

**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: District Administration Building
Remote Viewing Access: <https://bit.ly/42I5Gnc>

Interpretación al español estará disponible.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** – 9:00 AM **GABE GALBRAITH**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **New Business**
A. Resolution No. 4 2023-2024: Opposition to ESB 5462 and ESHB 2331
4. **Adjourn**



Kennewick School District #17, 1000 W. 4th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336

**Resolution No. 4
2023 – 2024**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2023-2024
Opposition to ESB 5462 and ESHB 2331**

WHEREAS, Washington is considered a “local control” state (RCW 28A.150.230); and

WHEREAS, the concept of local control is grounded in a philosophy of government premised on the belief that the individuals and institutions closest to students and most knowledgeable about a school district - and most invested in the welfare and success of its educators, students, and communities - are best suited to making important decisions related to its operation, leadership, staffing, teaching, curriculum, and improvement; and

WHEREAS, each school district is governed by a locally-elected school board whose members serve staggered four-year terms. School boards are afforded broad discretionary power to determine and adopt policies not in conflict with other laws that provide for the development and implementation of instructional programs, activities, services, or practices and to promote effective management and operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Kennewick School District Board of Directors has adopted Board Policy & Procedure 2310 related to the selection and adoption of instructional materials and Board Policy & Procedure 2120 and 2121 related to the development and implementation of curriculum and curriculum adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Kennewick School District Board of Directors has adopted Board Policy & Procedure 2310 related to the provision and administration of a library information and technology program, to include materials selection, collection assessment, and requests for reconsideration of library media materials; and

WHEREAS, the Kennewick School District Board of Directors does not believe curriculum should be consulted on by activist state commissions pushing sexual agendas and politics and subverting the vote of the local community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kennewick School District Board of Directors strongly opposes ESB 5462, as it subverts local school boards elected to consult and adhere to adopted policy and procedure, and in so doing, seek public comment from local voters, engage in community dialogue, and make decisions about instructional materials that reflect a commitment to the work of the professionals in their system and the voice of people in their community; and be it

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kennewick School District Board of Directors strongly opposes ESHB 2331, as it represents an additional encroachment on the authority granted to school boards, further eroding the ability of communities to guide the decisions of the school boards they elect. This approach to governance elevates state influence in local policy decisions over local governance structures codified in statute, violating the purpose and diminishing the importance of elected school boards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in equipping future-ready students, the Kennewick School District will seek to foster belonging, instill purpose, and cultivate curiosity in ALL the students it serves. The Kennewick School District Board of Directors values and recognizes the importance of providing a rich and diverse instructional program, honoring, and attending to students' varied needs, abilities, interests, backgrounds, and maturity levels as we prepare them for success.

Adopted and approved this 20th day of February 2024.

ATTEST

Secretary, Board of Directors

President, Board of Directors

Vice President, Board of Directors

Member of the Board of Directors

Member of the Board of Directors

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