

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
April 12, 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; 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. with approximately 179 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led/recited in both English and Spanish by 4th-grade students from Ms. Amanda Brown's class at Fuerza Elementary School.

RECOGNITION

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day – April 25

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce shared statistics from the transportation department and recognized them for School Bus Driver Appreciation Week.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Tina Gregory commented on freedom of speech and individual rights and asked the Board to stand up for our children.

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 22, 2023
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2022-2023
- Highly Capable Program Plan

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, London Moody, reported she attended the Superintendent Student Advisory Council meeting where feedback was provided for communicating and publicizing the opportunity for students to apply for the two Student School Board Representative positions.

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce added to London's report by sharing that communication would begin next week for the position of Student Representative and Representative-Elect with an application deadline of May 15. Dr. Pierce reminded the Board that April 19 is a "Get To Know KSD" session, with the topic "What it Means to be a Board Member." The Board will host a panel discussion for the session. She also reminded the Board that April 26 is a Board Study Session focused on the boundary process.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported he visited Vista Elementary School.

Board Member Micah Valentine shared that he had conversations with parents and staff members.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she was a judge for the LULAC Cesar Chavez-Delores Huerta poster contest at Amistad Elementary. Ms. Sundvik also reported that she visited LULAC/2nd Harvest Food Distribution at Amistad Elementary, attended the LULAC Chavez-Huerta poster award ceremony at Columbia Basin College, and attended the Racial Equity & Social Justice monthly meeting. She attended KEY Connections, KSD Elementary Choir Festival at KaHS, the WSSDA Large Schools Caucus meeting regarding WA State Legislature Special Education funding, and the WSSDA Legislative Representative Networking Hour.

Board President Mike Connors reported attending the boundary presentation last night at Sage Crest Elementary.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Community Education and Engagement

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reviewed the January Retreat discussion about Community Education. She shared program statistics and growth and reported on the Community

Education status and budget. Dr. Pierce presented the current and updated Family and Community Engagement structures and new plans for the Community Education Coordinator position.

Annual Staff / Human Resources Update

Dr. Doug Christensen, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, presented the Annual Staff and Human Resources report. He shared current staff statistics; recruiting, hiring, and retention efforts; annual staff survey data; staff recognition; and professional growth and evaluation efforts.

2023 – 2024 Preliminary Budget

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts presented updates to General Fund Materials/Supply/Operating Costs (MSOC) budget and presented Capital Project Fund budget projections for 2022-23 to 2026-27. He updated the Board on the 2019 Bond final project, Ridge View Elementary School, with a target completion date of December 2023. Mr. Roberts reviewed the process and potential projects for the next bond and presented a timeline for Board consideration. He shared that final budget approval would be sought at the June 21 Board meeting.

Legislative Page Program

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported on the Legislative Page Program. She shared about current requirements, program benefits, and the scholarship program available to students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

WSSDA Policy Changes and Proposed Resolution

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to accept Resolution No. 6, 2022-2023: WSSDA Weighted Vote Removal Resolution.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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

Motion carried 3-1.

WSSDA Annual Conference – Proposed Break Out Session

Ron Mabry shared that he would send Board members a proposal to review and then have a vote on April 19 at a Special School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:


- A. April 19, Special School Board Meeting and Get to Know KSD session
- B. April 26, 2023, Board Study Session: Boundary Process

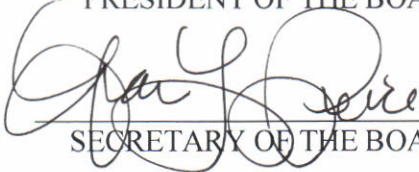
OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



RECORDING SECRETARY



PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD


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Approved: May 10, 2023