

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SAGE CREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member, Jaxon Dean, Student Representative to the Board; and Dave Bond, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Chuck Lybeck, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum Services; Doug Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Greg Fancher, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; and Robyn Chastain, Director of Communications and Public Relations.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Kintzley - Excused

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 25 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Lona Hammer, Executive Director, Housing Authority City of Kennewick, 1915 W. 4th Place, Kennewick, WA 99336 shared that KHA developed Nueva Vista, a 32 unit affordable housing project and is currently working on funding to build an additional 28 units. Lona stated they plan to develop an on-site homework club and other services to help children succeed in school and would like to work collaboratively with the KSD's homeless school liaison to develop joint strategies. In addition, Lona expressed, KHA would welcome input from school board members on the proposed project.

Ken Wagner, 1704 W. 12th Ave, Kennewick, WA, stated he had concerns about the changes in bus routes for his kids and neighbor kids that attend Canyon View Elementary. Ken mentioned he had spoken with Ethan Schwebke in Transportation but wanted to speak with someone else. Superintendent Dave Bond explained the process for transportation concerns and asked Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Doug Christensen, to meet with Mr. Wagner.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Brian Books.

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| Roll call vote: | Messinger | aye |
| | Mabry | aye |
| | Brooks | aye |
| | Adams | aye |

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 7, 2016
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending August 31, 2016

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

Superintendent

None.

Board

Brian Brooks reported that he would be attending the Legislative Conference tomorrow.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Proclamation – Read with a Child Week

Superintendent Dave Bond introduced Sara Schwan and Salem Snowdy with The Children’s Reading Foundation and stated how much Kennewick School District appreciates the reading foundation and the good working relationship we have. Sarah Schwan thanked the Kennewick School Board for all they had done. as they were very instrumental in their formation of the Reading Foundation and the 90% reading goal.

President Dawn Adams read a proclamation that calls on the citizens in the Kennewick School District to read with a child for 20 minutes every day; but with renewed focus during the week of September 18, 2016. The proclamation stated that Kennewick School District wholeheartedly endorses “The Children’s Reading Foundation’s Read with A Child Week,” and supports our community’s focus on early learning programs and activities to help raise readers and prepare every child for academic success.

Sage Crest Elementary School Architect Report

Doug Mitchell, Project Architect with MMEC, presented photos of Sage Crest and noted that the building is the same design as Eastgate Elementary School. He then introduced Joe Hampton, Project Manager with MMEC. Mr. Mitchell stated that he was a KSD alumni and had attended Westgate, and he was amazed to see what KSD had done in the past seven to

eight years. He expressed how proud he was to have been able to work on this project and one of the things he liked the most was the tall ceilings, which allow for amazing light and a unique ventilation system that is very energy efficient and quite.

Sage Crest Elementary School Principal Remarks

Rob Phillips, Sage Crest Elementary School Principal, shared that he and the staff love the building and feel very fortunate to work in a positive atmosphere and such a beautiful area. He stated community members, parents, and grandparents are amazed at the building, the natural light and how enormous it is.

Proclamation of Dedication

President Dawn Adams read a proclamation dedicating Sage Crest Elementary School to be used to educate the youth of the Kennewick School District, to provide those students with the skills and knowledge to be successful adults, and to provide the community with an outstanding facility to be used to further other community objectives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K-3 Grant Project Timelines

Superintendent Dave Bond shared a PowerPoint explaining the three K-3 Grant Projects and some of the concerns and timelines with those projects. He noted that the Board had already approved Elementary 16 to open in the fall of 2018. Mr. Bond reported that the Amistad addition is a complicated, two-step project with those steps separated by 4-5 years. The first step is to design a twenty classroom addition that can eventually connect to the existing building when that building is remodeled in 2022-23. This also involves moving the students to Fruitland while the construction work is going on. The second step would be remodeling the existing Amistad in 2022-23 and connecting it to the twenty classroom addition. Mr. Bond stated because of the complexity of the Amistad project, more time would be needed to design the project to coordinate with the existing and future systems and have it ready for bidding.

Mr. Bond pointed out that the Dual Language School at Desert Hills could be built on a different part of the site than where the old Desert Hills currently sits. He went on to say this would enable demolition of the old Desert Hills while the new Dual Language School is being built. In order for timelines to be met, we would have to use an existing plan, and the Westgate plan would be the best one for that site. Mr. Bond noted both our architect and civil engineer explained we could open the school in the fall of 2018, but the compressed timeline would squeeze the review process and limit the choices for the project.

Mr. Bond informed the Board of the current overcrowding and large class sizes that exist with more demand than ever for additional classroom space. He also noted that Assistant Superintendent Greg Fancher believes that boundaries will be more easily redrawn if both

Elementary 16 and the Dual Language schools open at the same time. He also noted that Business Manager Vic Roberts believes that the operating costs would be more easily incorporated for the three new buildings if Elementary School 16, and the Dual Language School opened in 2018 and Amistad was re-opened in 2019. Due to those costs, the Kennewick School District may need to use some fund balance initially, as the state provides money for class size reduction (teacher), but they don't give money for principals, support staff, and other operating costs.

President Dawn Adams expressed her compliments to Doug Carl for all the projects completed and what a fantastic job he has done.

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept the recommendation to 1) Build the Dual Language School on a schedule that will have it opening in the Fall of 2018. 2) Build the Amistad addition on a schedule that will have it opening in the Fall of 2019. 3) Authorize the Superintendent to hire more staff/services if necessary to complete the projects.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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| Roll call vote: | Messinger | aye |
| | Mabry | aye |
| | Brooks | aye |
| | Adams | aye |

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Adams moved the Board into executive session at 6:40 p.m. for one hour per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) for a personnel issue, RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for an update on a legal issue. She noted that no further formal action would be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session was reconvened at 7:40 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: October 12, 2016