

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building
February 13, 2024

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: Gabe Galbraith, President of the Board; Micah Valentine, Vice President of the Board; Brittany Gledhill, Legislative Representative of the Board; Dr. Josh Miller, Board Member; Michael Connors, 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, excused.

Cabinet Members: 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; and Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology.

Other Guest(s): Lexie Buschbach, Director of Special Services

CALL TO ORDER

President Gabe Galbraith called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 23 online and in-person staff and guests.

RECOGNITION

National School Counseling Week

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce read a proclamation from the American School Counselor Association recognizing February 5-9, 2024, as National School Counseling Week. Dr. Pierce thanked the Kennewick School District school counselors for their hard work.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mike Connors to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Dr. Josh Miller.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Galbraith	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	Yes
	Ms. Gledhill	Yes
	Dr. Miller	Yes
	Mr. Connors	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of School Board Meeting January 24, 2024
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2023 - 2024
- Budget Status Report Ending December 31, 2023
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending December 31, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOW UP

Superintendent Dr. Pierce followed up on the concerns on honors math in middle schools, sharing that Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, continues to work on the math pathway and the district's Highly Capable program. She shared that parents of 5th-grade students were notified that the district would administer the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to all 5th-graders between February 12 and 29. She further shared that a full update on the middle school math pathway, , which includes Honors Algebra I and Honors Geometry, will be provided, along with a Highly Capable program update, at the February 28 meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Pierce shared that she presented the State of the District Update at the Kiwanis Club of Kennewick and the Benton Franklin Retirees' Association. She also shared that she participated as a judge in the Amazing Shake at Hawthorne Elementary School and visited ECEAP preschool with Sarah Del Toro, Director of Learning Supports and Programs.

Board Member Mike Connors reported attending the Hawthorne Amazing Shake for the morning and afternoon sessions and expressed that he would like to see this program in all the Kennewick schools.

Board Member Josh Miller reported attending a robotics competition in Seattle where the Kamiakin High School team won 1st place for Innovation.

Board Member Brittany Gledhill reported attending the Amazing Shake at Hawthorne Elementary School, where she was one of the judges. She also reported visiting Park Middle

School, Eastgate Elementary, Amistad Elementary, and Southridge High School. In addition, she shared that she had the opportunity to meet with Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology, earlier in the week about concerns parents have with Chromebooks. Ms. Gledhill asked the Board for direction regarding her position as Legislative Representative.

Board Member Micah Valentine reported attending the Amazing Shake at Hawthorne Elementary, participating in mock interviews with Delta High School students, and visiting Washington Elementary. He also shared that he attended the Tri-Tech Skills Center breakfast and spoke with community members, teachers, and counselors.

President Gabe Galbraith reported talking with community members and answering questions on attendance and safety. He shared that he did some networking with other school board directors and attended the Pacific Research Institute (PRI) school board member monthly meeting. Mr. Galbraith shared that he attended the Amazing Shake at Hawthorne Elementary and Layers of Love at Ridgeview Elementary and worked on the superintendent job posting. He shared that 8th graders introduced Senate Bill 6205, which requires schools to teach the meaning behind saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Galbraith gave kudos to both Kamiakin and Kennewick High School Bowling Teams for getting 1st place at state for both 3A and 4A competitions and kudos to the Board for getting out into the schools and seeing what is going on, which he shared he believes will ultimately make the Board more collectively effective.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Strategies to Improve Graduation Rates and Post-Secondary Outcomes

Dr. Pierce presented current graduation data, post-secondary outcome data, and strategies to improve those rates and outcomes.

Special Education

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, and Lexie Buschbach, Director of Special Services, presented the annual program update with information on the district's special services programs, enrollment, inclusion rates, and improvement efforts. Data on safety and behavioral support for students was shared along with parent engagement efforts.

Capital Budget Update

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented the status of the Capital Fund and provided a list of capital project priorities for 2023-24 and 2024-25. He reviewed current funding measures and provided state construction assistance program funding eligibility to help inform the timing of a future bond measure.

President Galbraith announced a five-minute break at 8:15 p.m. The Board reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

Healthy Youth Survey

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, shared the purpose of the Healthy Youth Survey, how the survey is administered, what questions students are being asked, and how survey results are used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 3 2023-2024: Financial Literacy Instruction

Per the board's request, Superintendent Pierce shared a draft resolution showing support for Financial Literacy Instruction in our schools.

Motion by Mike Connors to accept Resolution No. 3 2023-2024: Financial Literacy Instruction with changes as presented.

Seconded by Dr. Josh Miller.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Galbraith	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	Yes
	Ms. Gledhill	Yes
	Dr. Miller	Yes
	Mr. Connors	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. Study Session
 - 1. Deputy Successor Superintendent Search: Interview Preparation


- B. Business Meeting
 - 1. 2023 -2024 Budget Update
 - 2. Middle School Math: Pathways and Highly Capable Update
 - 3. Board Committees

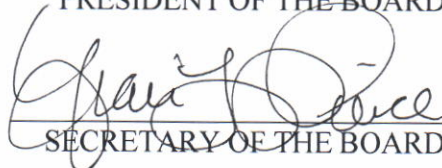
Per the Board's request, an update on PE credit and Second Step will be added to future Board meetings.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



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Approved: February 28, 2024