

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MARCH 26, 2014

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Legislative Representative for the Board; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member (arriving late); 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 Robyn Chastain, Director of Communication and Public Relations.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Kintzley, excused.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 62 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

Winter Sports State Participants

Kennewick High School recognized state participants in boys' basketball, wrestling, and girls' bowling who also received academic recognition.

Southridge High School recognized state participants in wrestling (also receiving academic recognition), and girls' gymnastics (also receiving academic honors).

Kamiakin High School recognized state participants in girls' basketball, wrestling, cheer team, and girls' gymnastics.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Mr. Messinger.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Brooks	aye
	Adams	aye

Motion carried 3-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 12, 2014
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending February 28, 2014
- Budget Status Report Ending February 28, 2014
- Meal Prices for 2014-2015
- Bid Award – 2014-2015 Fall Sports Equipment and First Aid
- Resolution No. 11 2013-2014 Bid Award and Acceptance of Contract for Eastgate Elementary New-in-lieu Project
- Bus Purchases for 2014-2015

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond shared highlights of the 2014 legislative session summary from WSSDA's Director of Governmental Relations, Marie Sullivan's *Legislative Update*. He noted a shift in funds from the 1080 instructional hours toward phasing in a 24 credit graduation requirement by the class of 2019; there was no capital budget adopted or any new grant programs for capacity issues; the culminating project was never discussed but has been removed as a state requirement for 2014-15; and Board members will be required to complete training on open public meetings and public records within 90 days of taking office. Mr. Bond also noted a need for some district policies to be updated as a result of recent legislative action.

Board Members

None.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Valedictorian Requirements

In response to a student request for the School Board to adjust the Valedictorian Selection

process to allow transfer students who haven't earned ten credits in the KSD the opportunity to qualify, Superintendent Dave Bond reviewed the regulation for Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements, Section VII. Valedictorian and Salutatorian Selection Process and explained the basic premise and the principals' recommendation not to make changes.

A lengthy discussion was held covering the importance of recognizing student academic achievements and the impact of editing the policy to be more inclusive of transfer students who have earned credits in qualifying courses or programs but can't meet the minimum 10 credits required under the current policy. The Board's intent was not to displace anyone from being a valedictorian but to add opportunity for transfer students who have applied themselves to achieving academic excellence. The student must be enrolled and on target to earn the minimum credits their senior year in a Kennewick school or other district approved program. Kaylee McClure shared a survey of National Honor Society students that indicated that they believed that being named valedictorian is in recognition of the student's scholastic achievement rather than a representation of the school or district. However NHS students stated that they believed that for students to be valedictorian, they must have earned their transfer credits from a previous school in Washington State and the percentage received for classes must meet the equivalent percentage to GPA scale in Kennewick School District.

Motion by Ben Messinger to modify the regulation of Policy 2410, Section VII., (2) as follows:

A student must earn a minimum of ~~10~~ 2.5 credits in attendance at Kennewick School District high schools or other district approved program.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

2013-2014 Budget Update

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts reported on the February 2014 status of the 2013-2014 budget with comparison to the 2012-2013 budget and the 2013-2014 projections. Projections indicate that revenues will exceed expenditures allowing for additional funding capacity that can be applied to targeted areas such as I.T. upgrades and computer replacement, maintenance equipment replacement, maintenance and grounds projects, teacher professional development opportunities, and curriculum needs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Asset Preservation Program

Keith Colee presented an annual report on the Asset Preservation Program and reviewed the school building preservation rank order classifications and condition evaluation scores. He noted projects identified for summer completion with an estimated cost of \$1,125,000. The projects included flooring at Washington and Hawthorne, exterior paint at Kamiakin, Horse Heaven Hills, Park, Amistad and Ridgeview, and access and asphalt at Kennewick High, Horse Heaven Hills, and Legacy.

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve the Asset Preservation Program and projects as identified and presented by Keith Colee.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Delta High School Joint Partners Agreement Update

Superintendent Dave Bond reviewed the edits to the Joint Partners Agreement between Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland School Districts, Battelle, WA STEM Foundation, WSU, and CBC, guiding the partnership as it moves from starting Delta High School to sustaining Delta High School.

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve the updated Delta High School Joint Partners Agreement as presented by Dave Bond.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Delta High School Inter-local Agreement Update

Dave reviewed the edits to the Agreement that governs how Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland will cooperatively manage Delta HS.

Dawn Adams expressed concern with the last sentence of Section V. FUNDING (A) “The parties are committed to transitioning from a seat based enrollment to a student FTE based enrollment structure, provided the fiscal integrity of the Program is protected.” She noted further concern that the language was shown as deleted under another section but inserted in the Funding section and not identified as new language to that area.

Following a lengthy discussion with the Board indicating that they would support language that said that they were willing to evaluate transitioning to an FTE based system rather than being committed to transitioning to one, a motion was made by Ben Messinger to table approval of the Agreement for further clarification on the language of concern. Dave was directed to contact Pasco and Richland and see if both Districts would agree to language that removed the word “committed” in favor of wording that indicated a willingness to evaluate.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced at 8:22 p.m. that all formal business of the Board was concluded for the evening and that the Board would be moving into executive session for approximately 10-20 minutes per RCW42.30.110 (1) (i) for an update on litigation issues.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned regular session at 8:42 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: April 16, 2014