their schools for signs that should no longer be up as this is no longer a rule.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the Ben Franklin Transit Mobility Access Taskforce meeting (Zoom); KSD Grade 6-12 Health Education curriculum (including Comprehensive Sexual Health Education) review (Zoom); and the Legacy Spring Fling (in person). She also reported that she visited Endeavor staff (in person), attended the Tri-Cities Coalition for Racial Equity and Social Justice monthly meeting (Zoom), and attended the RSD Board Meeting (6:30-8:30) (Zoom).

Ron Mabry reported that he attended the curriculum meeting and gave kudos to the curriculum staff. He added that there were several references tonight and in the past regarding Critical Race Theory (CRT). Mr. Mabry asked the District to determine which classes people are identifying as teaching CRT. He shared that he would be interested in knowing what classes they are and what we can do to assure the community about CRT

not being in our school system. He also stated that he has received several emails regarding the concern that Black Lives Matters (BLM) is being taught in the schools. He asked that staff help pinpoint the exact violations that are being reported.

Mike Connors shared that the presentation given by Matt Scott last week on the curriculum adoption was excellent. He also reminded the Board that The Amazing Shake at Hawthorne Elementary is coming up next month on June 6 and 7.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2022 – 2023 Preliminary Budget

Superintendent Dr. Pierce reported on school funding sources and uses in the context of levy and the levy failure and impacts on the budget and future levy planning.

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts presented a preliminary 2022-23 budget update covering the general fund and impacts of the levy failure. Mr. Roberts will continue reporting to the Board on the 2022-23 budget, with a timeline for Board consideration and final budget approval at the June 22 Board meeting.

President Connors announced a break at 7:28 p.m. and reconvened the Board meeting at 7:35 p.m.

K – 12 Annual Student Goal Report

Jack Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, and Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, presented the annual student survey results, student attendance data, student discipline data, continuous improvement efforts, and 2020-21 progress toward meeting performance targets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

World Language Adoption Recommendation

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment, and Professional Development presented an overview of the materials and the committee's process.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to accept the World Language Adoption Committee's recommendation to adopt all World Language materials 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.

Policy No. 2335, INSTRUCTION: Health, Family Life, and Sex Education, First Reading

Matt Scott presented an update to Policy No. 2335 to better align with legislative changes.

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve Policy No. 2335, INSTRUCTION: Health, Family Life, and Sex Education, for first reading.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

Mr. Galbraith asked for the last line of paragraph one to be amended to read, "Only Board approved core and supplemental curriculum materials may be used in the instruction of sex education and human sexuality."

Motion by Ron Mabry to amend his motion to approve Policy No. 2335, INSTRUCTION: Health, Family Life, and Sex Education to include amendments as presented for first and second reading.

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.

Policy No. 2170, INSTRUCTION: AIDS Prevention Education, First Reading

Matt Scott presented some additional language to bring Policy 2170 into alignment with RCW 28A.300.475.

Ms. Sundvik asked for punctuation edits to ensure consistency within the document.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to accept Policy No. 2170, INSTRUCTION: AIDS Prevention Education, with changes as presented for first and second reading.

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.

Policy No. 4410, COMMUNITY RELATIONS: School Resource Officer, First Reading

Dr. Pierce presented an update to Policy No. 4410 to comply with the law and to add a procedure, as there was not one.

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept Policy No. 4410, COMMUNITY RELATIONS: School Resource Officer as presented for first and second reading.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Curriculum Adoption: Creative Writer's Handbook.

Mr. Galbraith expressed concerns about the textbook, Creative Writer's Handbook. He noted that he did not think the writing assignment in chapter three on the perspective of a lady's view on rape potentially made by a preacher was appropriate.

Mr. Scott said the District is working on updating the curriculum policy to include a dedicated Instructional Materials Review Committee. Mr. Scott stated that the book will undergo a more comprehensive review process.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. 2022-23 Preliminary Budget
- B. K-12 Student growth & proficiency targets (reading and math)
- C. Online Programs - ALE
- D. Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Adoption
- E. Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Policy

Per Board request, a report and discussion about Critical Race Theory (CRT) will be added to the June 8 retreat agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Michael Connors announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 9:13 p.m. and moved the Board into an executive session at 9:21 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a legal issue and per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) to discuss a personnel issue for approximately 45 minutes. Mr. Connors noted that the Board would reconvene in regular session following executive session to continue the business portion of the meeting and take formal action.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Mr. Connors reconvened the regular session of the Board at 10:08 p.m. He asked if anyone had questions or comments regarding the Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular Personnel Action Items. There were no questions or comments, so Mr. Connors asked for the roll call to accept the Personnel Action Items as presented.

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

Motion carried 4-1.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: May 25, 2022