

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building
November 8, 2023

M I N U T E S

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; Mallory Dupaquier, Student Representative to the Board; and Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Student Board Member-Elect: Annie Maltos (absent)

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: Michael Connors, President of the Board

Other Guest(s): BJ Wilson, Director K-12 Student Services
Lupe Mares, Executive Director Communities in Schools
Bronson Brown, Attorney

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 21 online and in-person staff and guests.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to excuse Board member Mike Connors.

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

RECOGNITION

Native American Heritage Month

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce read Governor Inslee's Proclamation proclaiming November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month, and she read the Kennewick School District Land Acknowledgement. Dr. Pierce reported that on November 2, members of the Yakama, Palouse, and Umatilla tribes, including descendants from Chief

Kamiakin, shared history, dance, song, and messages of unity with our Kamiakin High School students.

Foreign Exchange Students

Director of K-12 Student Services, BJ Wilson, announced the enrollment of three foreign exchange students for the 2023-24 school year. The students are Mikkel Heidmann Lyhne, a 12-grader at Southridge High School, Herman Hellerud, and Ainara Tiekdem, both 12-graders at Kamiakin High School. Ainara Tiekdem was introduced by Mr. Wilson and shared about herself and her home country.

Mr. Ron Mabry and Ms. Diane Sundvik

Superintendent Dr. Pierce thanked Diane Sundvik for her four-year tenure on the Board and Ron Mabry for his twelve years of service. Following her words of appreciation, she presented them each with a commemorative plaque.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Tamara Parker expressed gratitude to the Board for providing her children with advanced math classes in middle and high school along with the highly capable program. She also raised concerns about the lack of advanced math classes for her current student.

Linda Stephenson gave an update on how Kennewick School District placed in the recently held Math Is Cool competition.

Lisa Peppard acknowledged the service of Mr. Mabry and Ms. Sundvik on the Board. She expressed support for Communities in Schools and shared that while she withdrew from her campaign, she earned 40% of the votes despite low turnout. Ms. Peppard urged the Board to consider diverse viewpoints. She emphasized her concern for the district and encouraged voters to hold the Board accountable for issues they care about.

Allison Dabler expresses her heartfelt gratitude to Board members Diane Sundvik and Ron Mabry for their service, commending their informed, fair, and ethical behavior and judgments. Ms. Dabler stated that she appreciates their comment on the dignity, equity, and inclusion of all KSD students and their families.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Micah Valentine.

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 Board Meeting October 25, 2023
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Budget Status Report Year Ending August 31, 2023
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending August 31, 2023

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce congratulated newly elected Board members Brittany Gledhill and Joshua Miller and returning Board member Mike Connors. She stated that she looks forward to welcoming and swearing in the new Board members on December 13.

Student Representative to the Board, Mallory Dupaquier, reported on her attendance at the Superintendent Student Advisory Council meeting, during which the district safety reporting system was discussed.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith expressed appreciation for the dedicated service of Ron Mabry and Diane Sundvik on the Board, acknowledging their valuable time and contributions.

Board Member Micah Valentine participated in various Trunk or Treat events and visited several schools. He recognized Natalie McKay, Principal at Sage Crest Elementary School, sharing how Ms. McKay excels at sparking excitement among the students. Mr. Valentine shared that he is currently collaborating with several local groups on an event called Operation Child Christmas Box. Mr. Valentine thanked Ron and Diane for their dedicated service on the Board.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported attending the Fuerza Reading Night, the Mid-Columbia Partnership author/illustrator assembly, and a WSSDA Networking Webinar on Artificial Intelligence. Ms. Sundvik reflected on how fast four years went by; she emphasized diverse care perspectives and encouraged others to serve on the Board.

Vice President Ron Mabry thanked the Board for allowing him to serve on the Board for twelve years, stating that it's been an honor. He attended the veteran's assembly at Highland Middle School and planned to attend the Kennewick High School veteran's assembly the following day.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Communities in Schools

Dr. Pierce introduced Lupe Mares, Executive Director of Communities in Schools. Ms. Mares responded to questions from the Board.

Legislative Priorities

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce presented a copy of the 2023 Board Legislative Priorities and the 2024 Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Legislative Priorities. Board members discussed amendments they wanted for the 2024 Board Legislative Priorities.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve the Board's 2024 Legislative Priorities as amended 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.

Dr. Pierce highlighted the Legislative Page Program and shared what a great opportunity it is for students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 2166 INSTRUCTION: Highly Capable Programs

Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, shared that the Highly Capable Programs policy has updates to include universal screeners.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 2166 INSTRUCTION: Highly Capable Programs 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.

Policy No. 3131 STUDENTS: Out-of-District (Nonresident or Choice) Student Transfers

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, shared one update to Policy No.

3131, clarifying that the appeal process does not go through the district but rather through the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve Policy No. 3131 STUDENTS: Out-of-District (Nonresident or Choice) Student Transfers as presented for the first and second reading.

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. 3132 STUDENTS: In-District Transfers – Attendance Boundaries (Resident Students)

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, shared the following updates to Policy No. 3132, clarifying that the principal will notify the parent or guardian of the reason for the denial of transfer and the right to appeal to the superintendent/designee and that the decision of the superintendent/designee shall be final.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 3132 STUDENTS: In-District Transfers – Attendance Boundaries (Resident Students) 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.

Resolution No. 1 2023 – 2024: Collection of Admin Refund Levy For 2024

Vic Roberts presented a resolution requesting approval from the Board to recover lost tax dollars the Benton County Treasurer computed for \$136,267.82.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to approve/accept Resolution No. 1 2023 – 2024 Collection of Admin Refund Levy for 2024.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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. Officer Elections
- B. Student Goal Report: All Students Are Ready for Their Future
- C. 2022-23 Financial Closeout
- D. Tri-Tech Skills Center
- E. Healthy Youth Survey
- F. Policy No. 2314 INSTRUCTION: Use of Outside Media Resources in the Classroom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

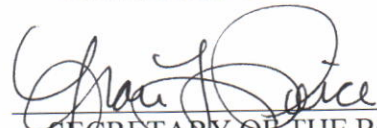
Vice President Ron Mabry announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session at 7:10 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) to discuss a Complaint issue for approximately 30 minutes. Mr. Mabry noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 7:40 p.m. Mr. Mabry extended the executive session for an additional 30 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Mr. Mabry reconvened the regular session of the Board at 8:10 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


RECORDING SECRETARY


PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD


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Approved: December 13, 2023