

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
OCTOBER 7, 2015

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley (arriving late), Vice President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member, Charlie Landefeld, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 20 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 23, 2015
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Approval of Extracurricular Bargaining Agreement for 2015-2017

- Approval of M&O Bargaining Agreement for 2015-2016
- Approval of Paraeducator Bargaining Agreement for 2015-2016
- Approval of Secretary Bargaining Agreement for 2015-2018

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond announced that, as part of the Consent Items, the Board had approved the hire of Rob Phillips as the principal of Elementary School #5. Greg Fancher added that Mr. Phillips was chosen for the position because of his breadth of experience and his success at Washington Elementary School, even as the demographics of the school have changed.

Mr. Bond reported that two of the four scheduled boundary meetings have been completed and that attendance at those meetings was low. He noted that many parents have shared that they appreciate the Board's priority to create neighborhood schools. Mr. Bond stated that, at the meetings, Mr. Fancher and Mr. Williamson present the proposed boundary changes and then explain School Choice, which has resulted in very positive reactions from parents. He reported that several parents commented that they were unsure that they needed to attend the boundary meeting because they visited the KSD website and found the information and the interactive boundary maps to be very helpful.

Mr. Bond shared that the Kennewick School District was presented the Visionary Partner Award by Junior Achievement. He explained that the District had housed the Junior Achievement program for more than 20 years until their recent move to a new office.

Mr. Bond reported that Delta High School will hold an open house and dedication ceremony on October 8th. He noted that the Board members and he plan to attend the event and that President Dawn Adams will participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Board

Charlie Landefeld, Student Representative to the Board, reported on the after school snack program that is offered at to any student involved in an after school activity at Southridge High School. He explained that the program was implemented this year because the free and reduced lunch rate is over fifty percent. Mr. Landefeld added that an average of 150 students per day at Southridge are provided after school snacks at no cost.

Ron Mabry reported that he recently attended a WIAA Basketball Tournament Committee meeting at which members were presented with three options for scheduling basketball tournaments to allow more students the opportunity to play in the Tacoma Dome. Mr. Mabry stated that he plans to speak with each of the high school athletic directors before submitting his vote. He stated that he prefers an option that is most like the NCAA format in

which, if the team plays the first week and wins, then the second week they would get to play in the Tacoma Dome.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Community Presentation

Robyn Chastain, Director of Communications and Public Relations, presented a video of the Parent and Community Workshop that was held on October 2nd. The workshop offered information sessions that allowed parents to become better acquainted with the District. Ms. Chastain shared positive feedback received about the event which was attended by more than 150 parents and community members.

Kindergarten Assessment

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Greg Fancher, reviewed the fall 2015 kindergarten reading and math assessment results. He reported that, overall, this fall's reading scores were about the same as scores in the fall of 2014 with 54% of kindergarten students scoring less than 30 percent on the test and an average score of 33 percent. Mr. Fancher reported that this fall's math scores were about the same as scores in the fall of 2014 with 71% of students scoring less than 60 percent on the test and an average score of 29 percent. Mr. Fancher reminded the Board that past history has shown that scores have greatly improved on the spring reading and math assessments each year, which attests to the great job the kindergarten teachers do to provide their students with the skills they need to be successful.

Capital Projects Update

Doug Carl, Director of Capital Projects, shared photographs of the construction taking place at the new Desert Hills Middle School, Elementary School #15 and Middle School #5, as well as the abatement and beginning of demolition of Westgate Elementary School. He also shared photographs of completed summer projects which included installation of new flooring at Highlands Middle School, a new bus lane and a parking lot at Highlands Middle School, a crosswalk at Southridge High School, and a new parking lot at Legacy High School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Levy Information

Executive Director of Business Operations, Vic Roberts, listed the timeline of activities required before the February 9th levy election. He reviewed the General Fund budgets for 2014-15 and 2015-16, as well as preliminary expenditures for 2016-2017. He explained that the 2016-17 preliminary projections will require a large increase in the levy rate or the use of the fund balance over 2016-17 and 2017-18, which would result in showing a

budget deficit, on paper, of \$2.5 M to \$4.0M for 2016-17. Mr. Roberts noted that he would expect a smaller deficit when the year is closed. He listed the 2016-17 budget considerations which include utility and liability/property insurance, curriculum adoption, information systems cost, maintenance, general budget increases, Communities in Schools, elementary Dean positions, and the need for additional Transportation staff.

