

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
September 14, 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; London Moody, 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 K-12 Education; Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent Teaching & Learning; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations; Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 122 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

2022-23 Student Representative to the School Board

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce shared that the Student Representative to the Board is London Moody, who attends Kamiakin High School. London introduced herself, sharing the school activities with which she involved. Board members welcomed London to the Board.

New Administrators/Administrators in New Roles

Superintendent Dr. Pierce introduced administrators new to the Kennewick School District and administrators who are in new roles. She then recognized the entire administrative team for their leadership and commitment to KSD staff, families, and students.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Linda Stephenson promoted Math Is Cool and encouraged all schools to have a math team.

Amanda Brown voiced her support for Linda Stephenson and encouraged all schools to participate in Math Is Cool.

Linda Stevenson used the rest of Amanda Brown's time to continue promoting the Math

Is Cool program.

Marianne Bloxham shared that the Washington Education Association site says that the 1st Amendment does not extend into the classroom when instructing students and that legally speaking, teachers are considered to be speaking on behalf of the district. Ms. Bloxham asked what rules or guidelines the district has in place to make sure that teachers refrain from taking political positions or exposing personal beliefs, including speech, classroom decorations, and displays.

Shelly Barnes commented on her son's teacher at Kamiakin High School displaying an LGBTQ flag in the classroom and encouraging students to participate in the LGBTQ club. Ms. Barnes shared that she believes the teacher was not staying neutral, making it uncomfortable for her son to attend class.

Kaleb Barnes shared that he went through discrimination and backlash for how he felt after his teacher said he could voice his opinion about the pride flag in the classroom. Kaleb commented that teachers should not show their political and religious beliefs in the classroom; they should stay neutral. Kaleb stated that he had been kicked out of class and, other times, blocked from entering the classroom.

Annette Rose shared concerns about teachers asking students what pronouns they want to be referred to and the number of pride flags hanging in classrooms. Ms. Rose commented on inclusivity and stated that she believes that if less division is wanted, those items that cause division should be removed. She stated that everyone should be accepted, no matter color, religion, sexual orientation, or gender.

M. Johanson commented on school safety and free programs offered by Sandy Hook.

Tina Gregory spoke about One Nation Under God. She asked the Board to remove BLM, CRT, gay Pride, transgender books, flyers, flags, etc. from the schools.

George Penn shared that he saw an image on social media of a gay pride flag hanging in a classroom. He challenged the Board to direct the district to make things neutral, fair, and equitable across the board.

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	Abstain

Motion carried 4-1-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 24, 2022
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans (2022 – 2023)
- Tri-Tech Skills Center Building C Project Bid and Recommendation
- Interagency Contracts for Special Education Services 2022 – 2023
 - The ARC of the Tri-Cities
 - Columbia Industries
 - Pasco School District Deaf Program
 - Waterfall Canyon Academy
 - Candy Mountain Academy
- 2022 – 2023 Performance Goals
 - Cabinet Goals
 - Superintendent Goals
- Curriculum Adoption:
 - ***El Chico Global***, book. Author, Leslie Davidson, published by Wayside Publishing. This material will be used in grades 9-12, Spanish 5-6 at Kamiakin High School.
 - ***El Nuevo Houdini***, book. Author, Carol Gaab, published by TPRS Publishing. This material will be used in grades 9-12, Spanish 3-4 at Kamiakin High School.
 - ***Fiesta Fatal***, book. Author, Mira Canion, published by Wayside Publishing. This material will be used in grades 9-12, Spanish 3-4 at Kamiakin High School.
 - ***La Guerra Sucia***, book. Author, Nathaniel Kirby, published by Wayside Publishing. This material will be used in grades 10-12, AP Spanish at Kamiakin High School.
 - ***La Llorona de Mazatlán***, book. Author, Katie A. Baker, published by Wayside Publishing. This material will be used in grades 10-12, Spanish 7-8 at Kamiakin High School.
 - ***Llama Elizette Lima***, book. Author, Katie A. Baker, published by Fluency Matters. This material will be used in grades 8-12, Spanish 1-2 at Kamiakin High School.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported on the district's process for communicating with schools regarding air quality conditions when we have situations like smoke in the air. She shared that the district follows the Washington State Public Health recommendations for schools based on the air quality index. Dr. Pierce also commented on a recent safety-related situation at Southridge High School and stated that the district continues to assess facility safety measures, preventative protocols, reporting protocols, and communication protocols. Dr. Pierce reminded the Board of the upcoming study session where the Board would be discussing a levy plan and stated that the levy funds several safety-related items. She also shared a reminder about the upcoming FOCUS Tailgate fundraiser and

the Kamiakin versus Southridge football game

Student Representative to the Board, London Moody, reported that she attended the Superintendent Student Advisory Council meeting and shared some of the topics they discussed.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported attending the KSD Welcome Back Assembly and 14 school open houses.

Board Member Micah Valentine shared that he attended several school open houses and the Welcome Back Assembly.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the Tri-Tech orientation; KSD Welcome Back Assembly at Lampson Stadium; visited staff and students at Legacy and Endeavor High Schools; and took an online class with Gabor Mate, "The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture." She also reported that she attended Governor Inslee's Covid Media Briefing (online), attended the WSSDA Advocacy Insights: Unpacking the General Assembly Handbook (Zoom), and attended the RSD Board Meeting (Zoom).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Strategic Goal Reports

Annual Update: Technology Operations

Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology, presented the annual report on Technology Operations.

Board discussion followed regarding turn-around time for teachers with technical issues and parents setting controls on their child's Chromebook.

All Students are Engaged Learners (Reading and Math Results)

Dr. Pierce, Superintendent, and Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent Teaching & Learning, presented the annual K-12 student goal report showing student growth and proficiency targets.

Board discussion followed regarding student growth and what the district is doing to help students meet their targets.

All Families are Key Partners

Dr. Pierce, Superintendent, and Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations, presented the Annual Family Survey from Spring 2022, Family engagement Efforts, and the 2022-23 plan for "Get to Know Kennewick School District."

Board discussion followed regarding the number of volunteers in each of our schools.

President Connors announced a five-minute break at 7:31 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy No. 3545, STUDENTS: Interscholastic Academic Eligibility, Second Reading

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, reviewed revisions to Policy No. 3545 per WIAA eligibility requirements.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve Policy No. 3545, STUDENTS: Interscholastic Academic Eligibility for a second reading.

Mr. Mabry asked where it is documented that you cannot drop a class after ten days. Mr. Scott replied that he would confirm that it is documented in the administrative procedure for the policy.

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

Policy No. 6100, ADMINISTRATION: Line-Staff Chart

Dr. Traci Pierce presented an updated Line-Staff Chart showing the restructuring of departments and titles.

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve Policy No. 6100, ADMINISTRATION: Line-Staff Chart 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.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. Study Session: Levy Discussion and Planning

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

The Board discussed protocols for individual Board members to meet with groups.

Board Preparation for WSSDA General Assembly

Dr. Pierce compiled individual prioritization of the legislative positions from four of the five Board Members so that the Board could discuss and finalize their top 20 positions. Copies were provided to each Board member.


Board discussion followed.

Ms. Sundvik shared information about what will happen during the WSSDA General Assembly.


There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



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Approved: September 28, 2022