

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
CHINOOK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
March 8, 2017

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley, Vice 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: Doug Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; and Robyn Chastain, Director of Communication and Public Relations.

Other Guest: Mick McFarland by phone

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Lybeck, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum Services; excused.  
Greg Fancher, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; excused.  
Brian Brooks excused for Executive Session.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 30 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

School Retirees Appreciation Week

Superintendent Dave Bond read Governor Inslee's proclamation declaring March 13-19, 2017 as School Retirees Appreciation Week and noted that he appreciates the positive reception and support he receives from school retirees when making bond and levy presentations.

Classified Public School Employee Week

Superintendent Bond shared some thoughts about the many classified employees who interact with students on a daily basis and read Governor Inslee's proclamation declaring March 13-17 as Classified Public School Employee Week. Betsy Dickinson, Classified Human Resources Manager, shared some positive words about the District's classified staff and asked classified employees in the audience to stand and introduce themselves.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

## CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Aye
	Kintzley	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Mabry	Aye
	Messinger	Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 22, 2017
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Curriculum Adoption:
  - *Mindful Schools*, Author and published by Mindful Schools, to be used in Grade 6-12 Special Ed, Social Studies classes at Desert Hills Middle School.
- MOU Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Architect Selection – Future Kennewick High School Construction Project

## SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

### Superintendent

None

### Board Member

Heather Kintzley reported that she participated as a judge for the Future Chefs Competition at Tri-Tech Skills Center. She stated how talented the children are and how blown away she was by the dishes presented. Ms. Kintzley also reported her son participated in Layers of Love, an event at Ridge View Elementary School where students, parents and staff make blankets which are then donated to the community.

Ben Messinger reported he attended a music performance at Horse Heaven Hills Middle School this past week. He stated it was good to see the students showcase their skills and to see how these types of programs are producing results.

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### Chinook Middle School Architect Report

Superintendent Dave Bond introduced Brandon Wilm and Kirsten Curtiss from Design West Architects. Mr. Wilm stated it was a privilege to be the architect for both Desert Hills Middle School and Chinook Middle School and that both he and Ms. Curtiss were proud to be a part of this project. Ms. Curtiss shared that she learned many things from being the Project Manager on the Desert Hills Middle School project, making the Chinook Middle School project go much smoother. Chinook Middle School is a beautiful complex that Kennewick School District can be proud of.

### Chinook Middle School Principal Remarks

Kevin Pierce Principal of Chinook Middle School introduced Nathan Gregory, Assistant Principal and Cathy Guajardo, Assistant Principal and welcomed everyone to the new Chinook Middle School. Mr. Pierce shared how smoothly the move into the school went even with the challenge of moving in the middle of the year and dealing with the severe weather. He stated everyone comments on how beautiful the building is and then thanked the Board for the wonderful school.

### Proclamation of Dedication

President Dawn Adams read a proclamation dedicating Chinook Middle 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.

### Preliminary Budget 2017-2018 – General Fund Projections and Staffing Additions

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts reviewed student enrollment numbers and projected the District will have about 326 FTE more students than budgeted for the 2016-2017 school year. He noted that preliminary estimates show the District will have an additional 154 student FTE next year. Mr. Roberts presented historical data for new students from 2007-2008 through 2016-2017 and showed that the preliminary budget for 2017-2018 was compiled with very conservative student growth estimates.

Mr. Roberts discussed a preliminary 2017-2018 budget deficit of just under \$4.0M. Preliminary 17/18 revenue was projected to increase approximately \$3.1M due to increased enrollment, Special Education enrollment, and increased revenue from property taxes. He reviewed the preliminary 2017-2018 expenditure increase that totaled \$7.1M and included: 2016/2017 Budget deficit, budget revisions for staff previously funded out of other program areas, teacher contract costs from 2016/2017 where budget is short, cost of employer paid retirement and other increases in employer paid benefits, utility and liability insurance increase, \$500K in step advancement costs plus other employee costs, classified staff added in 2016/2017, and additional certificated staff to be hired for 17/18.

Mr. Roberts presented a budget timeline schedule that results in the Board adoption of the budget at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Walk – Bus Zones

Superintendent Dave Bond presented information on Kennewick School District's current policies regarding bus zones and walk zones. (Policy 8100, Policy 8101, Regulation 8101) This topic was originally going to be a discussion topic for the January retreat but due to bad weather was canceled. The issue came up when we moved Chinook Middle School from the location of the old Desert Hills to the new location on 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. Board members received emails from some parents whose children had a ¼ or ½ mile walk to Chinook Middle School at the old Desert Hills site and now their children have a 1 ¼ or 1 ½ mile walk to the new Chinook Middle School. Mr. Bond asked the Board members if they wanted to consider any changes to the current walk zones. After some discussion and questions from the Board members, it was agreed and stated by President Dawn Adams that no changes were needed at this time other than to fix regulation 8101 under 1 c. to read Intermediate: Grades 3, 4, 5 - One mile or more from school instead of one and one-half miles from school. Mr. Bond stated the regulation would be fixed.

