

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building / Remote Board Meeting
October 11, 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; Mallory Dupaquier, 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; Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations.

Excused: Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology
Excused: Annie Maltos, Student Board Member-Elect

Other Guest(s): Bronson Brown, District Legal Counsel
Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager
Eric Bruce, Director of Maintenance and Grounds

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 20 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Lona Hammer, Executive Director of Kennewick Housing Authority, shared the Bubble on Gum Home Sweet Home project. The plan has a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, including a community garden, computer lab, playground, and more.

Sterling Bybee, a seventh grader at Chinook Middle School, asked the Board to change a board policy to allow PG-13 movies in middle school classrooms.

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 Board Meeting September 27, 2023
- Minutes of Board Study Session September 27, 2023
- Personnel Actions – Certificates, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Purchase of Tri-Cities Community Health Portable Adjusted Purchase Price per Appraisal: \$186,000

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce shared that on October 6, Kennewick School District had 51 students attend the Somos Latinos Conference sponsored by the League of United Latin American Citizens Council and Columbia Basin College. Dr. Pierce reported that she has visited the following schools over the last couple of weeks: Washington, Vista, Sage Crest, Kennewick High, Amistad, Sunset View, Mid-Columbia Partnership, and Horse Heaven Hills. She shared that she sees engaged students and high-quality instruction when she visits classrooms. She commended the principals and staff for their hard work.

Student Representative to the Board, Mallory Dupaquier, reported she attended the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council meeting, where they met with the Sodexo Nutrition Services team and discussed school lunches. Mallory shared that she learned more about the Southridge High School efforts regarding See Something Say Something and is looking into how every school could do something similar.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported meeting with Dr. Pierce and Lexie Buschbach, Director of Special Services, to learn more about special education programs.

Board Member Micah Valentine reported working on some policy wording and hopes to have some potential updates in the future. He shared that he attended sporting events, watched interviews of potential school board candidates, and volunteered at youth events.

Board Member Diane Sundvik shared that she met with two community members to address their questions about the board elections. Additionally, she shared that she met with a Kennewick business stakeholder to discuss property valuations and their impact on levies, ultimately referring the individual to Vic Roberts for further assistance. She also reported on a meeting with Washington Education Association-Southeast retired teachers, where she answered questions about the responsibilities of school board directors and answered questions about the upcoming election. She also shared that she attended the monthly Racial Equity and Social Justice Coalition of the Tri-Cities meeting and watched Dr. Pierce's interview on NBC Right Now.

Board Member Ron Mabry reported attending the best football game ever, Kennewick High

vs Richland High School. He added that Kennewick High won in the final seconds.

President Mike Connors reported that he will attend a Kamiakin High School volleyball game tomorrow night. He shared that he had a productive meeting with the Southridge High School Principal, John Griffith. Mr. Connors shared that he was impressed with his vision and commitment to getting things done right; he stated that it was a productive meeting and time well spent.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

District Performance Indicators and Targets

Superintendent Dr. Pierce presented the updated District Performance Indicators and Targets. The updates were reflective of the feedback and input the Board provided at the September study session.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve the District Performance Indicators and Targets 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.

Enrollment Update

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented current and historical student enrollment data.

Capital Budget Update

Mr. Roberts also reported a beginning Capital Projects Fund balance of \$33.9M, showing revenue at \$14.5M and expenses at \$21.9M, leaving an ending Capital Project Fund balance of \$31.5M.

Capital Projects Update

Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager, reported the following projects as completed: Amistad Phase II, Tri-Tech Core Growth, Kennewick High School (Phases I, II, and III), Kamiakin High School Addition, Southridge High School Addition, Highlands Track, and Tri-Tech Skills Center – Building C. Next, Mr. Jones shared updates to the Ridge View Elementary School, which has a tentative open date of January 3, 2024.

Student Goal Report: All Students are Safe, Known and Valued

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, and Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager, presented information on building and district-level student safety efforts,

including efforts to improve student behavior and discipline and ensure facility safety and security.

Micah Valentine requested to add the topic of the Second Steps curriculum to a future Board meeting.

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Badges for Students

Following the Board's discussion of RFID badge costs and tracking of students, the Board decided not to look further into the badges.

WSSDA Positions

Dr. Pierce presented the Board members with a compilation of each member's top ten choices. Following Board discussion, the Board decided to submit their top nine priorities, all of which had the agreement of two or more Board members.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin
- B. The Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia
- C. Highly Capable Update
- D. Board Legislative Representative Policies


EXECUTIVE SESSION

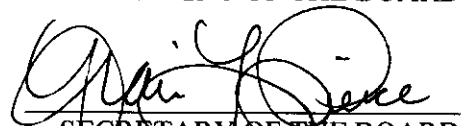
President Michael Connors announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session at 8:02 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a legal issue and per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to discuss a personnel issue for approximately 45 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Mr. Connors reconvened the regular session of the Board at 8:47 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:47 p.m.


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