

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration Building
February 26, 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.

Other Guest(s): Paul Brachvogel, District Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Micah Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 18 online and in-person staff and guests.

Dr. Josh Miller made a motion to excuse Gabe Galbraith, who will be arriving late.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

RECOGNITION

National Board-Certified Teachers

Dr. Thomas Brillhart, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, recognized newly certified National Board-Certified teachers, highlighting the rigorous process and the benefits to teachers and students. The following teachers were recognized: Jessica Bydalek, Amy Payson, and Christi Young.

Gabe Galbraith arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Career and Technical Education Month

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce presented information on Kennewick School District's Career and Technical Education offerings. She read a proclamation from President Donald J. Trump designating February as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Gabe Galbraith 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 School Board Meeting February 12, 2025
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified, and Extracurricular
- Contract Addendum: Superintendent of Schools

COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOW-UP

None

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Representative to the Board Annie Maltos shared that in recognition of CTE tonight, she wanted to highlight that she started her internship through the Teaching Academy at Ridgeview Elementary.

Superintendent Pierce shared that she recently presented a state of the district update at the Tri-City Hispanic Chamber. She also shared that since the last Board meeting, she has visited Washington, Sunset View, and Westgate and attended the Amazing Shake at Hawthorne. Dr. Pierce announced that Kennewick School District was approved as a partner site for the WEA Apprenticeship Residency in Teaching Program.

Board Member Mike Connors reported attending the Amazing Shake at Hawthorne Elementary. He shared that he would love to see the Amazing Shake program expand to other schools. In recognition of CTE month, Mr. Connors shared that his son is in his second year at Tri-Tech. He stated that his son loves the program and now wants to attend a trade school.

Board Member Josh Miller shared that he is looking into potentially organizing a Kennewick Schools Foundation. It would be a non-profit foundation separate from the Board that would provide avenues for the community to be more involved with our school's needs.

Board Member Brittany Gledhill highlighted that she attended the Gesa Carousel of Dreams Board Meeting, where they awarded their KSD student staff members for their grades. She also shared that she listened to the WSSDA Legislative update, attended the ELA Curriculum adoption meeting, and attended the Amazing Shake at Hawthorne. Ms. Gledhill gave a legislative update to the Board members on transportation, MSOC, and Special Education bills.

Board Member Micah Valentine reported he was invited to speak at Career Day with the Big Bro Joe Foundation.

President Gabe Galbraith reported that he has been following legislative developments and discussing them with other Board members throughout the state. He shared that he discussed the boys' swim with community members and attended Vista's Orchestra recital.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2024 – 2025 Budget Update

Dr. Tom Brillhart, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented the projected student enrollment for the school year 2024-25 at 18,681 students compared to 18,495 budgeted. The increased head count of 186 students was primarily due to a rise in the Running Start program and a combination of an increase in FTE grades K-12 totaling 48 FTE students. Projected revenues and historical and projected utility and liability insurance costs were reviewed for the school year 2024-25. He shared that the district will have more information for projecting revenues and expenditures for the school year 2025-26 after the legislative session ends on April 27.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

May Board Meeting Date Changes

Motion by Dr. Miller to approve changing the May School Board Meetings from May 14 and 28 to May 7 and 21.

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

Motion carried 5-0

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed items for the next meeting agenda:

- A. 2025-26 Preliminary Budget
- B. Legislative Update
- C. Academic Progress Update
- D. Preliminary Recommendation: K-5 English Language Arts Materials

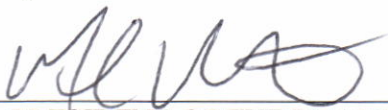
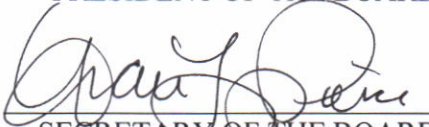
EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Gabe Galbraith announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 6:19 p.m. He moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (b and c) Real Estate and (i) Legal Issue for approximately 40 minutes and noted that no further formal action would be taken. The Executive Session started at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Galbraith extended the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


RECORDING SECRETARY


PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: March 12, 2025