Mr. Roberts provided three options for the Board to consider when setting the levy amount. Option 1: Keep the levy amount at \$24.5M, Option 2: Increase the levy by an amount that keeps the projected 2016 levy rate unchanged, and Option 3: Increase the levy by an amount that results in approximately \$1.0M of additional revenue per year. Mr. Roberts stated that he prefers Option 2 but he wanted the Board to understand that, with that option, the District will use the fund balance for the next couple of years and then, hopefully, levy equalization funding will increase. Superintendent Bond agreed that Option 2, in which the levy rate would be unchanged, is his preferred option but he stated that he and Mr. Roberts would like for the Board to provide their comments. Several Board members agreed that they would prefer Option 2.

NEW BUSINESS

MTS Facility

Dave Bond presented information regarding the needs of the Maintenance, Transportation, Support Services (MTS) Facility as a result of the growth in student population and District size over the past 20 years. Mr. Bond explained that the District has outgrown the current facility as the number of employees, vehicles, equipment, etc. at the site have nearly doubled. He reported that the School Board has acquired property at the Edison Street end of Metaline Street and that the Grounds Department moved to that location in fall of 2011. Mr. Bond reported that KSD administration believes that the best long-term plan is to split MTS into two facilities, one serving Maintenance and Grounds, and the other serving Transportation, Warehousing and Nutrition Services.

Mr. Bond explained that in April 2015 ALSC Architects were hired to develop concepts for the combined site at the Edison Street end of Metaline Street and that they finished the schematic design this summer. He recommended that the Board authorize the District to contract with ALSC to proceed to design development and the creation of construction documents for a new building. Mr. Bond shared that KSD administration will review the capital projects fund and identify how the project will impact that fund. He added that, once a design is developed and construction documents are completed, administration will bring firmer estimated costs to the Board. Mr. Bond stated that, depending on those costs, administration will ask for authorization to either move forward with immediate construction beginning next spring or move forward with a plan to construct the facility sometime in the coming years. Mr. Bond reported that, if the Board decides to move forward and build a new facility, it will be necessary to hire an architect to review the current MTS facility and propose modifications to make it more useable to the remaining departments. Mr. Bond added that administration will need to identify a funding source for

making the changes to the current MTS facility. He suggested that the Board listen to Mr. Roberts' update of the Capital Projects budget before making a decision on his recommendation.

Capital Projects Budget Update

Vic Roberts reviewed the capital fund budget and expenditures from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. He reported that revenues totaled approximately \$124.9M and expenditures totaled approximately \$35.7M with an ending balance of approximately \$93.7M. Mr. Roberts reported on the projected capital fund project costs and state match funds remaining for the elementary and middle school projects as of September 1, 2015. He estimated that remaining costs for the current construction projects will total \$119.9M. Mr. Roberts also reported on the projected resources and uses of the capital fund from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020. Available funding resources for the five year period were projected at \$165.1M and the cost of projects was estimated at \$158.9M leaving a remaining capital fund balance of \$6.2M.

The Board members asked what the cost of the construction documents will be for the proposed building on Metaline Street and asked what the typical shelf life of construction documents is, should they decide not to move immediately to the construction phase. Doug Carl reported that the construction documents will cost approximately \$500K and estimated that the documents would be good for one to two years, if there are no building code changes during that time.

Motion by Ron Mabry to authorize administration to contract with ALSC to proceed to design development and the creation of construction documents for a new building.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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 7:05 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) for a personnel issue. She noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 7:20 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session was reconvened at 7:39 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: October 21, 2015