

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
October 26, 2022

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: 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.

Other Guest(s): Amy Strege, Program Manager, Communities in Schools
LeeAnna Wright, Student Support Coordinator at Southgate Elementary School, Communities in Schools
Joe Jones, Principal, Southgate Elementary School
Erin Lee, Educational Program Director, The Children's Reading Foundation of Mid-Columbia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Connors, President of the Board, excused.

CABINET MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology, excused.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Ron Mabry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 98 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Joe Ansingh, a teacher, shared why he hangs a Pride flag in his classroom. Mr. Ansingh stated that the flag symbolizes acceptance, and his classroom is a place where students are valued for who they are and where they are seen and supported.

Jonathan Hanson commented that he believes in the right for the pride flag to stay in the classroom.

Tina Gregory commented on the need to stop schools from teaching gender equality,

CRT, BLM and issues that divide and hurt children. Ms. Gregory asked the Board to stand against forced experimental drugs on our children and pronouns and indoctrination. She stated she believes all flags should be banned in schools except the American and State flags.

Dr. Sheila Dunlop commented on pride flags in the classrooms and the importance of people understanding that they are accepted.

Mickey Beary commented on the high rate of suicide in the LGBTQ community and how important it is to do whatever we can to make LGBTQ students feel safe.

Lisa Peppard commented on speaking her convictions for speaking love and not hate.

Jason Goodwin shared his concerns with the CDC voting 15-0 to recommend adding the COVID vaccine to the vaccination schedule for children.

Jeanie Polehn commented on the importance of getting children back to reading, writing, arithmetic, and science instead of discrimination. Ms. Polehn added that she is against children being forced to wear masks and making the COVID vaccine a requirement.

Jax Martinez commented against banning pride flags from classrooms.

Jackson Kintzley commented against banning pride flags from classrooms.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 4 - 0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 12, 2022
- Minutes of Special Board Meeting October 18, 2022
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending August 31, 2022
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending September 30, 2022
- School Improvement Plans

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce recognized Principals for National Principals month by reading a Declaration from Governor Inslee. Dr. Pierce then gave an update on Governor Inslee's Emergency Mandate, which expires on October 31, 2022.

Ron Mabry asked Dr. Pierce to be sure all principals have a copy of the proclamation.

Student Representative to the Board, London Moody, reported she recently met with the Kennewick High School ASB and will reach out to other high schools in the future. She reported that high schools are happy to have events once again, like homecoming and many other successful events.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith wished all fall student-athletes good luck as they entered post-season play. He said he appreciated those who showed up and shared their concerns and opinions because it is good to hear from our community and shows people care.

Board Member Micah Valentine reported he attended one of the KSD College and Career Expos and stated that he believes it is important that he hear from students.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended the WSSDA Networking Hour "School Safety Planning"; Ben Franklin Transit Mobility Access Taskforce; Racial Equity & Social Justice Coalition of the Tri-Cities; and listened to Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal on TVW "Increasing Teacher Retention to Enhance Student Learning." Ms. Sundvik shared that she attended the WSSDA Nominating Committee meeting to certify officer elections; KEY Connections "Multiple Tiered Systems of Support; Rise (Respect Integrity Safety Engagement); a part of the Richland School Board Meeting; and the League of Education Voters Levinar "Combating Hate in Education."

Board Member Ron Mabry encouraged all Board members to read books and fill out the Passport booklet they were each given. He also encouraged everyone to get out and support the students at school events as everyone works hard to put on these events.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, introduced the goal report focused on the strategic goal: All community members are important collaborators. He stated that the report would focus on Communities in Schools Benton-Franklin, Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia, and KSD Community Education.

Communities in Schools

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, introduced Amy Strege, Program Manager for Communities in Schools Benton-Franklin (CISBF); Joe Jones, Principal at Southgate Elementary School; and LeAnna Wright, Student Support Coordinator. Ms. Strege presented data on Communities in Schools in the Kennewick School District. Mr. Jones and Ms. Wright shared how Communities in Schools works with students one-on-one to support academics, provide for some of their basic needs,

and support teachers and counselors in the schools.

Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, introduced Erin Lee, Educational Programs Director for The Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia, who presented the annual report on Ready! For Kindergarten and Team Read. The Ready! For Kindergarten school readiness program provides parents and caregivers with tools and activities to optimize children's natural curiosity and nurture learning and development. Team Read provides one-on-one reading tutoring to kindergarten-3rd graders at seven elementary schools in the Kennewick School District. Volunteers tutor the same student throughout the school year, tutoring 30 minutes daily, twice weekly.

Community Education

Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations, reported on KSD Community Education, which provides in-person evening and weekend classes, workshops, and lectures for adults and families.

Graduation Rates

Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, presented a goal report focused on strategic goal: All students are ready for their future. She reported graduation rates, dual credit rates, and middle school algebra participation and completion.

Booster Club Collaboration

Superintendent, Dr. Pierce, presented Board Policy regarding Booster Clubs and fundraising guidance.

NEW BUSINESS

Levy Amount Discussion

Dr. Pierce presented a recap of the Board Study Session from September 28, where the Board provided direction for a three-year levy on February 14, 2023, with an estimated levy rate that decreases each year over the three-year period. Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, reported on the levy plan budget implications for the school year 2022-23 and 2023-24, levy amount updates, and levy planning timeline. A levy resolution recommendation for Board action will be presented at the November 9, 2022, school board meeting.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

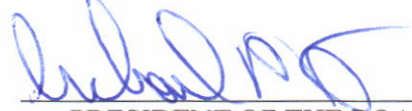
- A. February 2023 Levy Resolution and Committee Appointment
- B. Legislative Priorities

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

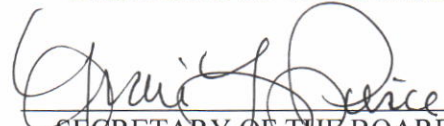
There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



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Approved: November 9, 2022