Additional comments were made from Tanna Pratt, 1214 S Tranquility, Kennewick WA regarding additional crosswalk duties at the roundabout near Desert Hills Middle School and Margie Hames, 814 S. Everett St, Kennewick WA regarding additional crosswalk duties for Kennewick High School at Garfield and 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### Masonic Cornerstone

Superintendent Dave Bond reintroduced Gene Spaulding with the Masons who had requested to place cornerstones on our buildings. Mr. Spaulding had left a video explaining the process of placing the cornerstone for Board members to view. Vice President Heather Kintzley commented that she viewed the video and has absolute respect for everything the Masons stand for and the value they provide for the community. Kennewick School District has already established a practice on how we dedicate schools and as a lawyer, she is concerned about not entangling education and religion. Although she appreciates all that the Masons do, she does not feel it is the right approach for the school.

Board member Ron Mabry shared it is sad that we have forgotten our past, that the Masonic cornerstone laying is a ceremony celebrating a positive thing that is happening in our community and that he thinks as a citizen he would like to see the historical practice maintained. The KSD has done it in the past and he would like to see it continue. He noted that he would have to excuse himself from any voting as he is part of the Freemasons.

President Dawn Adams shared that she too had viewed the video and felt there were quite a number of religious references. Ms. Adams agreed with Ms. Kintzley that we already have a community spirited dedication for our schools and that the formality of the Masons showing

up would take away from what we already do.

Board Member Brian Brooks commented that the Masons ceremony would be a separate dedication and would not take the place of our school dedication.

Board Member Ben Messinger shared that he did not watch the video that Ms. Adams and Ms Kintzley watched; however, he did his own research and found it very common to have Masonic cornerstones on other public buildings like hospitals and libraries.

Ben Messinger made a motion to allow the Freemasons to perform their Cornerstone Ceremony at the dedication of our new building, but not displace the current process.

Motion was seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Aye
	Kintzley	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Mabry	Excused himself
	Messinger	Aye

Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Kintzley asked if the ceremonies would be at the same time on the same day or what the expectation would be. Mr. Messinger stated he thought they would be separate ceremonies. Ms. Kintzley asked Mr. Spaulding if there were any expectations or restrictions in their process and Mr. Spaulding replied that there were no expectations or restrictions and the Board could even tell them what they would like printed on the cornerstone.

Ms. Adams asked Ms. Kintzley if she saw any risk in the religious connotation. Ms. Kintzley replied there will always be a small group that will say they don't like the religious component of the Masonic ceremony and it could create some difficulties that the district doesn't have to invite. Ms. Kintzley went on to say that she would really like the focus of the dedication event to stay on the district and the community. If the Masonic ceremony is separate and if it doesn't have heavy religious overtones, then she would like to amend the motion.

Heather Kintzley amended the motion to approve the cornerstone but with specific direction from the School District Administration regarding the date, the type of advertising and the placement of the plaque (cornerstone).

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Aye
	Kintzley	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Mabry	Excused himself
	Messinger	Aye

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

School Calendar Parameters

Superintendent Dave Bond reported on the school calendar parameters. He discussed the issues with snow days, professional days, start and end dates and winter break.

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept the recommendations as presented for the guidelines on building the school calendar. The recommendations included having graduation on the second Saturday of the month, if the first Saturday was between June 1-4, and on the first Saturday of the month if the first Saturday was between June 5-7. The recommendations also included shortening the Winter Break when possible and building professional development days and snow days into the calendar.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Aye
	Kintzley	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Mabry	Aye
	Messinger	Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

OSPI Waiver Letter

Superintendent Dave Bond went over the OSPI Waiver letter and asked if the Board members had any questions. Ms. Kintzley commented that the WAC numbers should have dashes instead of periods.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to authorize Superintendent Dave Bond to send the waiver letter to OSPI as written with a few small notation corrections with the WAC numbers.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Aye
	Kintzley	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Mabry	Aye
	Messinger	Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

Bob Clark, Union Representative for PSE Transportation asked if the Board would ever consider having 3-hour delays instead of just 2-hour delays. Mr. Bond stated that is a

discussion for another day.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7.13 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) to discuss a Personnel Issue for approximately 15 minutes. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 7:28 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

#### OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ms. Kintzley reconvened regular session of the Board at 7:40 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: March 22, 2017