

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MAY 24, 2017

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Legislative Representative for the Board; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Jaxon Dean, Student Representative to the Board; and Dave Bond, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board. Ron Mabry arrived late due to a WSSDA Conference in Seattle.

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; Robyn Chastain, Director of Communication and Public Relations.

Other Guests: Mick McFarland, Attorney (by phone), Bronson Brown, KSD In-House Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 65 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Amy Stayrook, 3413 S Buntin St., **parent** of a Southridge High School student, voiced support for the Board to keep Mr. Munson

Uby Creek, 3219 W Canal Dr., Ms. Creek passed out copies of journal entries from a 5th grade girl who participated in the 21st Century program. Ms. Creek would like the Board to consider keeping the 21st Century program in our schools.

Dawn Adams replied that the 21st Century program is a topic on the June 7th Board retreat agenda.

Chris Barley, 3978 S McKinley St., **parent** of a SHS student, voiced support for Mr. Munson.

Ryan Barley, 3978 McKinley St., **student** at SHS, voiced support for Mr. Munson. He shared that as a new student he didn't feel like he had anyone to talk to regarding the suicidal death of a friend. However, Mr. Munson talked with him for over 35 minutes.

Brianna Lynch, 3501 S. Ledbetter St., **student** at SHS, voiced support for Mr. Munson. Ms. Lynch explained that she is in many leadership programs at SHS and will be the ASB President next year. She stated she does not play sports but wanted the Board to know that Mr. Munson was always helpful and supportive of the ASB programs and clubs.

Duane McPheron, 701 West 45th Pl, **parent** of a SHS student. Mr. McPheron wanted to know if SHS doesn't have a coach next year would students be allowed to play football at Kennewick High School or Kamiakin High School. He stated the parents needed an answer.

Dave Bond replied per the WIAA rules the Southridge High School students would not be allowed to play football with Kennewick High School or Kamiakin High School.

Ryan Nett – 3520 S. Conway, **student** at SHS – He doesn't feel like anyone cares what the students think about Mr. Munson. He would like the District to keep Mr. Munson.

Mark Meier, 3202 W. 24th Ave, **student** at SHS, voiced his support for Munson. Mr. Meier stated that after the suicidal death of a friend was announced at football practice he just sat on the field for a couple of hours trying to process what had happened and he noted that Mr. Munson stayed with him the whole time.

Flynn McPheron, 701 West 45th Pl, **student** at SHS and a football player, voiced support for Mr. Munson.

Thomas Kochenauer, 3308 S. Conway Court, **student** at SHS in Mr. Munson's 2nd period Biology class. Mr. Kochenauer stated that most everything he saw in class was personally negative. He shared that Mr. Munson would be talking in the hallway and start class about 20 minutes late every day. Mr. Kochenauer doesn't want the Board to fire Mr. Munson, but would like them to offer him guidance and put him in check.

Eric Stayrook, 3413 S Buntin St., **student** at SHS, voiced support for the Board to keep Mr. Munson.

Keri Gibson-Perez, 1206 S. Kellogg St., **parent** of a SHS student. Ms. Perez stated she was here on her sons' behalf, as he was not able to come in support of Mr. Munson.

Ryan Stayrook, 3413 S Buntin St., **student** and football player at SHS, voiced support for Mr. Munson.

Scott Lynch, 3501 S Ledbetter St., **parent** of a SHS student. Mr. Lynch stated he does not know Mr. Munson, but he knows several of the students and parents who attended the Board meeting in support of Mr. Munson. Mr. Lynch is proud to be a part of a community with people of such good character and quality including Board members, students and parents. Mr. Lynch then commented that everyone needed to remember that

the Board would know stuff that students and parents would not know and encouraged everyone to support the Board's decision.

Dawn Adams asked if the Board could speak publicly once their decision had been made. Dave Bond stated that in accordance with Policy 4325, he asked Doug Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, to speak with Mr. Munson to ask his permission if the Board could talk more transparently about his teaching position, and Mr. Munson declined to give his permission.

