

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
MARCH 25, 2015

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member (arriving late); 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 Communication and Public Relations.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Adams, 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 55 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

Winter Sports State Participants

Kennewick High School recognized state participants in wrestling and basketball.

Southridge High School recognized state participants in wrestling.

Kamiakin High School recognized state participants in basketball, wrestling, and gymnastics.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Mrs. Wilma Burgess, a former Park Middle School teacher and administrator, commented that the in-school suspension rooms are good for students, if they are done right. Mrs. Burgess believes that effective in-school suspension takes a mixture of parents, students, administrators and teachers. She stated that it's very important to have the right people run the rooms and added that anything to keep students in school is better than having them out of school. As a final comment, Mrs. Burgess stated that the District should move sixth grade back where it belongs, in the elementary schools.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 11, 2015
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending February 28, 2015
- Budget Status Report Ending February 28, 2015
- Curriculum Adoptions:
  - ***Electude Argo Maintenance and Light Repair***, Author, Electude, Published by Electude USA to be used in Grade 9-12 Automotive and Diesel classes at Tri-Tech.
  - ***Leadership Education I***, Author, Various Authors/Editors, Published by McGraw Hill to be used in Grade 9 JROTC classes at Kennewick High School.
  - ***Leadership Education II***, Author, Various Authors/Editors, Published by Pearson to be used in Grade 9 JROTC classes at Kennewick High School.
  - ***Cultural Studies: An Introduction to Global Awareness***, Author, Various Authors/Editors, Published by Jones and Bartlett to be used in grade 9 JROTC classes at Kennewick High School.
  - ***Aerospace Science: A Journey into Aviation History***, Author, Various Authors/Editors, Published by Pearson to be used in Grade 9 JROTC classes at Kennewick High School.
  - ***Biology Interactive Reader***, Author, Holt McDougal, Published by Holt McDougal © 2008 to be used in Grade 9-10 Integrated Science classes at Kamiakin High School.
  - ***Learning Blade***, Authors, Boyington, Dane & Sheila, Published by ThinkMedia.com © 2014 to be used in Grade 6-9 Science classes district-wide.
  - ***Math 180***, Author, Scholastic Education, Published by Scholastic, Inc. to be used in Grade 6-8 Math classes at Horse Heaven Hills Middle School.
  - ***Read 180***, Author, Scholastic Education, Published by Scholastic Inc. to be used in Grade 6-8 Language Arts Reading/SPED/ and Reading Lab classes at Horse Heaven Hills Middle School.
- Resolution No. 18 2014-2015; Lincoln Elementary Building Commissioning Report Acceptance
- Resolution No. 19 2014-2015; Intent to Construct Middle School #5
- Resolution No. 20 2014-2015; Middle School #5 New Construction Acceptance of Bid and Award Contract
- Bid Award - 2015-2016 Fall Sports

- Bid Award - Spring Break Site Work for Summer 2015 Portables
- Updated Bond Counsel Fee Agreement to Include Single Series \$89.5M Issue and Possible Refunding Issue

Superintendent Dave Bond reported that, with the passing of the Consent Items, the Board had officially approved the hire of Ron King as the new principal of Kennewick High School. Mr. Bond added that Mr. King has the resume and qualifications that the District wants for the leader at Kennewick High.

Superintendent Bond also noted that the Board had approved the resolution to accept the bid and award the contract for construction of middle school #5 to replace Desert Hills Middle School. He will present more information about the bid in a later portion of the meeting.

#### SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

##### Superintendent

Superintendent Bond reported that, in following with the Board's North Star Goal that the extended graduation rate for the district is at least 90%, Kennewick High School created a banner showing their movement in a positive direction for the past five years to meet the goal.

Mr. Bond reported that he was contacted by a representative of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions who is soliciting Board members to volunteer to read to elementary students as part of Financial Literacy Reading Days during the week of April 18-25. He asked the Board members to let Kristi know if they are interested in participating.

Superintendent Bond handed out information to the Board members regarding the entrance conference he attended with auditors from the Washington State Auditor's office.

