

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING / Remote Board Meeting
January 25, 2023

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 of 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.

Other Guest(s): Molly Lutz, Safety and Loss Prevention Specialist
Christine Benson, Sodexo Nutrition Services Director
Bronson Brown, District Legal Counsel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Connors, President of the Board, 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 209 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

School Board Recognition Month

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce read Governor Inslee's proclamation naming January School Board Recognition Month. Dr. Pierce expressed her appreciation for the Board by handing out a certificate from the Washington State School Directors' Association and cakes from the Kennewick School District.

Fall Sports

Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education Matt Scott introduced Rick Wells, the athletic director from Southridge High School, who introduced the Esports coach, Jason Giancola. Mr. Giancola reported on and presented the Southridge High School State Champion Esports team, who was undefeated this season. Coach Giancola noted that Jack Darling, a senior at Southridge, placed second in the Generation Esports National Minecraft: Survival Games fall tournament.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Laurie Stephens requested that the game of lacrosse be considered a non-WIAA school-sanctioned sport in the Kennewick School District. She indicated that this would allow student-athletes of Kennewick School District to promote games and practices, obtain the use of school facilities, have a presence within their respective schools, and be valued and supported by the schools they represent in the state of Washington by competing in the game of lacrosse.

Tristan Shulman, head coach of the Kamiakin Lacrosse Team, spoke in favor of lacrosse being a non-WIAA school-sanctioned sport.

Wyatt Schafer, assistant coach for the boy's Kamiakin Lacrosse team, spoke in favor of lacrosse being a non-WIAA school-sanctioned sport.

Gage Shero spoke in favor of lacrosse being a non-WIAA school-sanctioned sport.

Heather Shulman spoke in favor of lacrosse being a non-WIAA school-sanctioned sport. She expressed that she feels this would allow the lacrosse students to be a part of their school like everyone else.

Eli Barnett spoke in favor of lacrosse being a non-WIAA school-sanctioned sport.

Matthew Kuempel spoke against the flag policy being considered for a vote tonight by the Board.

Julio Martinez spoke in favor of lacrosse being a non-WIAA school-sanctioned sport.

Lisa Peppard spoke against the flag policy being considered for a vote tonight by the Board.

JoJo Davis spoke in support for school counselors and their importance in helping students.

Tina Gregory stated that the United States flag should be the only flag in school classrooms. Ms. Gregory called on the Board to stand against "the evil agendas of the school unions and to stay away from the National School Board." She added, "Please let lacrosse be a part of ASB."

Jason Goodwin gave each Board member a paper showing a new pride flag and explained what it represented and added "to vote no on the levy."

Kylie Johnson spoke in favor of lacrosse being a non-WIAA school-sanctioned sport and requested support from the Board.

Heather Strom spoke against passing the flag policy and stated that she believes that

moving forward with the policy cannot be accomplished without breaking laws.

Rhonda Folk spoke against the flag policy being considered for a vote tonight by the Board.

Captain Osborne spoke in favor of lacrosse being a non-WIAA school-sanctioned sport. He stated that the team is far behind other schools in the state as they don't have good support from our schools. He shared that the lacrosse team would like to be able to play under the lights and on the turf.

Nicole Carby commented on a document provided via e-mail to the Board members regarding forced immunization and mask mandates. Ms. Carby added that the only flags that should be in the classrooms are the United States Flag and the Washington State flag. She stated that Board members must be informed of the negligent care that has occurred here in the district, particularly at HHH Middle School. She stated that the school district needs to change practices and behaviors so the money they are currently receiving from the state and the federal government is spent on education, not personal injury claims or legal fees.

Allea Jackson shared that the student survey on the flag policy was confusing.

Cati Banta spoke against removing the pride flag from classrooms.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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

Motion carried 3-0-1.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting December 14, 2022
- Minutes of School Board Retreat January 11, 2023
- Resolution No. 3, 2022-2023, Accept Southridge High Addition Project Commissioning Report
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending November 30, 2022
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending December 31, 2022
- Budget Status Report Ending October 31, 2022
- Budget Status Report Ending November 30, 2022
- Budget Status Report Ending December 31, 2022

- Recommendation Instructional Materials
- Foreign Exchange Agencies and Coordinators for the 2023-2024 School Year

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce followed up on the lacrosse request by thanking everyone for all the information and the examples from other districts. Dr. Pierce stated that things have transitioned to new people in the organization, and that she and her team would look into what was shared.

