

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
WESTGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

MINUTES

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; and Dave Bond, Superintendent of Schools 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.

Other Guests: Mick McFarland, Attorney (via phone)

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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Lisa Peppard, 2762 Katie Road, Kennewick, Washington, parent of a Desert Hills Middle School student and on the Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) committee at Desert Hills Middle School. Ms. Peppard voiced her concerns with PBIS and the Make Your Day program which involves Steps. She asked the Board to look at changing the discipline practices in the district. Ms. Peppard handed out a typed transcript of her concerns which also included a copy of an article she referenced and information about Conscious Discipline.

Superintendent Dave Bond stated that some schools still use Make Your Day and are transitioning to the PBIS system. Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Ron Williamson suggested he could share with the Board at a future meeting where the individual schools are with transitioning to PBIS. Board President Dawn Adams stated she was glad Lisa Peppard brought her concerns to the attention of the Board.

Montee Shipman, 3812 West 17th Ave., Kennewick, Washington, parent of a Chinook Middle School student, stated it was unannounced to him and other parents in the Cherry Blossom subdivision that they had been put into a walk zone. Mr. Shipman expressed his concerns that Union Ave. is not a good route for kids to walk. The one and a half mile walk is not such a big thing, but traffic patterns are different, kids are distracted with phones and talking with friends. Mr. Shipman asked if the Board could look into this or if we would have to wait for an accident to happen.

Superintendent Bond reminded the Board, in last February's Board meeting, they reviewed the policy where currently we have students who live within 1.5 miles to a mile walk and how we would need to purchase more buses, hire and train more bus drivers which could take three to four months. At that point in time, we were going to leave it alone. Mr. Bond shared that the City of Kennewick works with KSD to develop safe routes for kids to walk and that there are students walking through roundabouts on many routes. KSD also paid to have high-intensity flashers installed at some crosswalks. Last year we provided buses for Desert Hills Middle School students due to the road not being finished and this year DHMS parents from the Hanson Park subdivision are concerned about their kids having to walk even though last year they were told it was temporary. Mr. Bond stated it is up to the Board if they want to change the policy.

Dawn Adams shared how every year it seems like we have a situation exactly like this one.

Amy Coffman, 3712 S. Lincoln Street, Kennewick Washington, parent of a Chinook Middle School student, agreed that Union Ave. is a concern.

Dawn Adams suggested Doug Christensen, who is over Transportation, work with Mr. Shipman to see if there is possibly another route or option.

Mr. Shipman asked where the route is measured from and Mr. Bond replied from the edge of the school grounds to the 1.5 mile area. Mr. Messinger suggested maybe adding a route on 12th. Mr. Bond explained that our current distances are 1 mile for elementary schools, 1.5 miles for middle schools and 2 miles for high schools. Heather Kintzley asked if those were typical distances that most districts employ. Mr. Bond replied that it pre-dates him, but Richland School District is identical and Pasco School District buses everyone within 1 mile except for high schools which are 2 miles.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 4-0 with one abstaining.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, August 16, 2017
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular

- Resolution No. 1, 2017-2018; Accept Value Engineering Report for Tri-Tech East Building Remodel & Addition
- Curriculum Adoptions
 - *Code Avengers*, Author, Various at CodeAvengers.com, published by Online Education Ltd. This material will be used in grade 9-12 Webpage classes at Kamiakin.
 - *mBlock v3.4.6*, Author, MIT Media Lab, published by Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This material will be used in grade 4 & 5 technology classes at Washington Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond passed out information regarding air quality conditions from the Washington State Department of Health, Air Pollution and School Activities. Mr. Bond explained that we are monitoring the air quality caused by the wildfires and are following the guidelines per the state regarding recess, P.E. and athletic events and practices. All of our Principals have this information and have allowed students to come inside when they arrive at school so they are not waiting outside in the smoky air.

Ms. Kintzley noted that Facebook comments seemed very favorable, although a couple suggested we close.

Board

None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Enrollment Report

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented a preliminary enrollment report showing an increase of 455 students over last year's September count. This is about 300-350 more students than was figured into the 2017-2018 budget.

Westgate Elementary School Architect Report

Doug Mitchell, Project Architect for MMEC, presented photos of Westgate Elementary School being built from the ground up. Mr. Mitchell noted he is especially proud to have worked on this building as he is a Westgate Wildcat alumni. Mr. Mitchell shared how Westgate is a new design with 32 classrooms and expressed how smoothly construction went with teachers being allowed to move in early to set up their classrooms.

Ron Mabry asked if the blue outside panels were paintable should they fade or if they want to change the color. Mr. Mitchell replied that the panels could be painted, although they shouldn't fade. Ben Messinger commented that he liked the color. Mr. Mabry

asked if it would be possible to expand the school if needed. Mr. Mitchell replied it would be pretty difficult to expand the building any further as they already added four more classrooms and the building was pretty close to the edge of the school's property.

Westgate Elementary School Principal Remarks

Principal Dale Kern thanked the Board and everyone for coming. He commented on how happy the staff was to move in early and how much they appreciated all the new features like microphones in the classrooms (VoiceLift System), plenty of enclosed small group instruction spaces (no more teaching in the halls) and best of all no more eating lunch in the classroom. Mr. Kern stated on behalf of everyone at Westgate, "Thank you for our amazing school."

Westgate Video

Robyn Chastain, Director of Communications and Public Relations, presented a video of the Westgate Elementary School ribbon cutting.

Proclamation of Dedication

President Dawn Adams read a proclamation dedicating Westgate 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

Policy No 5278, PERSONNEL: Social Media, Second Reading

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve Policy No. 5278, PERSONNEL: Social Media, for second reading as presented by Dave Bond.

Both Mr. Messinger and Ms. Adams stated they appreciated the effort that had gone into this policy. Mr. Bond noted that once the policy had been adopted, Doug Christensen and other administrators would provide training on the policy to all staff.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 2336, INSTRUCTION: Ceremonies and Observances, First Reading

Superintendent Bond reported he was contacted by Disability Rights Washington to see if we had a policy for Disability History Month. No policy was found. After looking at the WSDA policy model, we discovered our Policy No. 2336, Ceremonies and Observances was outdated and we needed to add both Constitution Day and Disability History Month.

Heather Kintzley noted that the date, September 17, 1787 should be placed at the end of the sentence.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve Policy No. 2336, INSTRUCTION: Ceremonies and Observances, for first and second reading as presented by Dave Bond with the one edit as noted above.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams moved the Board into executive session at 6:33 p.m. for approximately one hour per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to evaluate the Superintendent's 2017 goals, RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) for a personnel issue, RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for a legal update. No formal action will result. At 7:33 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session reconvened at 7:46 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: September 20, 2017