Mr. Bond asked Robyn Chastain to share a video highlighting the Safe & Sound App developed by a team of four Tri-Tech students who won "Best in Nation" in the Verizon Innovative App Challenge. Three of those students and their instructor, Crystal Kinder, traveled to Washington, DC to attend the 2015 White House Science Fair where they were interviewed by NPR, CNN Headline News and Bill Nye the Science Guy. The trip was fully paid for by Verizon. Ms. Chastain explained that their app has become a reality with the help of an expert from MIT.

##### Board Member

Ron Mabry reported that, as the Board representative for the District for WIAA, he attended a meeting of sports directors for Washington State. He was impressed with the rigor that athletic directors go through for simple things like establishing a sports schedule. Mr. Mabry commended the athletic directors for the effort they put forth for our schools.

#### REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bond Sale Update

Jon Gores, Bond Financing Advisor with DA Davidson, reported that the bond sale goals are: to achieve tax rates consistent with voter expectations; provide funds as needed and maximize revenue for capital projects; request bond rating the utilize the State Guarantee Program; refund the 2009 Bond issue, if the savings target is achieved; and utilize \$5M of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds. He presented two charts depicting interest rates at their lowest in the last 25 years and explained that the low rates create the opportunity to consider refinancing of the 2009 bonds. Mr. Gores presented a preliminary schedule of events leading to the sale of the bonds.

Resolution No. 16 2014-2015; Designate Bond Registrar

Jim McNeil, Bond Counsel with Foster Pepper, congratulated the Board for passing the bond the first time and stated that it shows a great vote of confidence from the voting public. Mr. McNeil explained that Resolution No. 16 authorizes a request for a certificate of Eligibility from the State Treasurer and designates Dave Bond and Vic Roberts as the officials authorized to file the request for a Certificate of Eligibility with the State Treasurer, on behalf of the District, authorizing the approval and distribution of a preliminary official statement and any other matters related to the bond.

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept Resolution No. 16 as presented to the Board.to authorize state bond guarantee program participation for possible refunding of bonds.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 17 2014-2015; State Bond Guarantee Program Participation

Jim McNeil presented Resolution No. 17 authorizing not more than \$132.6M in bonds and explained that it constitutes a contract between the District and investors (bond owners) and provides maximum flexibility to authorize the District to issue new money, as well as to authorize the refunding of 2009 bonds. The resolution gives delegating authority to Dave Bond and Vic Roberts to approve the bond sale and all terms.

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve Resolution No. 17 to authorize the issuance of 2015 bonds and possible refunding of 2009 bonds as presented.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Vice President Kintzley announced that the Board would take a brief recess in order for the Board to sign the approved Resolutions.

Timeline for Middle School #5

Superintendent Dave Bond introduced John Perkins and Kevin Veleke, members of the Facility Committee, and stated that they wish to make the Board aware of an opportunity that may work out well for the District. Mr. Bond reported that the Facility Committee has reviewed the construction projects funded by the bond and discussed the construction timelines. He explained that there are several large general contractors who have expressed an interest in bidding both middle schools, which would potentially be able to save the District money, through synergy, by moving crews from one job to the next, as long as the jobs were no more than three or four months apart. Mr. Bond outlined the two options considered by the Facility Committee and explained the benefits and challenges of each option. John Perkins reported that the Facilities Committee recommends that the District put Middle School #5 out to bid in late May and award the bid in June 2015 and, when the building is completed in December 2016/January 2017, move the students into the building as early as logistically possible.

Motion by Ben Messinger to accept the Facilities Committee recommendation to put Middle School #5 out to bid in late May with a target date to move into the building in the winter of 2016-2017.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	aye
	Brooks	aye
	Kintzley	aye

Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Bond thanked Mr. Perkins, Mr. Veleke, and the entire Facilities Committee for their efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K-12 Director of Student Services

Superintendent Bond reported that District Administration has talked in past about the need for additional support in the District Office. In 2006 the District cut an administrator position due to budget constraints. Superintendent Bond shared the growth in student enrollment, as well as growth of certificated and classified staff in the District since 2006, and explained that by next fall Kennewick School District will have added nine elementary deans, three high school assistant principals and one elementary principal, and we will be gearing up to add two more elementary principals, a middle school principal and two middle school assistant principals in the near future. Those additional positions will add to the work load that currently exists for the K-12 Elementary and Secondary Assistant Superintendents. Mr. Bond shared that the Kennewick School District has the second lowest administrative costs when compared to the other districts in the state with 10,000 to 20,000 students. He reviewed many of the potential duties to be performed by a K-12 Director of Student Services and added that, as staff in the District Office approach retirement, it would be beneficial to have additional staff in place with the training to assume Cabinet level positions once retirees leave. Mr. Bond recommended that the Board approve the new position of K-12 Director of Student Services.

