

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
LINCOLN ELEMENTARY  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Alec Sun, 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

Dawn Adams, excused.  
Brian Brooks, excused.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Heather Kintzley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 16 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Ben Messinger to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	aye
	Kintzley	aye

Motion carried 3-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 20, 2014

- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Resolution No. 1 2014-15, Certifying Desert Hills Middle School Construction Project will be New-In-Lieu of Modernization of Existing Facilities
- Highly Capable Program Annual Plan Approval for 2014-2015.

## SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

### Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond reported that several conferences and meetings will be taking place in the near future and asked the Board members to notify Kristi if they wished to attend so they can be registered.

1. The Legislative Conference in Yakima on September 19-20, 2014.
2. The WSSDA Fall Regional meeting on October 3, 2014, to be held at the KSD Administration Center in Classroom 2, one of the newly remodeled areas. Ben Messinger and Ron Mabry indicated that they plan to attend this meeting.
3. The WSSDA 2014 Annual Conference on November 19-22 in Spokane.
4. The NSBA Conference on October 2-4 in Miami.

Dave showed the Board a photo of the sign posted to thank the voters for approving the new Eastgate Elementary building.

Dave provided the Board an outline of bond information to be covered in the next four meetings and invited them to ask questions. He stated that the 10 year plan called for running a bond in 2015 and lots of things have to happen between now and then to make that happen.

- Next Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the Facilities Committee will meet to consider the Desert Hills Middle School question. There have been discussions about whether to build Desert Hills at a new site or to rebuild it at the existing site.
- At the Board meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> the Facilities Committee will present their recommendation for the Board to decide if Desert Hills will be rebuilt at the original site, as in the 10 year plan, or on a new site. Dave stated that he and Vic Roberts will talk to the Board about the 10 year plan and, depending on what the Board decides, will move forward from there and look at rough project cost estimates. He noted that anywhere from 50 to 70 percent of the costs will be matched by the state on the construction piece. Dave and Vic will begin to give the Board ideas on what the bond amounts will be and what the tax rates will be.
- At the October 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting Dave and Vic will hone in on project costs and provide amounts we will budget for each building and what the tax rates would be for each scenario. Superintendent Bond explained that the District has Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) money we can use to pay down debt. When the federal government has property in a school district, they don't pay taxes on it, so the district receives PILT money. Also, Dave reported that he will have a draft bond resolution which will accurately describe the projects involved so the Board will know what the public will be voting on, but that will allow some flexibility. Jim McNeill, Bond Counsel, and Jon

Gores, Bond Financing Advisor, will be available for discussions. Dave explained that we want to make sure, as we draft the resolution, that we get it right so we need a level of flexibility. We will talk about financing options and what happens to tax rates and cash flow.

- At the Board meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be finalizing the bond resolution language and review items discussed in previous meetings. The ballot title will be determined and Jon Gores and Jim McNeill may attend.
- The Bond and Levy Committee would like to have the bond resolution finalized at the November 12 meeting so that they can move ahead.

#### Board

None.

### REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

#### Enrollment Report

Vic Roberts presented an enrollment report and noted that elementary head count increased from last year by 375 kids. Lincoln's enrollment went down and Edison's enrollment increased because of boundary adjustments. Vic stated that the 375 student increase is a fairly significant increase and that, overall, he believes FTE will be up by about 200 at the elementary level. He commented that middle school enrollment is down a little this year. Vic added that there are 120 more students enrolled at Kamiakin High School and high school enrollment is up by 169 students. We are at 5,156 high school students in headcount which equates to 4,328 FTE, if we take out the Tri-Tech students.

Heather Kintzley asked if there are any challenges with classroom space. Greg Fancher reported that we added one teacher at K-1. Dave stated that a kindergarten class was added at Edison but there was a portable at Sunset View available so they moved Edison's ECEAP class to Sunset View. Greg reported that Cascade added ½ session of kindergarten but there was classroom space available for it.

#### Lincoln Elementary Architect Report

Doug Mitchell reported that the completion of Lincoln Elementary School is the culmination of Phase 1 of the last Ten-Year plan and explained that Lincoln is the fourth of the prototypical school remodels in the past five years. The architects met with teachers, administrators, janitors and other staff and asked about sizes of rooms, their configurations and other details before going forward. The new building configuration puts the reception area where there is high visibility to the exterior entrance. The library was placed in the front and center of the building because the District places such a high importance on reading. The commons corridor can be separated from the rest of school by roll up doors that close off classroom wings from the public areas of the building. The cafeteria, multipurpose room and

gym open into each other and the multipurpose room opens to the stage and the music classroom. A little square footage was easily added to each classroom, which allowed for storage on three of their four walls. Doug also commented that they wanted to make the schools not appear exactly like each other so there is a lot of difference between them in colors and configuration. He thanked the Board for letting them be a part of the schools.

Heather Kintzley commented that Lincoln is beautiful and that they did a great job. Ben Messinger stated that he was impressed that he could walk into a newly finished school that doesn't smell like paint, solvents, or other construction materials. Doug replied that they followed the Washington Sustainable School Protocol, WSSP.

#### Lincoln Elementary Principal Remarks

Doug Campbell, Principal of Lincoln Elementary School, remarked that two years ago they were sitting on a site in which every classroom had floors with holes that had been jackhammered to repair leaky pipes, so the new school is greatly appreciated and is a great facility. When they moved to Fruitland, they had a great time there and, to make it fun for the students and staff, they went with a camping theme. Doug was proud to report that the National Network of Parent Partnership recognized their implementation of the camping theme as a best practice. He stated that the staff likes the little things in the new building such as projectors mounted on the ceilings, number of outlets in classrooms, and the audio systems. The autism teachers were asked to provide input for the autism facility that was added. Doug thanked the Board, the citizens of Kennewick, Doug Mitchell, and Dave Bond for providing the parents, students and staff of Lincoln Elementary with a great facility.

#### Dedication of Proclamation

Vice President Heather Kintzley read a proclamation dedicating Lincoln 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

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Heather Kintzley moved the Board into executive session at 6:07 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to evaluate the Superintendent's 2014

goals. Ms. Kintzley noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 6:37 p.m. Ms. Kintzley extended executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

**OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.**

Regular session was reconvened at 6:51 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: September 24, 2014