

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building
October 25, 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 and 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: Mallory Dupaquier, Student Representative to the Board
Annie Maltos, Student Board Member-Elect

Other Guest(s): Amy Strege, Program Manager, Communities in Schools
Katie Toth, Student Support Coordinator, Communities in Schools
Erin Lee, Educational Program Director, The Children’s Reading Foundation of Mid-Columbia
Leanne Luehrs-Purcell, Executive Director, The Children’s Reading Foundation of Mid-Columbia
Megan Biever, Principal, Sunset View Elementary School

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 42 online and in-person staff and guests in attendance.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to excuse Student Representative to the Board Mallory Dupaquier.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None

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 Regular Board Meeting October 11, 2023
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- School Improvement Plans

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported visiting several schools within the district to meet with leaders, discuss student achievement data, and observe classroom activities, expressing her admiration for the work being done. She acknowledged October as National Principals Month, read a proclamation from Governor Inslee, and recognized the excellent principal leaders within the district. She also updated the Board on a student's request during a previous Board meeting to change the policy regarding showing PG-13 movies. Dr. Pierce investigated neighboring district policies requiring parent permission for all movie showings; the Board could determine whether to put the policy on a future Board meeting agenda for discussion and potential amendments. Additionally, Dr. Pierce requested direction from the Board regarding timelines for legislative priorities and meetings with legislators, suggesting adding legislative items to the meeting agenda for discussion.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to add Legislative Items to tonight's agenda under "Other Business as Authorized by Law."

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.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported attending all three high school College and Career

Expos. He had an initial meeting with Pacific Research Institute, where he was asked to speak on “How to be an Effective School Board Member” on November 15 at the Hilton in Bellevue. Mr. Galbraith added concerns about safety issues at Kamiakin High School with all the lockdowns due to police activity around the apartments across from the school.

Board Member Micah Valentine reported attending all three high school College and Career Expos.

Board Member Diane Sundvik reported attending the WSSDA Networking Webinar, Kamiakin and Southridge College and Career Expo’s, and Phoenix Family Information Night. She also reported holding coffee meetings with constituents and fielding multiple emails and phone calls regarding School Board candidates.

Board Member Ron Mabry shared that Pasco School District builds a house yearly and asked about possible guest appearances.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, introduced the goal report focused on the strategic goal: All community members are important collaborators. He stated that the information would focus on the Children’s Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia and Communities in Schools Benton-Franklin.

Children’s Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, introduced Leanne Luehrs-Purcell, Executive Director, and Erin Lee, Educational Programs Director for The Children’s Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia, who presented the annual report on Ready! For Kindergarten and Team Read. The Ready! For Kindergarten school readiness program provides parents and caregivers with tools and activities to optimize children’s natural curiosity and nurture learning and development. Team Read provides one-on-one reading tutoring to kindergarten-3rd graders at nine elementary schools in the Kennewick School District. Volunteers tutor the same student throughout the school year, tutoring 30 minutes daily, twice weekly.

Communities in Schools

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, introduced Amy Strege, Program Manager, and Katie Toth, Student Support Coordinator for Communities in Schools Benton-Franklin (CISBF), and Megan Bieber, Principal at Sunset View Elementary School. Ms. Strege presented data on Communities in Schools in the Kennewick School District. Principal Bieber and Ms. Wright shared how Communities in Schools work with students one-on-one to support academics, provide for some of their basic needs, and support teachers and counselors. Communities in Schools is in eleven schools in the Kennewick School District.

Highly Capable Update

Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, presented the current KSD program model and data. She shared the 2022-23 KSD program review

process and recommendations, followed by 2023-24 Universal Screening and Equitable Enrollment Practices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 2417, INSTRUCTION: Elective Credit for Paid Work Experience

Alyssa St. Hilaire presented a new policy based on HB1658 authorizing high school students to earn credit for paid work experience.

Motion by Diane Sundvik to approve Policy No. 2417, INSTRUCTION: Elective Credit for Paid Work Experience for the 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.

Matt Scott presented updates to three policies regarding enrollment around transfer requests for better clarification.

Policy No. 3130, STUDENTS: Release of Resident Students

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept Policy No. 3130, STUDENTS: Release of Resident Students for first and second reading.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 3132, STUDENTS: In-District Transfers – Attendance Boundaries (Resident Students)

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. Connors	Yes
	Mr. Mabry	Yes
	Ms. Sundvik	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	Yes
	Mr. Galbraith	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 1225, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: School Director Legislative Program
Dr. Pierce presented a new policy modeled after the WSSDA model.

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept new Policy No. 1225, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: School Director Legislative Program, as presented 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.

Policy No. 1230 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Legislative Representative

Dr. Pierce presented amendments to the policy, aligning with the WSSDA model.

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve Policy No. 1230, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Legislative Representative as presented for first and second reading.

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

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

Mr. Valentine	Yes
Mr. Galbraith	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

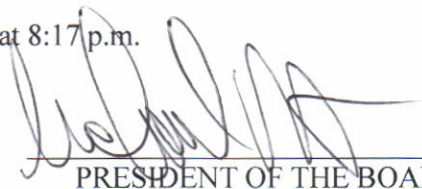
- A. Study Session: Financial Literacy
- B. Board Legislative Priorities
- C. Student Goal Report: All Students Are Ready for Their Future


OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Dr. Pierce shared concerns regarding the timing of adopting the legislative priorities document and meeting with legislators. She suggested that the Board review the current document, make any adjustments, and approve it at the next meeting. Per the Board's direction, Dr. Pierce will schedule two tentative dates to meet with legislators before the legislative session starts.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:17 p.m.


RECORDING SECRETARY


PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD


SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: November 8, 2023