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve the new position of K-12 Director of Student Services beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	aye
	Brooks	aye
	Kintzley	aye

Motion carried 4-0.

Park Middle School Eight (8) Period Day Proposal

Park Middle School Principal Kevin Pierce presented a proposal to add three teachers to his staff in order to move Park to an eight period per day schedule, increasing the amount of time for teachers to collaborate from 60 minutes to 200 minutes per week. School would be in session from 8:00 a.m. to 2:28 p.m. five days a week, with no early release on Wednesdays, and teachers would meet daily to collaborate. Mr. Pierce explained that Park tested an eight period day model for three years (2010-2012), approved through a contract variance, in which test scores for the Reading and Math MSP increased over all grade levels. The three years of collaboration helped Park staff develop interventions which have significantly decreased student failure rates. Park's Site Council recently took a vote (conducted by KEA leadership) of school staff, and the schedule change was approved with a 92% yes vote.

Superintendent Bond added that Mr. Pierce presented this eight period schedule to the Cabinet group and convinced them that it is worth pursuing. The Board shared some concerns that the schedule would shorten class times. Mr. Pierce explained that less time in all subjects creates the opportunity for exploratory, music and extracurricular projects. After additional discussion, the Board members decided to make a decision on this matter after Vic Roberts presents the preliminary budget update, which includes the estimated cost of the three additional teachers.

#### Preliminary Budget Update 2015-2016

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts presented conservative and optimistic estimates for the preliminary 2015-2016 revenue increase. He explained that the House budget comes out next Tuesday and it is supposed to fully fund materials, supplies and operating costs (MSOC) in 2015-2016. The conservative estimated revenue increase totals approximately \$5.1M and the optimistic estimate totals approximately \$9.6M. Mr. Roberts provided projected costs for each of the preliminary 2015-2016 staffing budget additions, including \$210K for the three additional teachers at Park Middle School and \$130K for the K-12 Director of Student Services. Staffing budget additions total approximately \$5.49M, and a preliminary estimate for MSOC totals approximately \$1.3M, for a total budget increase of approximately \$6.8M. Using the conservative and optimistic revenue estimates results in a total (deficit)/surplus of (\$320K) to \$4.23M. As requested by Board President Dawn Adams at the March 11 Board meeting, Mr. Roberts presented new school operating costs for the elementary schools and for the middle schools to be built. Total operating costs are estimated to increase by approximately \$4.19M beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Roberts reviewed the Board meeting schedule and budget timeline that would result in the Board adoption of the budget at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept the recommendation to provide three additional teachers in 2015-2016 to allow a one year pilot of an eight period day, and make Wednesday a normal release day at Park Middle School.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

After some discussion by the Board, it was agreed that they would review the decision at the end of the 2015-2016 pilot year and determine whether or not to continue the eight period per day schedule at Park.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	no
	Mabry	aye
	Brooks	aye
	Kintzley	aye

Motion carried 3-1.

Policy 2410 Graduation Requirements Waiver

Superintendent Dave Bond presented the latest list, from the State Board of Education website, of school districts in the state who have requested a waiver of the 24 credit graduation requirement. Of 40 districts that have applied for the 24 credit waiver, only two other districts have requested a one-year waiver. Mr. Bond added that he has received numerous emails from community members requesting that the Board reconsider their decision.

Motion by Ben Messinger to reconsider the Board's previous decision to apply for a one-year waiver of the 24 credit graduation requirement.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	aye
	Brooks	aye
	Kintzley	aye

Motion carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: April 22, 2015