

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Administration Building / Remote Board Meeting  
August 16, 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; Micah Valentine, Board Member; Gabe Galbraith, Board Member; 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; 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. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 27 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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| 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 July 26, 2023
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2023-24
- 2023-24 Sodexo/KSD Food Management Service Contract
- 2023-24 Tri-Tech/Sodexo Culinary Arts Instructional Program Contract

## SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported that building administrators, teachers, and new staff members have received training, professional development, and onboarding activities over the last few weeks. She shared that the district is implementing new orientation and onboarding processes for new staff members to help them successfully start their new jobs. She highlighted professional development efforts focused on supporting building administrators and teacher teams in strengthening Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and provided research regarding PLCs' effectiveness on student learning outcomes.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported he attended the recent Kennewick Police Department (KPD) active shooter training held at Chinook Middle School. He commented that he is grateful for the partnership with the KPD.

Board Member Micah Valentine reported attending active shooter training and several community meetings where he was asked to speak.

Board Member Ron Mabry shared that he introduced student and Southridge High School financial club leader Ashwin Joshi to some of our state leaders. He commented that he was invited to attend Heritage University's grand opening and highlighted that each city of the Tri-Cities now has a university.

President Mike Connors reported that he has been in email communication with Ashwin Joshi and is working to connect him with State Representative, April Connors. He shared that Heritage University's grand opening was great and that seeing more options for continuing education in the city is always good.

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### Technology Operations Update

Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology, presented the annual report on Technology Operations.

### Role of Student Board Representative

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce asked Board member Gabe Galbraith to share his idea of having the Student Board Representative do a project at the end of the year. Following the Board discussion, Dr. Pierce will develop proposals to bring to the Board based on what was discussed, with the project requirement and ability to earn elective credit potentially taking effect in the 2025-26 school year.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 6100, ADMINISTRATION: Line-Staff Chart

Dr. Pierce shared that the line-staff chart in Policy 6100 is updated each year to reflect the current year's staff.

Motion by Ron Mabry to adopt Policy No. 6100, ADMINISTRATION: Line-Staff\_Chart as presented.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 2164, INSTRUCTION: Career & Technical Education

Dr. Pierce presented changes to Policy No. 2164 to better align with the WSSDA model policy.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 2164, INSTRUCTION: Career & Technical Education, as written for 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 2314, INSTRUCTION: Use of Outside Media Resources in the Classroom

Dr. Pierce presented Policy 2314 for the Board to review. The Board expressed consensus interest in modifying the policy to allow PG-rated movies to be shown to students in grades 3-12 and in having parental permission required for all movies shown.

The Board asked for the amended policy to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Policy No. 2414, INSTRUCTION: Alternative Learning Experience Programs

Dr. Pierce presented changes to Policy No. 2414 to better align with the WSSDA policy model and to reflect current practice.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 2414, INSTRUCTION: Alternative Learning Experience Programs, for first and second reading.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 2415, INSTRUCTION: Online Learning

Dr. Pierce presented changes to Policy No. 2415.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to accept Policy No. 2415, INSTRUCTION: Online Learning for first and second reading.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 7430, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: Lease Capitalization Threshold

Vic Roberts presented changes and additions to Policy No. 7430.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve Policy No. 7430, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: Lease Capitalization Threshold, for the first and second readings as written.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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| Roll call vote: | Mr. Connors   | Yes |
|                 | Mr. Mabry     | Yes |
|                 | Ms. Sundvik   | Yes |
|                 | Mr. Valentine | Yes |

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Galbraith Yes

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. K-12 Student Goal Report: Academic Growth and Proficiency Targets
- B. Get to Know KSD
- C. Policy No. 2314

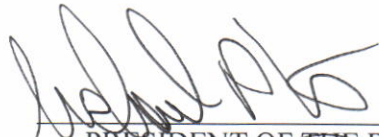
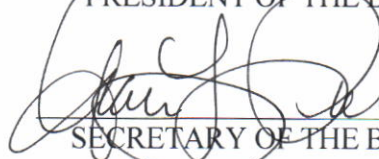
EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Michael Connors announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 6:51 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session at 7:00 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to discuss Superintendent and Cabinet Performance 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 7:40 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
RECORDING SECRETARY

  
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD  
  
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: September 13, 2023