

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
May 24, 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.

Special Guest: Bronson Brown, District Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 137 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

Vista Elementary 5th Grade Orchestra

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce introduced Kelly McFadden, Orchestra Teacher, and Jennifer Behrends, Principal at Vista Elementary School. The orchestra played a song for the Board. Ms. McFadden shared that the Vista Elementary School Orchestra participated in the Middle School Orchestra Festival in April and scored a “Superior” rank.

District volunteer Recognition

Dr. Pierce recognized our school volunteers who volunteer on our district committees. In appreciation, London Moody handed out special volunteer pins to those volunteers who were in attendance.

Student School Board Representative London Moody

The School Board members joined Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce in recognizing London Moody for serving as the School Board Student Representative for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Dr. Pierce presented London with a plaque from the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Tina Gregory thanked Superintendent Dr. Pierce for her love for our community and Student Board Representative London Moody for doing an amazing job with the School Board. Ms. Gregory stated that schools are for teaching academics and not indoctrination.

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 May
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Budget Status Report Ending April 30, 2023
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending April 30, 2023
- 2023-2024 Athletic User Fees
- 2023-2024 Middle School ASB Fees and Yearbook Prices
- 2023-2024 High School ASB Fees and Yearbook Prices
- 2023-2024 High School Athletic Admission Prices
- Recommendation Instructional Materials

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce highlighted the great work that is continuing to be done by Action Team for Partnerships (ATPs) around family and community engagement and shared that an annual end-of-year celebration was held last week. Dr. Pierce also shared that nine students applied for the two Student Board Representative and Student Board Representative-Elect positions. She added that London Moody did a great informational video to increase awareness about the leadership opportunity for students. Dr. Pierce explained that the Board members who participate in the interview process will make a recommendation which will be taken to the Board for official action at our June 21 School Board Meeting.

Student Board Representative London Moody shared that serving has been an honor and an amazing experience. She reported that she has one last Superintendent Student Advisory Council meeting next week, where new members will be invited to attend.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith shared that he received a call from a fantastic student from Southridge High School who shared with him all his work on financial literacy and how he has been able to grow a club. Mr. Galbraith wished all the KSD athletes good luck at State.

Board Member Micah Valentine wished all the athlete's good luck at State and shared that he received many calls from people interested in running for the board positions.

Board Member Diane Sundvik shared that she attended the Yakama Nation Convening of School Directors and Tribal Leaders, Mid-Columbia Partnership Talent Show, and Kennewick Empowering Youth (KEY) Connections monthly meeting.

Board Member Ron Mabry asked Dr. Pierce to investigate the possibility of the entire school promoting school activities to encourage better attendance. He reminded the Board of the reading competition and shared that Washington Elementary will celebrate those who participated in the reading competition on May 25.

President Mike Connors reported on his school visit to Hawthorne Elementary, where he was greeted by students who shook his hand and introduced themselves, gave him a tour of the school, and handed him off to the principal. Mr. Connors commented on the importance of teaching soft skills to students.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Preliminary Budget 2023 - 2024

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, reported on the preliminary 2023-2024 General Fund budget. He reviewed revenue and staff cost changes and shared a General Fund budget outlook for 2023-24 through 2026-27. Use of ESSER funding in 2023-24 would keep the fund balance at a level that would assist with managing the budget; however, projected expenditures continue to exceed revenues after 2023-24 at a rate that will need to be monitored based on actual vs projected enrollment and revenues. Mr. Roberts shared 2023-24 funding and program updates, ASB Fund, and Self-Insured Fund updates and reminded the Board that the public hearing for adopting the district budget would be on June 21.

K-12 Student Academic Growth and Proficiency Targets

Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, reported district and school-level data, including reading and math grade-level growth and proficiency targets.

NEW BUSINESS

Boundary Recommendation

Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, handed out scenarios 5a and 5b and community comments to the board members. He then presented a

recommendation for the Board to approve scenario 5b to be implemented as the future elementary boundary effective the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve scenario 5b to be implemented as the future elementary boundary effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-1.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda: Semi-Annual Board Retreat.

- A. Annual Board Self-Assessment
- B. Board Goal Setting
- C. 2023-2024 District Priorities
- D. 2023-2024 Board Meeting Calendar

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Michael Connors announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a legal issue for approximately 30 minutes. Mr. Connors noted that no further formal action would be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Mr. Connors reconvened the regular session of the Board at 7:50 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: June 7, 2023