

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building
October 23, 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; 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 Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations.

Excused: Dr. Josh Miller, Board Member
Ron Cone, Executive Director of Information Technology

CALL TO ORDER

President Gabe Galbraith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 53 online and in-person staff and guests.

Motion by Micah Valentine to excuse Board member Dr. Josh Miller.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

De Anna Winterrose commented on the need for well-trained special education staff.

Nikki Zimmerman commented on the need for well-trained staff to work with students with special needs.

Chuck Henager commented on an article in the Tri-City Herald regarding achievement scores.

Alicia Mackenzie commented on special education.

Kacey K. commented on the canal bridge providing access to Washington Elementary

School.

Paul Jewell commented on the safety of the canal bridge providing access to Washington Elementary School and the trees along the property.

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
	Mr. Connors	Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 9, 2024
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- School Improvement Plans 2024-25

COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOW UP

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce stated that she would convene with her team to address the concerns raised during this evening's session and provide an update at the next Board meeting. Dr. Pierce indicated that the district is in ongoing communication with both irrigation districts regarding existing structures and staff is engaged in dialogue with those agencies about the concerns. She expressed that she hoped to have additional information to share with the Board soon. .

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Representative to the Board Annie Maltos reported attending the Superintendent Student Advisory Council Meeting.

Dr. Pierce reported visiting Southridge, Sage Crest, Eastgate, Highlands, Southgate, and Lincoln. She also noted that the district hosted a legislative tour focused on facilities. She also shared that she and Mr. Connors had a recent conversation with regarding work-place learning, and she shared that Representative April Connors would be hosting a work-source development group at Tri-Tech to discuss looking at the laws and rules to enhance the employability of 16 and 17-year-olds.

Board Member Brittany Gledhill reported visiting Amistad Elementary and attending legislative tour, which included visits to Ridge View and Hawthorne Elementary schools.

Board Member Micah Valentine reported visiting Southridge High School and Desert Hills Middle School.

President Gabe Galbraith reported communicating with a handful of parents and talking with Dr. Pierce.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Enrollment Update

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented current and historical student enrollment data.

Highly Capable Program Update

Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, presented an update on highly capable services.

Career and College Readiness and Career and Technical Education

Superintendent Dr. Pierce, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education Matt Scott, and Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Alyssa St. Hilaire presented an overview of how the High School and Beyond Plan process can be optimized to help realize our mission for every student.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 9325 SCHOOL FACILITIES: Advertising on District Property, First Reading

Dr. Pierce presented a new policy on advertising on district property, which is part of WSSDA's "Discretionary" policy package.

Motion by Brittany Gledhill to approve Policy No. 9325 SCHOOL FACILITIES: Advertising on District Property for first and second reading.

Advisory Vote:	Annie Maltos	n/a
Roll call vote:	Mr. Galbraith	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	Yes
	Ms. Gledhill	Yes
	Mr. Connors	Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy No. 3206 STUDENTS: Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of Students Prohibited, First Reading

Dr. Thomas Brillhart presented updates to Policy No. 3206 to align with WSSDA model policy and to comply with state and new federal nondiscrimination and Title IX laws.

Motion by Brittany Gledhill to approve Policy No. 3206 STUDENTS: Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of Students Prohibited for first and second reading.

Advisory Vote:	Annie Maltos	Yes
Roll call vote:	Mr. Galbraith	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	Yes
	Ms. Gledhill	Yes
	Mr. Connors	Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy No. 5013 STAFF: Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of District Staff Prohibited, First Reading

Dr. Brillhart presented updates to Policy No. 5013 to align with the WSSDA model policy and to comply with state and new federal nondiscrimination and Title IX laws.

Motion by Brittany Gledhill to approve Policy No. 5013 STAFF: Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of District Staff Prohibited for first and second readings.

Advisory Vote:	Annie Maltos	Yes
Roll call vote:	Mr. Galbraith	Yes
	Mr. Valentine	Yes
	Ms. Gledhill	Yes
	Mr. Connors	Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

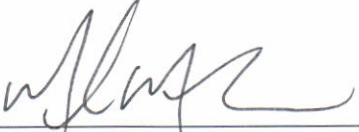
The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:


- A. Study Session
 - 1. Bond Refunding Process and Planning
- B. Business Meeting

1. Legislative Priorities
2. Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia
3. Choice Schools and Programs
4. Policy Updates

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


RECORDING SECRETARY


PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD


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Approved: November 13, 2024