

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building / Remote Board Meeting
September 13, 2023

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: Michael Connors, President of the Board (attending remotely); Ron Mabry, Vice President of the Board; Diane Sundvik, Legislative Representative of the Board; Micah Valentine, Board Member; Gabe Galbraith, Board Member; Mallory Dupaquier, Student Representative to the Board; and Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Student Board Member-Elect: Annie Maltos

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.

Other Guest(s): Bronson Brown, District Legal Counsel

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 73 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

2023-24 Student School Board Representative and Representative-Elect

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce introduced the new Student Representative to the Board, Mallory Dupaquier, who attends Kennewick High School, and Annie Maltos, the Student Representative-Elect, who attends Southridge High School. Mallory and Annie shared information about themselves, including the school activities with which they are involved.

New Administrators/Administrators in New Roles

Superintendent Dr. Pierce introduced administrators new to the Kennewick School District. She recognized the entire administrative team's leadership and commitment to KSD staff, families, and students.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

David Cannon commented on IT procedures and protocol and requested a reporting tool where parents are notified regarding student online access. Mr. Cannon added that he has been in contact with Ron Cone. The Board asked Dr. Pierce to follow up with Mr. Cone

on the issue.

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. Valentine	Yes
	Mr. Galbraith	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 16, 2023
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2023 – 2024
- Budget Status Report Ending July 31, 2023
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending July 31, 2023
- Updated Budget Status Report Ending June 30, 2023
- Cabinet and Superintendent Contract Updates
- Carl D. Perkins Grant Assurances 2023 - 2024

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported on the positive media coverage of the new Safety Officers. She discussed the Kennewick School District's remarkable partnership with the Kennewick Police Department and expressed her appreciation for the community's support in passing the levy to put safety officers in place. Dr. Pierce reminded the Board that Friday is the FOCUS annual BBQ Fundraiser.

Student Representative to the Board, Mallory Dupaquier, reported she attended the Superintendent Student Advisory Council meeting and shared topics that were discussed.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported attending the KSD Welcome Back Assembly, several school open houses, and some sporting events.

Board Member Micah Valentine shared that he attended several school open houses, the Welcome Back Assembly, and some sporting events. He spoke with board members nationwide, noting that KSD is leading the state in a few areas.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported that she attended a Zoom meeting with Ashwin Joshi and Ron Mabry regarding the financial literacy curriculum in the high school. She also noted that she attended the WA Poison Center 3-day Harm Reduction, Overdose

Prevention, and Treatment Services workshop and training, the Racial Equity and Social Justice Coalition of Tri-Cities monthly meeting, WSSDA online Networking Hours (2), coffee meetings with KSD residents regarding School Board races (4) and visited Tri-Tech open house.

Board Member Mike Connors reported attending the Welcome Back Assembly, meeting with Ashwin Josi, and attending the open house at Tri-Tech Skills Center. He added that he is excited about the School Safety Officer program and the positive media coverage.

Board Member Ron Mabry reported attending the KSD Welcome Back Assembly and shared that he is working on legislative policy issues like battery-operated buses, which are very expensive.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2023 – 2024 Strategic Objectives

Dr. Traci Pierce reviewed the process for updating annual objectives, reviewed the Board priorities identified during the June 7, 2023, Board Retreat, and shared the 2023-24 objectives. She recommended approval of the 2023-24 Strategic Objectives.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve the 2023-24 Strategic Objectives as presented for first and second reading.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Student Growth and Proficiency Targets

Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, presented the annual K-12 student goal report showing progress toward meeting student growth and proficiency targets.

2023 – 2024 Get to Know KSD Plan

Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations, presented the new goal and timeline for Get to Know KSD, including a Family Hub: Online Training Resources and Online Parent Information and Education Sessions.

Vice President Mabry announced a five-minute break at 7:07 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Dr. Pierce presented the revisions discussed in the previous board meeting to Policy 2314.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve Policy No. 2314, INSTRUCTION: Use of Outside Media Resources in the Classroom for first and second reading.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 2235, INSTRUCTION: Transition to Kindergarten

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, presented a new policy.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 2235, INSTRUCTION: Transition to Kindergarten as presented.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 5020, PERSONNEL: Collective Bargaining

Superintendent Dr. Pierce presented an updated board policy. Amendments to the policy align with a recent Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) ruling.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve Policy No. 5020 PERSONNEL: Collective Bargaining for first and second reading.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 4-1.

Policy No. 5161, PERSONNEL: Civility in the Workplace

Superintendent Dr. Pierce presented a new Civility policy, which aligns with WSSDA model policy.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 5161, PERSONNEL: Civility in the Workplace, for first and second reading.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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

Motion carried 4-1.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. Study Session: Performance Indicators and Targets
- B. Family/Parent Involvement and Engagement Efforts

Per the Board's request, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) badges for students will be added to the next meeting agenda.

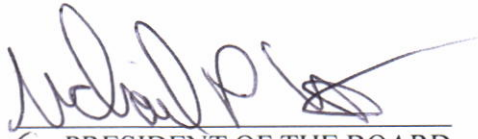
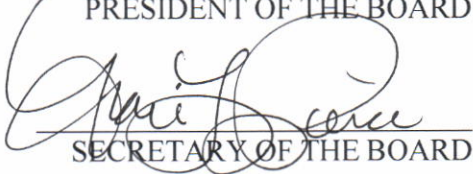
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Ron Mabry announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:48 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session at 7:55 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to discuss Superintendent Self-Assessment for approximately 30 minutes. Mr. Mabry 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 8:25 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


RECORDING SECRETARY


PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: September 27, 2023