

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building / Remote Board Meeting
September 27, 2023

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: Michael Connors, 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.

Excused: Vice President of the Board, Ron Mabry

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 15 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to excuse Board member Ron Mabry.

Seconded by Gabe Galbraith.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Linda Stevenson shared that for the first time, Southridge High School will have a Math is Cool team participating in the Math is Cool Competition on October 25 along with Kamiakin High School.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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

Motion carried 3-1-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 13, 2023
- Purchase of Tri-Cities Community Health (TCCH) Portable
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Kennewick Association of Educational Support Professionals contract
- 2023-24 Extracurricular Contract
- Interagency Contracts for Special Education Services 2023-24
- Altria Settlement Agreement

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported that five Desert Hills Middle School staff received the 2023 Governor’s Lifesaving Award for saving a student's life. Those honored were Ken Lattin, Shaun Suss, Courtney Bissinger, Kurtis Clawson, and Ben Schuldheisz.

Student Representative to the Board, Mallory Dupaquier, reported on the Superintendent Student Advisory Council (SSAC) that took place on September 13. The top discussion topics from that SSAC meeting were Safety and Communication. Mallory shared that Southridge High School implemented a safety program called “See Something Say Something” the previous year. This program encourages students and staff to report any safety concerns or potential threats they observe to help maintain a safe school environment. Mallory shared that students from the Tri-Tech Skills Center and Columbia Basin College Running Start program requested improved communication channels or practices to understand better important information related to their high schools.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported that he met with a principal to discuss the Tier 2 program and will have a follow-up meeting with Dr. Pierce and Lexie Buschbach, Director of Special Services, on Friday.

Mr. Galbraith reported he attended the WSSDA General Assembly online and raised concerns about the voting process for positions taken by the Kennewick School District at the Washington State School Directors’ Association (WSSDA). Mr. Galbraith stated, for the record, “It sounds like the WSSDA votes were Ms. Sandvik’s votes and not the Kennewick School District Boards (KSD) vote. Two of three board members submitted their votes (Ron Mabry abstained – Mike Connors was sick), so there was a majority vote.” Mr. Galbraith expressed his concern that the positions taken by the KSD board at WSSDA appeared to be based on an individual opinion rather than a majority decision. Mr. Galbraith added that the Board should ensure that the majority is involved in voting decisions in the future.

Board Member Micah Valentine reported attending the WSSDA General Assembly online and was happy to hear that we, as a board, voted not to have the weighted majority vote. Mr. Valentine met with John Griffith, the new Principal at Southridge High School, visited Fuerza Elementary, organized a day of service with them and community members on Saturday morning the 16th, and visited Park Middle School.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported attending the WSSDA General Assembly for two days online.

Board Member Michael Connors has two children attending Tri-Tech Skills Center and is happy to report that they are thrilled to attend Tri-Tech.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Family/Parent Involvement and Engagement Efforts

Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations, provided an overview of the Spring 2023 results of the Annual Family Survey by highlighting the strengths and opportunities identified in the survey results. She also shared an update on Get to Know KSD and the plan to hire a Community and Family Education coordinator.

Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, discussed the Action Team for Partnership and the ongoing efforts to enhance family engagement. She also shared information about the district’s Language Access Plan to improve accessibility for families.

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Badges for Students

President Connors asked to move the Radio Frequency Identification Badges for Students discussion to the next Board meeting when Mr. Mabry can attend, as he requested this topic.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 3113 STUDENTS: Part-Time, Home-Based Students or Off-Campus Students

Alyssa St. Hilaire presented new language to Policy No. 3113 to align with the WSSDA model.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve Policy No. 3113 STUDENTS: Part-Time, Home-Based Students or Off-Campus Students as written for first and second reading.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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

Mr. Galbraith Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy No. 3232 STUDENTS: Parent and Student Rights in Administration of Surveys, Analysis or Evaluations

Dr. Pierce presented a new policy based on a WSSDA model policy. The new policy specifies that parents have the right to review surveys, approve whether or not their children are participating in any kind of educational research, and the right to review curricular materials and instructional materials.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve Policy No. 3232 STUDENTS: Parent and Student Rights in Administration of Surveys, Analysis or Evaluations as written for first and second reading.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Connors	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. Enrollment Update
- B. Capital Projects Update
- C. Capital Budget
- D. Student Safety
- E. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Badges for Students
- F. WSSDA Positions

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

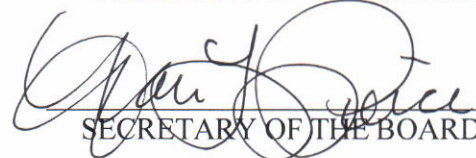
There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



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