

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board (excused at 7:00 pm); Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Kaylee McClure, Student Representative to the Board; and Dave Bond, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Chuck Lybeck, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum Services; Beverly Johnson-Torelli, 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 Lorraine Cooper, Director of Communications and Public Relations.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 12 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Rama Devagupta, Richland resident and biology teacher in the Kennewick School District expressed her concern on behalf of science teachers regarding the conflict with National Science Teachers Conference and the district staff development “use it or lose it” day on October 25th. She proposed that principals be given latitude to make exceptions so teachers could recover the day and be able to attend key conferences. She also expressed concern with the International Science Fair conflicting with AP testing and asked for consideration for future situations.

Superintendent Dave Bond explained that the timeline for the calendar, legislative action, and contract negotiations all played into the final calendar that was voted on by the teacher’s. He agreed that conflicts should be minimized but can’t always be avoided. He shared that the District feels strongly about the need for training staff on the implementation of the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Plan (TPEP) required by the state and is funding two additional days above the one day provided by the state. The district has specific topics to present as bargained in the teacher’s contract and is unwilling to surrender this valuable time to exceptions. Superintendent Bond pointed out the opportunity to be part of the calendar committee.

President Dawn Adams said that the situation was unfortunate but the Board would stand by the negotiated contract and ask that the district try to take it into consideration for next year.

Bev Johnson Torelli stated that the calendar committee tries to work in as many situations as possible but timing and other circumstances make it difficult.

Jim Wade, representing his granddaughter spoke against Common Core, and the federal government regulating education and restricting academic freedom.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Mr. Mabry.

Following clarification that the KAA Agreement had been finalized, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 11, 2013
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers – August 31, 2013
- Approval of 2013-2014 Paraeducators Bargaining Agreement
- Approval of 2013-2015 KAA Agreement
- Authorize Purchase and Closing on Property Located at 5501/5515 W. Metaline at a Price of \$153,777
- Amendment to Sodexo Nutrition Services Agreement

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond shared upcoming dates for the WSSDA Conference on November 21-24; WSSDA Fall Regional Meeting on October 9th, and the United Way Community Health and Human Services Forum on November 5th.

Board

Dawn Adams noted that she attended the Legislative Assembly which was very succinct and

concluded early. She will send out the results to Board members when it becomes available.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Human Trafficking -

Kennewick Police Detective Jason Harrington gave a report on human trafficking in the Tri-Cities and the increased activity in the areas of forced labor /immigration, domestic sex trafficking, gang sex trafficking, prostitution, escort services, and exotic dancing. He stressed the importance of building partnerships and awareness within the community to identify signs and symptoms so services can be provided to victims. The school district was encouraged to address it in KSD schools. Bev Henderson noted that the District had decided to use the Deceptions program in 7th grade health to help students become aware of the issue, and Detective Harrington was pleased to learn that some things were already in place within the health program.

Facilities Planning

Superintendent Dave Bond gave an overview of the study process and timelines for the ten-year facilities plan and pointed out issues – such as the size of elementary schools and the impact of class size reduction funds – that the Board would need to consider in adopting the district's next ten-year plan.

Common Core

Associate Superintendent Chuck Lybeck, Liz Dale, and Bev Henderson gave an overview of Common Core and the state standards, assessments, timelines, and staff development taking place to prepare staff for state-wide implementation in 2013-14. Students will begin taking new tests, called Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, which are aligned to the Common Core.

Spring 2013 Test Results

Assistant Superintendents of K-12 Education, Greg Fancher and Ron Williamson, gave a presentation on the Spring 2013 state test results with a 2008 – 2012 history of comparison for the Measures of Student Progress (MSP - former WASL, Washington Assessment of Student Learning), Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE), and End of Course (EOC). The MSP will be moving to the Smarter Balance test in 2014-15. Scores were relatively consistent with a few areas identified for focus.

KSD Construction Video -

Director of Communications and Public Relations Lorraine Cooper presented a video created to highlight the capital projects completed over the last four to five years under the ten-year

facilities plan adopted by the School Board.

Superintendent Dave Bond presented Lorraine Cooper with a plaque recognizing her leadership and service to the staff and students of the Kennewick School District and wished her well on her new job with the Issaquah School District.

Fruitland Cooling

Keith Colee reviewed the Fruitland cooling system and the obstacles involved in bringing conditioned air into the older Fruitland building that is used as temporary housing during school remodels. Each year Fruitland is occupied by a different school in the remodel process. The recommendation was to do a better job of informing staff on how to use the existing system the way it is designed to work for maximum efficiency. Since the occupants of Fruitland change every year, annual training for the staff is necessary.

Ron Mabry recommended a welcome to the building brochure with information about their expected experience and educating them on the limitations of the building and how to maximize the existing equipment for the greatest comfort in extreme weather situations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Delta Graduation Dates

Superintendent Dave Bond reviewed the current schedule of graduations throughout the Tri-Cities and recommended adjusting Kennewick School District graduation times as follows to include Delta HS:

Kennewick HS (same)	9:00 am
Kamiakin HS	12:00 pm
Delta HS	3:00 pm
Southridge HS	6:00 pm

Motion by Mr. Messinger to approve adjusting graduation times as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Ron Mabry inquired about Delta students having diplomas with the Delta Logo. Dave Bond responded that Delta is actually a program but there has been some discussion on how to acknowledge them as a Delta HS graduate.

Tablet for School Board Members

Ron Cone presented the Microsoft Tablet as an option for Board members to be able to access district communications without using personal computers.

Ron Mabry asked clarification on whether personal use is prohibited. The response was that the district doesn't prohibit person use, but cautions anyone using District-owned equipment that anything on the device is subject to subpoena.

Motion by Mr. Mabry to accept the Microsoft Tablet, with the upgrades, as the option for Board members to use for school district communications with acceptance and transfer at the October 23, 2013 School Board meeting.

Seconded by Mr. 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, Vice President Heather Kintzley adjourned the Board at 8:23 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: October 9, 2013