

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building
September 11, 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; Dr. Josh Miller, Board Member; Mike Connors, Board Member; Annie Maltos, Student Representative to the Board; and Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Student Representative-Elect: Diego Anguiano

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; Dr. Thomas Brillhart, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; and Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology.

Excused: Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations.

CALL TO ORDER

President Gabe Galbraith called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 108 online and in-person staff and guests.

Motion by Mike Connors to excuse Board member Brittany Gledhill, Legislative Representative of the Board.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

RECOGNITION

2024-25 Student School Board Representative and Representative-Elect

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce introduced the new Student Representative to the Board, Annie Maltos, who attends Southridge High School, and Diego Anguiano, the Student Representative-Elect, who attends Kamiakin High School. Annie and Diego shared information about themselves, including the school activities with which they are involved.

New Kennewick School District Administrators

Superintendent Dr. Pierce introduced new administrators to the Kennewick School District and recognized the entire administrative team's leadership and commitment to KSD staff, families, and students.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Jeff Pieros spoke in favor of keeping the current equity statement.

JoJo Davis spoke in support of maintaining Kennewick School District's partnership with Communities in Schools.

Christine Brown spoke in support of maintaining Kennewick School District's partnership with Communities in Schools.

Kathy Clayton spoke in support of the Communities in Schools organization.

Anthony Contreras, Board Chair for Community in Schools, spoke in support of the organization.

Koren Burling, teacher at Eastgate Elementary School, spoke in support of Community in Schools.

Uby Creek expressed concern about the Board representing all students and provided the information on a Governance with Equity training opportunity.

Eric Bolz spoke in favor of Communities in Schools.

Jan Lank shared information on Academic Success Learning Lab outreach.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 14, 2024
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2024-25
- Budget Status Report Ending July 31, 2024
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending July 31, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOW UP

Superintendent Dr. Pierce followed up on the status of the superintendent search, noting that the Board will resume the search process later this fall and that once a more concrete timeline is developed, it will be widely communicated to staff, families, and the community.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Representative to the Board Annie Maltos reported that she attended the Superintendent Student Advisory Council meeting earlier in the day. She shared topics that were discussed at the meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported that the overall start to the school year was positive. She shared that the theme for the annual staff Welcome Back event was "Mission Possible." The focus was on the district's mission for students, and during the event, efforts that the district and schools were taking to realize the mission and achieve positive outcomes for students were highlighted, recognized, and celebrated.

Dr. Pierce recognized last year's Southridge High School Esports team, which was inadvertently left off the spring recognition. She shared the accomplishments of Coach Jason Giancola and last year's teams. Nine of the ten teams made it to the playoffs, and two made it to state.

Board Member Mike Connors welcomed the new Student Board Representative and Representative-Elect.

Board Member Dr. Josh Miller thanked those who spoke during the public comments and shared that he is focused on improving academics and preparing students for when they leave high school.

Board Member Micah Valentine shared that he visited several schools and welcomed the Student Board Representative and Representative-Elect.

Board Member Gabe Galbraith reported attending seven open houses, meeting community members, and letting staff know the Board supports them. He shared that he was invited to do a podcast with Semi Byrd and highlighted that he was clear during the podcast that he was speaking on his personal behalf, not on behalf of the Board. Mr. Galbraith also shared that he has been invited to be a guest panelist at the Pacific Research Institute.

Motion by Gabe Galbraith to move Unfinished Business before Reports and Discussions.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Family Navigator Program and Communities in Schools

Superintendent Dr. Pierce presented information on the feasibility of shifting from Community in Schools contracted services to an in-house model. Following the Board discussion, it was decided to table the discussion until the next Board meeting on September 25.

President Galbraith announced a five-minute break at 7:13 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2024-25 Strategic Plan

Dr. Traci Pierce reviewed the process for updating annual objectives, reviewed the Board priorities identified during the June 7, 2023, Board Retreat, and shared the 2024-25 objectives and key indicators and targets. She recommended approval of the 2024-25 strategic objectives, and key indicators and targets.

Motion by Dr. Miller to approve the 2024-25 strategic objectives and key indicators and targets as presented.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Pierce shared that a Board member proposed updating the current Commitment to Equity statement in the strategic plan to a Commitment to Equality of Opportunity statement. She presented the current statement, the proposed update, and another option for the Board to consider.

Motion by Micah Valentine to update the current Commitment to Equity statement to the proposed Equality of Opportunity statement as presented.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Galbraith	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	Yes
	Dr. Miller	Yes
	Mr. Connors	No

Motion carried 3-1.

Annual K-12 Student Goal Report

Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented data

from spring district and state assessments, highlighted building “bright spots,” and detailed the actions being taken to contribute to positive results.

Annual Information Technology Report

Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology, presented efforts related to network and data security; student access, learning, and safety; user support; and data systems.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

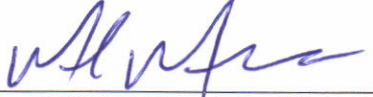
- A. Family Navigator Program and Communities in Schools
- B. Family/Parent Involvement and Engagement Efforts
- C. 2024-25 Plan for “Get to Know KSD”
- D. Lobbyist Discussion

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.


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



RECORDING SECRETARY



PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: September 25, 2024