

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
May 10, 2023

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 (attending remotely); Micah Valentine, Board Member; Gabe Galbraith, Board Member (attending remotely); and Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Excused: Micah Valentine, Board Member
London Moody, Student Representative to 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.

Excused: Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology

Other Guest(s): Amanda Brown, Dual Language Teacher, Fuerza Elementary School

Motion by Ron Mabry to excuse Board member Micah Valentine and Student Representative to the Board London Moody.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 66 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

Certificated Employees

Dr. Pierce recognized all the district's certificated employees and expressed appreciation for all they do for students and the community. She shared a video to honor the certificated staff and read a Presidential Proclamation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

JoJo Davis commented on middle school needs and her support of Desert Hills Middle School Principal Casey Gant.

Nick Nelson commented on the school boundary scenarios.

Aaron Derrick commented on the Desert Hills Middle School Assembly.

Kat Espinda commented on the Desert Hills Middle School Assembly stating that she was here to stand up for the children.

Linda Stevenson complimented Kennewick School District students on their performance at the Math is Cool State Competition and expressed her appreciation for the Board recognizing them.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting April 12, 2023
- Minutes of Special School Board Meeting April 19, 2023
- Minutes of School Board Meeting Study Session April 26, 2023
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2022-2023
- 2022-2023 Certificated Contract Holders Returning for 2023-2024
- Budget Status Report Ending March 31, 2023
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending March 31, 2023
- Ridge View Furniture Bid
- Resolution No. 7, 2022-2023: Delegating Authority to WIAA 2023-2024
- Candidates for Early Graduation

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce updated the Board on the communication plan to ensure that there is a good pool of applicants for the Student Board Representative and

Representative-Elect positions for 2023-24. Gabe Galbraith, Ron Mabry, and Diane Sundvik offered to be on the interview committee for the two student representative positions. Dr. Pierce also shared that the Superintendent Student Advisory Group will identify new members in the spring instead of the fall in order to help new students feel comfortable sharing and understanding what the group is all about. Finally, she noted some legislative highlights related to special education, transportation, and regionalization funding.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported he visited Vista Elementary School to watch the orchestra perform, he attended Family Friday at Ridgeview Elementary, and he attended the Spring Celebration at Legacy High School.

Board Member Diane Sundvik shared information about some of the funding approved for education during the legislative session. She reported attending the WSSDA weekly Legislative Representatives networking Hour (2); the WSSDA Equity Training at the ESD 123; and the Get to Know KSD Board Member panel. Ms. Sundvik also shared that she visited Washington Elementary Family Bingo Night; Cascade Elementary's "Be a Learner" Night; and Tri-Tech High School's High School and Beyond Night. In addition, she attended the monthly KEY (Kennewick Empowering Youth) Connections meeting; WSSDA Legislative Representatives Network Monthly Meeting; Washington State Auditor's Office/KSD audit exit interview; and the League of Urban Latin American Citizens meeting.

Board Member Ron Mabry shared that he attended the District 10 regional meeting and asked people to keep Cheney High School in their prayers as there was a tragic loss of a student. Mr. Mabry also reminded the Board that they only have a few weeks left to complete their homework assignment to read 40 books this year.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

K-12 Student Goal Report

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, and Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, presented the annual student survey results, student attendance data, student discipline data, and continuous improvement efforts.

2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts presented a preliminary 2023-24 general fund budget update covering student enrollment, basic education revenue changes, staff cost changes, the general fund materials, supplies, and operating cost (MSOC) changes. Mr. Roberts will continue reporting to the Board on the 2023-24 budget, with a timeline for Board consideration and final budget approval at the June 21 Board meeting.

Initial Boundary Recommendation

Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, presented goals for boundary adjustment and explained the boundary process with a timeline for Board consideration and approval at the May 24 Board meeting.

President Connors announced a five-minute break at 8:02 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Dual Language Adoption Recommendation

Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, and Amanda Brown, Dual Language Teacher at Fuerza Elementary School, recommended the Board adopt Benchmark Advance/Adelante for the Dual Language core instructional materials.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to accept the recommendation to adopt Benchmark Advance/Adelante as presented.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy No. 2321 INSTRUCTION: Guest Speakers and Assemblies

Dr. Pierce presented updates to Policy No. 2321 INSTRUCTION: Guest Speakers and Assemblies, along with a new formal procedure and authorization form.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve Policy No. 2321 INSTRUCTION: Guest Speakers and Assemblies for first and second reading.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy No. 3560 STUDENTS: Student Clubs

Dr. Pierce presented updates to Policy No. 3560 STUDENTS: Student Clubs to include language for high school sports clubs.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 3560 STUDENTS: Student Clubs for first and second reading.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

August Board Meeting Date Change

Dr. Pierce proposed moving the August 23 School Board Meeting to August 16, 2023.

Motion by Ron Mabry to move the August 23 School Board Meeting to August 16, 2023.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 4-0.



NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. Preliminary Budget 2023-2024
- B. K-12 Student Growth and Proficiency Targets
- C. Elementary Boundary Recommendation
- D. Southridge High School Gym Naming Recommendation

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:56 p.m.


RECORDING SECRETARY


PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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