

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building
February 12, 2025

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 & Learning; Dr. Thomas Brillhart, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations; and Eric Veach, 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 24 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 3 - 7, 2025, as National School Counseling Week. Dr. Pierce thanked the Kennewick School District school counselors for their hard work.

National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day

Superintendent Dr. Pierce read a National School Resource Officer Association proclamation recognizing February 15, 2025, as National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day. Dr. Pierce thanked the Kennewick School District School Resource Officers and School Safety Officers for their hard work.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting January 22, 2025
- Minutes of Special School Board Meeting January 28, 2025
- Minutes of Special School Board Meeting January 30, 2025
- Minutes of Special School Board Meeting February 4, 2025
- Minutes of Special School Board Meeting February 5, 2025
- Minutes of Special School Board Meeting February 6, 2025
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Removal and Authorization of Account Signers
- Resolution No. 9, 2024 – 2025: Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the Conveyance of an Easement on School District Property
- Recommendation to Accept Scoreboard Donation

COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOW UP

President Galbraith thanked the community, staff, students, and all those who came out for the superintendent search and the role they played.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Board Members thanked everyone who participated in the superintendent search interview process. They appreciated the input and feedback from students, staff, and the community.

Board Member Dr. Josh Miller reported he was a judge for the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Award.

Board Member Brittany Gledhill reported attending the Math is Cool Competition and meeting with some staff to share her perspective on the internet and electronic devices policy. Mrs. Gledhill gave a legislation update regarding upcoming Senate bills on special education funding, MSOC spending, transportation, and a House bill on levies and bonds. She also shared the following bills: SB5180, SB5181, SB5179, SB5123, and HB1296, which are being presented as amendments to the Parent's Bill of Rights.

Board Member Micah Valentine shared a plaque from Amistad Elementary School that was presented to him. He reported meeting with Nutrition Services, attending the Tri-Tech Annual Breakfast, and participating in the Delta High School mock interviews. Mr. Valentine also reported that he attended the district wrestling in Hermiston and stressed the importance of striving for excellence.

President Gabe Galbraith reported working on and watching what is happening with executive orders and legislation.

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce reported visiting Phoenix and JJC and recognized Guy Strot, Principal of Phoenix, Legacy, and JJC. She reminded the Board of the administrator learning walk process and recognized Chinook teacher Casey Furguson or the exceptional classroom visit that she and a group of middle school and district administrators had during a recent learning walk. Dr. Pierce also shared that she presented at the Benton-Franklin

School Retirees Association, and thanked Dottie Stevens for the opportunity. Finally, she highlighted statewide February school election results.

Student Representative to the Board Annie Maltos reported she could not attend the last Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) meeting and asked Student Representative-Elect Diego Anguiano to report on the meeting. Diego noted that he and other students from SSAC participated in the superintendent preliminary interviews and the three finalist interviews. He shared that at today's SSAC meeting, Benton Franklin Council of Government gave a presentation on the Comprehension Safety Action plan. Following that, Amy Francis, Assistant Director of Career and College Readiness, and Alyssa St. Hilaire, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, who presented a vision draft on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Kennewick School District and asked students to review and provide feedback.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Capital Projects Fund Update

Dr. Tom Brillhart, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Ryan Jones, Capital Projects Manager, presented the district's status of the Capital Fund and provided a list of capital project priorities.

Annual Report: Special Education

Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education, and Lexie Buschbach, Director of Special Services, presented the annual report on special education, which included information on the district's special services programs, enrollment, inclusion rates, and improvement efforts. They also shared data on student safety and behavioral support and reported on parent engagement efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent of Schools Contract, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028

Motion by Micah Valentine to approve the contract and hiring of Lance Hansen as superintendent, effective July 1, 2025.

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

Mr. Connors Yes
Motion carried 5-0

Policy No. 3206, STUDENTS: Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited, First Reading

Dr. Pierce reported that Policy No. 3206 and Policy No. 5013, which were recently updated, needed to revert to the 2020 versions due to changes in federal Title IX law; she presented the amended policies.

Motion by Mike Connors to approve/accept Policy No. 3206 STUDENTS: Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited for first and second reading as presented.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy No. 5013 PERSONNEL: Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited, First Reading

Motion by Dr. Josh Miller to approve/accept Policy No. 5013 PERSONNEL: Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited for first and second reading as presented.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Board Discussion: Academic Excellence Banquet

Dr. Miller shared a proposal for an Academic Excellence Banquet to honor the top graduating high school seniors within the Kennewick School District. Dr. Pierce stated that she would proceed with planning for the event.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

A. Study Session

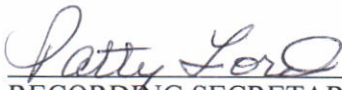
1. State Board of Education Updates
2. Vision for Alternative Programs

B. Business Meeting

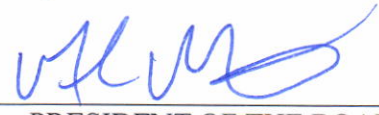
1. 2024 – 2025 Budget Update


OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



RECORDING SECRETARY



PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD


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Approved: February 26, 2025