Micah Valentine reported that he had been out answering questions about the levy. Mr. Valentine also shared a story about letting go of hate.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported attending the WSSDA Networking Hour/Leg. Reps Learn (3) meeting weekly during the legislative session; the League of Education Voters (LEV) "What to Expect in the Legislature 2023" online presentation; Zoom meeting with 8th/16th LD legislators with Dr. Pierce and Mr. Conners; the OSPI Supt. Reykdal's Annual State of K-12 Education Press Conference; the Racial Equity and Social Justice monthly meeting; and Get to Know KSD: EP&O levy information. She also reported that she attended the ESD #123 SE WA Region Annual Board Workshop with WASA's Dan Steele as speaker/presenter; a coffee meeting with a concerned citizen; the League of Urban Latin American Citizens (LULAC) monthly meeting; the KEY (Kennewick Empowering Youth) Connections monthly meeting where they heard from Kamiakin's Youth Coalition and KPD Det. Long regarding gang activity; and signed in for three bills in the legislature: Universal free meals, SCAP funding change, and Pre-judgement interest.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Nutrition Services

Christine Benson, Sodexo Nutrition Services Director, introduced her office team and shared that they had presented a sample of the fall soup winner, Green Pesole, to the Board for dinner tonight. Ms. Benson reported on meal count comparisons, summer school, and the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program, along with information on the Kennewick Future Chef contest. She shared feedback from the student survey, along with revenues and expenses of the food service program for the last five years.

Staff Safety

Mollie Lutz presented an annual safety report focusing on Safe Schools training, Labor & Industries (L&I) claims, and "time loss."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy No. 2333 INSTRUCTION: Flag Exercises, Second Reading

Dr. Pierce presented a draft update of Policy No. 2333, which deals with displaying flags in schools and classrooms. The Board directed Dr. Pierce and district attorney Bronson Brown to update the draft at the December 14 School Board meeting.

London Moody shared student feedback from the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and the High School Student Survey, which was sent to all KSD high schools.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to accept Policy No. 2333 INSTRUCTION: Flag Exercises as written for second reading.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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

Motion carried 2-2.

Vice President Ron Mabry announced a five-minute break at 7:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum Cycle

Alyssa St. Hilaire reported on the current process for adopting the district curriculum and the proposed updated adoption timeline and cycle, adding curricula areas and accelerating the timeline for the K-5 math adoption.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to adopt the updated curriculum cycle as presented.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Yes
	Sundvik	Yes
	Valentine	Yes
	Galbraith	Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy No. 1115 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Student Representatives to the Board of Directors, First Reading

Dr. Pierce explained that Policy 1115 is being updated per the Board's direction to add student representatives and to allow for the student representative to have an advisory vote.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 1115 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Student Representatives to the Board of Directors for the first and second reading.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Yes
	Sundvik	Yes
	Valentine	No
	Galbraith	No

Motion carried 2-2.

Motion made by Micah Valentine to bring back the policy with an amendment to have the student representative vote at the end.

There was no second.

Policy No. 1532 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Board Member Compensation

Dr. Pierce shared updates to Policy 1532, Board Member Compensation. The updated policy presented aligns to state statute and to WSSDA model policy.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to adopt Policy No. 1532 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Board Member Compensation for first and second reading.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Yes
	Sundvik	Yes
	Valentine	Yes
	Galbraith	Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 4, 2022-2023: Board Compensation

Dr. Pierce explained that the resolution is needed for authorization of Board compensation, per Policy 1532.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to accept Resolution No. 4, 2022-2023: Board Compensation as presented.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Yes
	Sundvik	Yes

Valentine	Yes
Galbraith	Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. Capital Budget Update
- B. Special Education


Per Board's request, Policy No. 2333 and Policy No. 1115 will be added to the items for the next meeting agenda, along with bathroom safety.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.


There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



RECORDING SECRETARY



PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



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Approved: February 8, 2023