Heather Kintzley commented that she could see many had been touched by Mr. Munson as a coach but asked if anyone had Mr. Munson as a teacher. Approximately eight students raised their hands. Ms. Kintzley then asked how many of the students who raised their hands had Mr. Munson for a Biology teacher, and two students raised their hands. Ms. Kintzley explained that Mr. Munson has two different contracts, one for coaching and one for teaching. Ms. Kintzley had not personally heard anything negative regarding Mr. Munson's coaching.

Trent Mertens, 3326 W. 23rd Ave, **student** at SHS, stated his support for Mr. Munson and felt he was a good teacher.

Gabriel Kirby 1721 West 39th Ave., **student** at SHS, stated Mr. Munson helped him with math problems.

Dawn Adams thanked everyone for coming as the Board appreciates them giving their input on Mr. Munson and noted the Board does recognize that the community is their boss.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting May 10, 2017

- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending April 30, 2017
- Budget Status Report Ending April 30, 2017
- Career and Technical Education Three-Year Plans for Middle Schools, High Schools and Tri-Tech Skills Center
- Curriculum Adoptions:
 - ❖ ***Blast Foundations***, Author, Shari Zimmer, Publisher Really Great Reading to be used in grade K-3 English Language Arts classes at Hawthorne.
 - ❖ ***English HD***, Author, Dr. Kate Kinsella, Publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, to be used in grade 6-12 Language Arts class's district-wide.
 - ❖ ***HD Word***, Author, Amy Janden, Publisher Really Great Reading to be used in grade 3-5 English Language Arts classes at Hawthorne Elementary School.
 - ❖ ***Imagine Learning/Imagine Learning Español***, Author and publisher Imagine Learning, to be used in grade K-5 Bilingual Programs district-wide.
 - ❖ ***Imagine Math***, Author and publisher Imagine Learning, to be used in grade 3-9 Migrant Home Visit Summer School Program.
 - ❖ ***Jasperactive***, Author and publisher CCI Learning to be used in grade 8 Computer Technology classes and in grade 9-12 business classes.
 - ❖ ***Listenwise***, Author, Licensing partnership with National Public Radio, Publisher Listenwise to be used in grade 6-12 ELA, Science, and Social Studies classes district-wide.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond passed the Board members a schedule of high school graduations. He noted that graduation appeals have been scheduled for June 1st and asked the Board to let Patty Lord or himself know if they will be unable to attend any of the graduations.

Student Representative to the Board Jaxon Dean commented that he would be graduating from Delta High School so he would not be attending the next Board Meeting.

Board Member

Ron Mabry reported on the WSSDA Equity Conference in Seattle that he attended. He shared that it was a good conference covering diversity and how to prepare great leaders. Mr. Mabry stated he would share more with the Board members at a later time.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Preliminary Budget Update 2017-2018

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts gave an update on the 2017-2018 preliminary General Fund budget. A projected deficit of \$975,875 was reviewed. Mr. Roberts then noted an additional increase in revenue resulting from the delay in the levy cliff. The district should expect a levy equalization payment of \$15.475M which is an increase of \$2.475M in levy equalization funding for 2017-18. A portion of the levy equalization increase was applied to reduce the \$975,875 deficit and balance the General Fund budget of \$219,106,748.

Mr. Roberts noted that OSPI has indicated K-3 class size funding for 2017-18 will be paid regardless of whether a school district actually meets the 17.0 students per teacher funding ratio. In past years the district only received funding based on the actual computed class size ratio. The district is projected to be at a ratio of 19.0 to 20.0 for 2017-18, the additional funding projected at a ratio of 17.0 is \$3.3M. The additional levy equalization funding not used to balance the budget in addition to the additional \$3.3M in K-3 funding would be budgeted as a \$4.2M contingency expenditure item to offset the revenue. Mr. Roberts indicated that a cautious approach should be taken with the additional levy equalization revenue and K-3 revenue since we don't know how the district budget will be impacted once the legislature finalizes the state biennium budget.

