

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building
August 14, 2024

M I N U T E S

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; Mike Connors, Board Member (Attending remotely); and Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education; Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; Dr. Thomas Brillhart, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; and Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations.

Excused: Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology

Other Guest(s): Bronson Brown, District Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

President Gabe Galbraith called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 22 online and in-person staff and guests.

President Galbraith made a motion to move Special Recognition down on the agenda to allow time for Ashwin Joshi's family to attend, move New Business up before Reports and Discussion, and remove the Board report, Information Technology (IT) Annual Update to the September 11th Board Meeting.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Dottie Stevens commented, sharing questions regarding the status of the superintendent search, the new staff expression policy, staffing and budget, and targeted assistance for students.

Linda Stephenson shared that Kennewick School District will host A Math Is Cool competition for grades 6-8 this year. She asked that schools be encouraged to participate and for district communications about the competition.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Micah Valentine to approve the consent items as presented.

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 Regular Board Meeting July 24, 2024
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2024 - 2025
- 2024 – 2025 Tri-Tech/Sodexo Culinary Arts Instructional Program Contract
- Resolution No. 11, 2023 – 2024: A Resolution Declaring Existence of Emergency
- Carl D. Perkins Grant Assurances 2024 - 2025

COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOW UP

None

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce announced that the KSD Leadership Team participated in training sessions on August 6 and August 13, with this year's theme being "Mission: Possible!" She also mentioned that numerous administrators and teachers attended a Professional Learning Community conference in Spokane. Dr. Pierce thanked Gesa Credit Union for their generous contribution of \$60,309.65 from their branded debit card program. Additionally, Dr. Pierce introduced Dr. Thomas Brillhart, the district's new Assistant Superintendent of Operations.

Board Member Mike Connors shared that the Association of Washington Student Leaders invited him to a week-long leadership program camp where two district high school students attended.

Dr. Josh Miller shared that he had the opportunity to visit the Rotary Club and the Boys and Girls Club. He stated that he hopes to find ways to work with these organizations and see how volunteers can increase the community's investment in schools.

Board Member Brittany Gledhill reported visiting all schools in the district last year and is looking forward to revisiting them. She shared that she is preparing for the WSSDA General Assembly and the Board Study Session, where the Board will discuss WSSDA Legislative Priorities.

Board Member Micah Valentine shared that he had conversations with teachers and community members. He shared that his goal is to ensure every child has a great learning environment and feels accepted so that parents can feel comfortable sending their kids to school knowing they will learn math, reading, and writing.

President Gabe Galbraith reported conversing about Title IX and WIAA and attending Kennewick Police Department's active shooter training.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 5254 PERSONNEL: Staff Expression

Dr. Pierce presented a new policy on staff expression. The policy is included in WSSDA's "encouraged" package and helps to clarify legal boundaries regarding staff free speech.

Motion by Micah Valentine to approve Policy No. 5254 PERSONNEL: Staff Expression for first and second reading as presented.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 7515 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: Travel and Travel Expense Reimbursement

Dr. Pierce presented Policy No. 7515 with some additional clarifying language.

Motion by Brittany Gledhill to approve Policy No. 7515 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: Travel and Travel Expense Reimbursement for first and second reading.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

RECOGNITION

WASA Student Leadership Award

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce presented the Washington Association of School Administrators Student Leadership Award to Ashwin Joshi.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Board Processes Discussed at the June Study Session

Superintendent Dr. Pierce reviewed the priorities identified and strategies discussed at the June 2024 retreat. Board discussion followed.

Information Technology (IT) Annual Update

The report was moved to the September 11 School Board Meeting.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policies and Guidelines

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Alyssa St. Hilaire presented background information and shared opportunities and challenges associated with AI. In the 2024-25 school year, the district will assemble a work team to develop guidelines for AI use in classrooms.

Family School Navigator Program

Dr. Pierce presented information on the Family School Navigator Program and KSD's current model for providing family and student support through in-house (district and school-based) and contracted programs and personnel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. Study Session
 - 1. WSSDA Legislative Priorities/Preparation for General Assembly

- B. Business Meeting
 - 1. 2024-25 Key Indicators and Strategic Objectives
 - 2. K-12 Student Growth and Proficiency Targets
 - 3. 2024-25 Plan for "Get to Know KSD"
 - 4. Information Technology (IT) Annual Update
 - 5. Family Navigator Program and Communities In Schools

EXECUTIVE SESSION

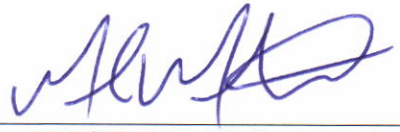
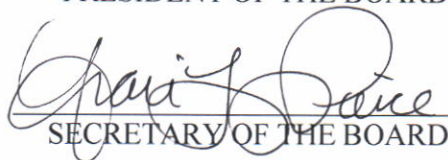
President Gabe Galbraith announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:48 p.m. He moved the Board into executive session at 8:00 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to discuss Superintendent and Cabinet Performance for approximately 30 minutes. Mr.

Galbraith noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Galbraith extended the executive session for an additional 30 minutes. At 9:00 p.m., Mr. Galbraith extended the executive session for 30 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Mr. Galbraith reconvened the regular session of the Board at 9:30 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.


RECORDING SECRETARY


PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: September 11, 2024