

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
June 21, 2023

MINUTES

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; and Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Excused: Michael Connors, President 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

Vice President Ron Mabry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 39 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to excuse President Mike Connors.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

RECOGNITION

Spring Sports and Activities

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, recognized high school spring sports, athletic directors, and coaches who highlighted this year's regional and state accomplishments and introduced outstanding players. Lt. Col. Curt Wichers shared highlights from the district's Air Force Junior ROTC program. The students earned a rating of "exceeds standards," the highest rating possible. Lt. Col. Wichers introduced students who earned individual top-performer awards.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Dottie Stevens thanked the Kennewick School District for the work that was done on behalf of the community to share facts about our recently passed educational programs and operations levy. Ms. Stevens donated to KSD to help with finances due to the levy not passing previously.

Cambri Longaker asked the Board to review discipline procedures at each school and look at making them more consistent across the district and how the district can be more inclusive instead of exclusive in discipline procedures.

Rama Devagupta shared that she wants to make the community aware of the impact of the double levy failure in our classrooms and to advocate for our students for academic excellence.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting May 24, 2023
- Minutes of Special School Board Meeting June 2, 2023
- Minutes of Semi-Annual School Board Retreat June 7, 2023
- 2023-2024 School Board Meeting Calendar
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Summary of Kennewick Administrators Association (KAA) and Directors Group Off-Schedule Contract Changes 2022-2025
- Resolution No. 8 2022-2023; Sale of Surplus Property
- 2023-2024 READY & TEAM Read Agreements
- Career and Technical Education 2023-2026 Four-Year District-Wide and Four-Year Plans for Middle Schools, High Schools, and Tri-Tech Skills Center
- 2000 Series Policy Updates

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported a strong finish to the 2022-23 school year with graduation ceremonies and a " Clap Out " event at Cottonwood Elementary. Dr. Pierce shared a letter from OSPI recognizing April Heiser and the whole transportation team for again earning exceptional results from the Washington State Patrol Annual Inspection.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported that he attended graduation ceremonies and many end-of-the-year school events.

Board Member Micah Valentine reported attending field days, graduation ceremonies, and graduation parties.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported attending graduations, speaking at the Phoenix High School graduation ceremony, and speaking with fourth graders at Fuerza Elementary School regarding elected officials. She attended the WSSDA District Area 11 meeting, OSPI meeting online, the student art show, Hawthorne Volunteer Gathering, and the Washington Elementary Library Reading Celebration. Ms. Sundvik added that she participated in the Student Board Representative and Student Representative-Elect interviews.

Board Member Ron Mabry reported attending the graduation ceremonies and giving kudos to the workers who tore down and set up for each graduation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing of Proposed 2023 – 2024 Budget

Vice President Ron Mabry called the public hearing to order at 6:03 p.m.

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts presented the proposed district and General Fund budgets for 2023–2024.

Mr. Roberts provided a description of the different funds. He discussed the levy, enrollment, and changes in staff and non-staff costs for the 2023-24 General Fund Budget. He reviewed total ESSER funding and the amount of ESSER funds received to date and remaining to be applied for the school year 2023-24. Mr. Roberts noted various program updates for 2023-24, along with a budget summary of all funds. He shared four-year budget projections for all funds.

Vice President Ron Mabry called for comments from the public. There were no comments.

Mr. Mabry gave the last call for public comments.

There were no other comments or questions, so Ron Mabry called for a motion to close the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to adjourn the public hearing.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Board discussion followed.

Resolution No. 9, 2022 – 2023: Adoption of Proposed 2023 – 2024 Budget

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to accept Resolution No. 9, 2022-2023: Adoption of Proposed 2023-2024 Budget as presented.

General Fund	\$320,002,599
Transportation Fund	\$1,600,000
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 21,990,300
Debt Service Fund	\$ 17,335,000
Associated Student Body Fund	\$ 3,309,268

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Course offerings, arts, extracurricular activities, and athletics

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, shared 2022-23 student survey results and examples of diverse course offerings. He compared middle and high school athletic participation data to the previous year, reviewed JROTC enrollment history, and reported on the participation data of middle and high school co-curricular activities.

Mr. Scott introduced Ashwin Joshi, ATFA Founder/CEO and Southridge High School

Student, who initiated the Southridge High School ATFA Financial Club/Chapter. Ashwin shared how he started the club and advocated for the need for financial literacy instruction in our high schools.

School Volunteer Data

Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, presented 2022-23 volunteer data by school. He shared different volunteer opportunities, volunteer hours, and efforts to promote volunteering in schools.

Dr. Pierce took a moment to recognize Rob Phillips for his leadership, dedication, and hard work and congratulated him on his retirement.

Get to Know Kennewick Schools Year-End Report

Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations, shared a recap of the seven informational sessions offered in the 2022-23 school year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Action on Southridge High School Gym Naming Recommendation

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, shared a recap and timeline of the Southridge High School Gym Naming process.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to accept the committee's recommendation that the Southridge High Gym remains the Southridge High Gym and that the student cheering section be named the Jo Jo Conn Student Section as presented.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of 2023-24 Student Board Representative and Representative-Elect

Dr. Pierce presented a recommendation to the Board to appoint Mallory Dupaquier as the 2023-24 Student Board Representative and Annie Maltos as the 2023-24 Student Board Representative-Elect.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to appoint Mallory Dupaquier as 2023-24 Student Board Representative and Annie Maltos as 2023-24 Student Board Representative-Elect.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy No. 2140, INSTRUCTION: Guidance and Counseling

Dr. Pierce reported that she reviewed the 2000 Policies and shared that those that were amended to update legal references and formatting were approved as part of the consent agenda. She then presented two amended policies with more substantive changes.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve/accept Policy No. 2140, INSTRUCTION: Guidance and Counseling for first and second reading.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy No. 2330, INSTRUCTION: Academic Freedom

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve/accept Policy No. 2330, INSTRUCTION: Academic Freedom as presented for first and second reading.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

A. Consent Only – ALE Annual Reports

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: July 26, 2023