

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
April 13, 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.

Other Guest(s): Attorney Mick McFarland, Attorney (Zoom)
Bronson Brown, District Legal Counsel

CABINET MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology, Excused

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 88 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Linda Stephenson, 257 Jenna, commented on the KSD Math Team and thanked Board members who attended the Math Is Cool competition. She shared the need for more KSD math teachers to coach teams and asked about the possibility of giving stipends to encourage teachers to take on the extra responsibility of leading a team. Ms. Stephenson added that she would be willing to set up training for the teachers.

Genevieve Parker, 8521 W. 9th Ave, shared that she is a junior at Kamiakin High School and has been a part of Math Is Cool for seven years, helping to coach the Amon Creek Elementary team for three years. She stated she would like to see more students have the opportunity to participate in a math club.

Brendan Dunlap, 12904 Cottonwood Creek Blvd, Junior at Kamiakin High School, commented on competing in Math is Cool for the last eight years. He shared that he is currently a Math Club Coach at Cottonwood Elementary School and hopes the opportunity can be extended to more students in the future.

Jackson Toponce, 512 N. Young Street, 5th grader at Amon Creek Elementary, commented on being a part of the math club and hopes there will be a math club in the middle school.

Tamara Parker, 8521 W. 9th Ave., commented on Math Is Cool and the difference it has made in her two daughters' lives. Ms. Perkins added that both her daughters now tutor math, and she encouraged the Board to take advantage of Linda Stephenson's offer to train teachers.

Tina Gregory, 5208 W. 10th, commented on COVID-19, lockdowns, vaccines, immoral indoctrination, and sin. Ms. Gregory thanked the Board for doing a great job.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

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 March 23, 2022
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2021-22
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending March 31, 2022
- Resolution No. 12, 2021-2022: Declaring Surplus Real Property
- Curriculum Adoption:
 - ***The Other Side of the Sky***, novel. Author, Farah Ahmedi with Tamim Ansary, published by Simon and Schuster. This material will be used in 7th grade General Education and Honors ELA Classes at Highlands Middle School.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported that the State Board of Health voted not to require Washington's students to be vaccinated against COVID-19 for school attendance next fall. Dr. Pierce reminded the Board members that there would be one more levy open house tomorrow night and that election day is the 26th.

Student Representative to the Board, Zachary Glenn, reported that he attended the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and shared some of the topics discussed in the

meeting; COVID-19 updates, dress code, and better communication regarding Tri-Tech Skills Center and Running Start programs.

Gabe Galbraith reported that he attended the first Levy Open House, where there was one community member. Mr. Galbraith thanked Dr. Pierce and staff for putting the levy open houses together. He encouraged the community to attend the levy open house tomorrow.

Micah Valentine reported that he attended last night's Levy Open House, and he encouraged the community to attend and thanked all the staff who showed up to answer questions.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the Washington Dept. of Health COVID briefing (TVW), WSSDA Nominating Committee meeting, Tri-Cities Racial Equity and Social Justice Coalition monthly meeting, and KSD EP&O levy presentation.

Ron Mabry reported that he attended the National School Board Association Conference and shared items of concern: cost of living, school funding, electric school buses, student involvement, and free meals for all students.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2022-2023 Preliminary Budget

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, General Fund projected deficit, and ESSER. He shared the General Fund budget outlook for the 2022-23 school year through 2027-28, along with the 2022-23 preliminary budget self-insured fund and Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Roberts presented a timeline for Board consideration and final budget approval at the June 17 Board meeting.

Annual Staff / Human Resources Update

Dr. Doug Christensen, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, presented the annual staff survey data, current staff statistics, recruiting and hiring efforts, substitute teacher data, staff support and recognition, and professional growth, support, and evaluation efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Dr. Pierce presented the policy and explained that it specified 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 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 / Procedure No. 1431 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Public Participation, First Reading

Dr. Pierce presented updates to the policy and procedure.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve Policy and Procedure No. 1431 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Public Participation 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Anti-Vaping Lawsuit

Superintendent Dr. Pierce presented background information and an overview regarding a lawsuit against the e-cigarette/vaping company Juul and its major investor, Altria. School districts seek to hold Juul accountable for costs school districts have incurred or will incur to prevent, intervene, and educate about nicotine use and addiction due to vaping.

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept the recommendation to authorize the superintendent to work with the Stevens Clay law firm to have the district join the pending vaping lawsuit against Juul and Altria, the successor to Philip Morris.

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.

Policy No. 3550 STUDENTS: Interscholastic Athletics, First Reading

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Jack Anderson presented additional language to this policy related to Esports.

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept Policy No. 3550 STUDENTS: Interscholastic Athletics 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.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. 2022-23 Preliminary Budget
- B. K-12 Attendance & Discipline Rates
- C. K-12 Student Survey Data
- D. World Language Adoption

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Michael Connors announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and moved the Board into an executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a legal issue AT 7:47 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes. Mr. Connors noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 8:17 p.m. Mr. Connors extended the executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Mr. Connors reconvened the regular session of the Board at 8:32 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: May 11, 2022