

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building
October 9, 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; 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 and Learning; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; and Dr. Thomas Brillhart, Assistant Superintendent of Operations.

Excused: Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations
Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology

Other Guest(s): Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager

CALL TO ORDER

President Gabe Galbraith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 17 online and in-person staff and guests.

RECOGNITION

National Principals Month

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce acknowledged October as National Principals Month, read a proclamation from Governor Inslee, and recognized the district's excellent principal leaders.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Dottie Stevens commented on the need for Community in Schools.

Linda Stephenson commented on previous data given by the Board.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mike Connors 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 September 25, 2024
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Out of Endorsement Teacher Plans 2024 – 2025
- Recommendation of Instructional Materials

COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOW UP

Superintendent Dr. Pierce shared that she and BJ Wilson, Director of Student Services, had a meeting scheduled with Community in Schools (CIS) to develop the plan for providing quarterly data reports to the Board and to update the agreement to reflect the \$100,000 cost savings each year for the next two years. She also shared that the district is exploring potential ways to use that money to provide mental health services for students.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Representative to the Board Annie Maltos reported that she and Diego met with Dr. Pierce to discuss the upcoming WSSDA Conference and Community Partners/State of the District event.

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported visiting several schools within the district to meet with leaders, discuss student achievement data, and observe classroom activities. She also shared that she attended a stakeholder planning meeting for the Mid-Columbia Children's Museum as well as a meeting with the Tri-Cities Chamber Legislative Committee to share legislative priorities. She also shared that the legislature provided funding for a math tutoring program called Math Nation, which will be provided to students and families at no cost. She stated that the district would be communicating information to families very soon.

Board Member Dr. Josh Miller congratulated all the juniors who took the PSAT test.

Board Member Brittany Gledhill shared that she had submitted the Board's list of legislative priorities to WSSDA.

President Gabe Galbraith reported that he and Dr. Pierce had been working with Bill Jordan from Northwest Leadership Associates to finalize the superintendent position posting.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Capital Fund Budget and Capital Projects Update

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, and Dr. Thomas Brillhart, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, reviewed the Capital Projects Fund budget. They reported a 2024-25 beginning Capital Projects Fund balance of \$37.1M, showing revenue at \$14.2M and expenses at \$24M, leaving an ending Capital Project Fund balance of \$29.3M.

Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager, presented a recap of the capital projects completed in the summer of 2024, a status update on current and upcoming projects, highlights for recently completed and current major construction projects, and a review of planned future projects and funding measures.

K-12 Student Goal Report: Student Safety

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, highlighted efforts made by the district to continuously improve results of students reporting they feel safe, known, and valued and to ensure safe environments for learning. He shared information on school improvement plans, a multi-tiered system of support comprehensive emergency management plans, and school safety and security personnel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

WSSDA Legislative Priorities

The Board reviewed the rank order priorities they individually identified. Following discussion, the Board agreed that Board Legislative Representative Brittany Gledhill should submit the list to WSSDA. stated that

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

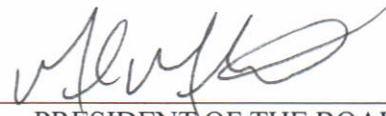
- A. Enrollment Update
- B. Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia
- C. Highly Capable Program Update
- D. Career and College Readiness/Career and Technical Education (CTE)

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

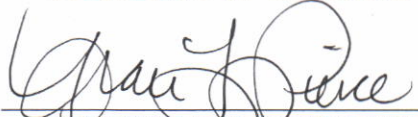
There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



RECORDING SECRETARY



PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



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Approved: October 23, 2024