Mr. Roberts also reviewed revenues and expenditures by major program areas in addition to significant changes in materials, supplies, and operating costs (MSOC). Mr. Roberts noted the scheduled date for adoption of the district budget is June 14th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Graduation Requirements Class of 2021

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Ron Williamson reviewed the 24 credit graduation requirement and shared ideas on how to meet the requirement while maintaining a six period day, followed by two recommendations. The first recommendation was to grant .5 elective credit for successful completion of Washington State History in the 7th grade in Kennewick School District. Students would still need to meet state graduation requirements for Social Studies of 3.0 credits. (1.0 Credit of United States History, 1.0 Credit of Contemporary World History, Geography, and Problems, 0.5 Credit of Civics and 0.5 Credit of Social Studies Elective) The second recommendation was to grant .5 elective credit for successful completion of the High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP).

Dawn Adams commented it would be nice to see some online expansion.

Ron Williamson replied he should have recommended to grant 1.0 Occupational Education Credit for Computer Applications if it had not already been Board approved.

Motion by Ben Messinger to accept the recommendation to grant .5 elective credit for successful completion of Washington State History in the 7th Grade in Kennewick School District, to grant .5 elective credit for successful completion of the High School and Beyond Plan and to grant 1.0 Occupational Education credit for Computer Applications for 8th graders as presented.

Ron Mabry commented he agreed it would be nice to offer more online classes.

Ben Messinger requested a report showing what classes we currently offer online. Ron Williamson replied he would be happy to report on Kennewick School Districts current online classes.

Heather Kintzley commented that students are doing the work which has value, so let's recognize them for the work they have done and give them credit for it.

Dawn Adams stated after seeing Pasco School District's High School and Beyond Plan she wondered if our (HSBP) is really as robust as it could be.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Science Test Graduation Requirement

Superintendent Dave Bond reported on the current school board procedure for graduation ceremonies, the current graduation requirements, and the history of the 2015 legislative session regarding eliminating the Biology test as a graduation requirement. Mr. Bond noted the House and Senate did not agree to a combined bill delaying for two years the high school graduation requirement of meeting the state standard on the high school science assessment until after graduation in 2015. This resulted in some seniors not being allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony, because they had not passed a test which the Legislature eventually eliminated as a graduation requirement for that class.

Mr. Bond noted the 2015 legislative delay for the science test has expired and the State Board of Education has again recommended the elimination of the science exam requirement for graduation. Dave Bond handed out a copy of the State Board's resolution

and press release, explaining the House passed a bill which would delink all tests (science, math, ELA) from being graduation requirements. The Senate passed a bill which would eliminate the high school science assessment as a graduation requirement, but those bills have not been reconciled. Mr. Bond shared unless the Legislature acts by June 2, about 25-30 Kennewick School District students, who have met all other graduation requirements, would not be allowed to graduate.

Motion by Heather Kintzley authorizing the District to allow seniors to participate in the graduation ceremony if the only unmet requirement is the science assessment, assuming that the Legislature has not made a final determination regarding this requirement by June 2. Diplomas would be held until the Legislature completes its work as recommended.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Dual Credit Options

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Ron Williamson reported that there are currently five dual enrollment credit options for high school students in the District: International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Running Start, Tech Prep and College in the High School. He shared that these programs offer high school students free or low cost college credit, experience with college level curriculum and transferrable college credits. Mr. Williamson noted substantial savings for families whose children participated in the College in the High School program.

Jaxon Dean shared that he would be attending the University of Idaho in the fall and how Dual credit classes helped prepare him for collage. He also stated how dirt cheap the credits were compared to what he would have been paying in college.

Dawn Adams commented no vote was needed to continue the programs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams moved the Board into executive session at 6:55 p.m. for 1 ½ hours per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for an update on a legal issue and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) to discuss a Personnel Issue. At 8:25 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional hour.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session was reconvened at 9:26 p.m.

Motion by Brian Brooks to uphold the District decision to non-renew Mr. Munson's teaching contract.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Heather Kintzley noted the decision too non-renew was regarding the teaching contract only, not the football contract, and that it was not an easy decision.

Brian Brooks commented how much he appreciated people coming to the Board meeting and voicing their concerns.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: June 7, 2017