

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
OCTOBER 12, 2016

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dawn Adams called the Board into executive session at 5:00 p.m. for 30 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for an update on a legal issue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member (joining at 5:30 PM for Regular Meeting); Ron Mabry, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member, Jaxon Dean, Student Representative to the Board; and Dave Bond, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Chuck Lybeck, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum Services; 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.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Kintzley, excused
Doug Christensen, excused

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 20 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Uby Creek, 3219 W. Canal Dr., Kennewick, WA. 21st Century Site Coordinator for the ESD 123.

Ms. Creek stated that she wanted to personally invite the School Board Members to come to Eastgate Elementary School to see the 21st Century program in action for themselves. Ms. Creek explained that the five year grant would be ending this year for Eastgate Elementary School and as a citizen she thinks the program is important and that the School Board should consider keeping the program going by funding it once the grant ends. Dawn Adams, President of the Board, inquired as to how many students are participating at each site. Superintendent, Dave Bond, stated he would put together a

report regarding the 21st Century Program for the School Board to review at their Retreat in January 2017.

Uby Creek also stated that she is part of a Diversity Commission group with the City of Kennewick. Ms. Creek explained that this is a commission that the mayor created to provide an effective means for promoting diversity and commitment to equality within the City of Kennewick. Ms. Creek challenged the School Board to look into the Kennewick School District, as far as diversity, especially at the administration level. Ms. Creek stated that Latinos are the second largest group in Kennewick and there is minimal representation at the administration level.

Dawn Adams asked Dave Bond for a report showing the demographics of the Kennewick School employees.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Ben Messinger to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Brian Books.

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 21, 2016
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

Superintendent

Dave Bond reminded the School Board members of the upcoming meetings: WSSDA Fall Regional Meeting Oct. 13th, Richland WA. Dawn Adams and Ron Mabry stated they would be attending. WSSDA 2016 Annual Conference Nov. 16-19th, Spokane, WA. Brian Brooks, Ron Mabry and Dave Bond stated they would be attending. Ms. Adams asked about the NSBA Conference and Dave Bond stated he would look up the dates and location and send the information to the Board members.

Board

Board Member, Ron Mabry, stated that he works at PNNL and they are working on a project with DELTA high school students. Mr. Mabry went on to say that it would be nice if it was open to other students, not just DELTA students. Jaxon Dean, Student Representative to the Board, explained that DELTA students apply for internships. Mr. Bond stated that DELTA is sponsored in part by PNNL and WSU. Mr. Bond also commented that the Career and Technical Education department offers internships for the other High School students. Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, explained that this is also known as Work Based Learning.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Get To Know Kennewick Schools

Robyn Chastain, Director of Communications and Public Relations, presented a video of the Parent and Community Workshop that was held on September 30th. The workshop offered breakout sessions that allowed parents to become better acquainted with the District. Ms. Chastain shared positive feedback received about the event from parents and community members.

Spring 2016 State Testing Results

Assistant Superintendents Greg Fancher and Ron Williamson presented results from the spring 2016 state SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) tests. This is the second year of SBAC which tests in the area of English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Sample questions in ELA and Math were shared by both Mr. Fancher and Mr. Williamson. Mr. Fancher reported that, overall, the elementary students tested in ELA and Math saw growth from last year, with one exception being in 4th grade math. Ron Williamson reported that students in the middle school also saw growth in both ELA and Math scores.

Kindergarten Assessment

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Greg Fancher, reviewed the fall 2016 kindergarten reading and math assessment results. He reported that, overall, this fall's reading scores showed more kids scoring above 30 points in the fall of 2016 with 51% of kindergarten students scoring more than 30 points on the test with an average score of 38 points. Mr. Fancher reported that this fall's math scores were about the same as scores in the fall of 2015 with 35% of students scoring more than 60 pints on the test with an average score of 48 points. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: October 26, 2016