

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
February 22, 2023

MINUTES

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 of Teaching & Learning; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; and Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations.

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 52 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

National Board-Certified Teachers

Dr. Doug Christensen, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized four new National Board-Certified teachers: Kymberlee Barrera, Britni Royce, Rebecca Maag, and Kendra Ledford.

Career and Technical Education Month

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce presented information on Kennewick School District's Career and Technical Education offerings in recognition of Career and Technical Education Month. Dr. Pierce concluded by reading the Governor's proclamation designating February as Career and Technical Education month.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None

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 February 8, 2023
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- 1000 Series Policy Updates
- Recommendation Instructional Materials

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported that as of Friday, the KSD Educational Programs and Operations levy is passing at 55.64% with 11,040 yes votes. The total votes counted as of Friday were 19,842, and the election is set to be certified Friday, February 24. Dr. Pierce expressed how grateful the District is for the community support.

Student Representative to the Board, London Moody, reported she would be attending the next Superintendent Student Advisory Council meeting on March 8.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported he visited Southridge and Kennewick High Schools based on the feedback received from the students at our last Board meeting regarding bathrooms.

Board Member Micah Valentine shared that he met with a couple of teachers this week and toured Southridge and Kennewick High Schools with Mr. Galbraith.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported attending two WSSDA Networking Hour webinars; the WA State Auditor's Office entrance conference and the Racial Equity & Social Justice Coalition of the Tri-Cities monthly meeting. She also reported that she attended the League of Urban Latin American Citizens (LULAC) monthly meeting, the WSSDA Legislative Representative Network monthly meeting, coffee with a constituent, and did weekly drive-bys of the Ridgeview construction site.

Board Member Ron Mabry spoke with Representative Newhouse about Special Education and feeding students. Mr. Mabry presented Mike with a Heroes of Leadership coin for outstanding leadership.

President Mike Connors reported that he attended the JROTC Promotion Ceremony.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2022 – 2023 General Fund Budget Update

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts presented an update on the 2022-23 general fund budget and the outlook for 2023-24. Mr. Roberts reported that student enrollment is projected to come in over budget due to student enrollment being up by 147 students. He shared 2022-23 projected revenues and costs compared to budget; reviewed utility, fuel, and property insurance trends and projections. Mr. Roberts reviewed completed and upcoming 2022-23 small-scale capital projects, costs that have been reimbursed through ESSER funding, legislative session funding items, and the general fund budget outlook for 2023-24. Mr. Roberts then presented a budget timeline showing June 21 as the date for the Board adoption of the 2023 – 2024 budget.

Boundary Scenarios/Impacts

Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, reported on the boundary process and shared a timeline to determine new boundaries to take effect in fall 2024. Mr. Phillips shared the boundary adjustment goals and presented three scenarios. Board discussion followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 1120, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Annual Organizational Meeting

Dr. Pierce presented updates to Policy 1120 for Board approval.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve Policy No. 1120 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Annual Organizational Meeting as presented by Dr. Pierce 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. 2023 – 2024 Preliminary Budget
- B. Legislative Update
- C. Tribal Collaboration Update
- D. Mid-Year Academic Update

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: March 8, 2023