

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
FEBRUARY 25, 2015

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member, Alec Sun, 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 Communication and Public Relations.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Adams, excused.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Heather Kintzley called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 15 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

Citizens Bond and Levy Committee

Superintendent Dave Bond announced that he was very pleased to have three of the five members of the Citizens Bond and Levy Committee present and he thanked them for the fantastic job they did to pass the bond. Members of the Committee are Kevin Veleke, Mary Lynn Merriman, Jan Fraley, Mary Shaw and John Perkins. Mr. Bond added that the committee members are a fantastic group of dedicated citizens who give up hours and hours of their time in this effort. Superintendent Bond presented each committee member with a plaque and commented that it was so nice to have the bond passed. This bond proposition had the second highest number of people vote with 17,512 ballots returned.

Kevin Veleke stated that it was a concentrated effort by all of the committee members as well as many volunteers who participated in the door hanger campaign. Mary Lynn Merriman added that the Committee was convinced that it was very important to utilize social media in the campaign to reach parents in the district who don't usually vote. Heather Kintzley commented that the bond campaign was top-notch and that the District will be able to do amazing things with the passing of the bond. Ben Messinger added that the signs and advertisements for the bond could be seen everywhere and they looked very polished and professional. Mr. Veleke added that in less than 12 months they will be working on a levy.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 11, 2015
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending January 31, 2015
- Budget Status Report Ending January 31, 2015
- Lunch Price Recommendation – 2015-2016 School Year
- Resolution No. 11 2014-2015; Accept Value Engineering Report for Desert Hills Middle school
- Resolution No. 12 2014-2015; Elementary School #15 Constructability Review Acceptance
- Resolution No. 13 2014-2015; Middle School #5 Constructability Review Acceptance

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond reported that final bond certification shows that it passed with 64.55% of the votes. Past bond elections have cost approximately \$75K and costs may run a little more for this election; however, the bond passed the first time. Mr. Bond read a letter from the School Board to the community that will be published in the Tri-City Herald. He added that there are many steps that need to take place now. Vic Roberts and he will meet with Jon Gores on February 26th and Mr. Gores will be at the March 25th Board meeting to present information. Mr. Bond added that the Desert Hills Middle School documents were advertised on Sunday, February 22nd and they will be out for bid for approximately three weeks. At the March 25th meeting, the Board will award a contract to the low bidder.

Superintendent Bond passed out Mid-Columbia Conference cards to the Board members which allow them to attend District sporting events.

Board Member

Heather Kintzley reported that she participated in National History Day at Delta High School. She commented that it was interesting to see how different the academic structure is at Delta than standard high schools. Heather asked if administrators have statistics regarding how Delta graduates are performing at the college level. Ron Williamson replied that he would look into it and provide Heather information.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Third Grade Reading Goal Update

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Greg Fancher reviewed the mid-year test results measuring student growth toward the third grade reading goal. Schools are required to test all students who were below the 50th percentile in the fall but schools may test students who are above the 50th percentile to monitor progress. Mr. Fancher reported that he makes three formal visits to each school to discuss student progress and School Improvement Plans. The Superintendent visits each school twice a year to discuss student progress. Principals check in with teachers at mid-year to learn how they predict their students are performing. Teachers and principals share strategies and scores, and data analysis is performed at principal meetings. The key is what the principals and teachers do with that information. Mr. Fancher presented a chart of performance growth curves showing how students perform over time and stated that intervention is very effective at growing kids toward the standards. He reported that the test scores are a little higher than last year but a couple of school's scores dropped off significantly due to more students this year with very low language skills. Mr. Fancher commented that language continues to be a challenge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Ron Williamson presented the revised language for the following policies as directed by the Board at the meeting on February 11, 2015.

Policy 2410 INSTRUCTION: High School Graduation Requirements, Second Reading

Motion by Ben Messinger to accept Policy 2410 INSTRUCTION: High School Graduation Requirements as presented for second reading.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	aye

Brooks	aye
Kintzley	aye

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy 3322 STUDENTS: Short-Term Suspension, Second Reading

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve Policy 3322 STUDENTS: Short-Term Suspension as presented for second reading.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy 3325 STUDENTS: Emergency Expulsion, Second Reading

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve Policy 3325 STUDENTS: Short-Term Suspension as presented for second reading.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum Adoption for Health and Fitness

Associate Superintendent Chuck Lybeck gave an overview of the 6-12 Health and Fitness Curriculum adoption process. He explained that eight years ago the District had a \$750K grant for health and fitness which allowed us to do a lot of good work which makes this adoption easier. The fitness and adoption work groups recommended that the District retain the current health curriculum, *Glencoe Teen Health* books, Courses 1, 2 and 3 and the current fitness curriculum, *Five for Life Program: Intermediate*, for grades 6-8. Mr. Lybeck presented the Fitness and Cognitive Assessments and a summary list of supplemental materials recommended for grades 6-8.

For grades 9-12, the committee recommended that the District retain the current health curriculum, *Glencoe Health*, and the current fitness curriculum, *Five for Life Program: Advanced*. Mr. Lybeck also presented the Fitness and Cognitive Assessments and a list of supplemental materials recommended for grades 9-12.

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve the recommendation from staff to adopt the curriculum and supplemental materials for 6-12 Health and Fitness as presented.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

2014-2015 Budget Update

Executive Director of Business Management, Vic Roberts, reported student enrollment numbers which showed we have about 194 students more than what was budgeted. He stated that he will discuss next year's expected student growth in more detail at the March Board meetings. Vic shared that revenue generated in 2014-2015 is close to \$2.5 M over budget due to additional student enrollment, additional Special Education enrollment and K-1 poverty class size enhancement funding. The District also received an additional \$600K in levy equalization funding and additional funding of approximately \$200K for bilingual education. Mr. Roberts discussed other 2014-2015 budget items which include include additional expenditures for IT, Maintenance and Grounds and the Fitness and Health adoption approved by the Board this evening. Vic shared a comparative statement of revenue, expenditures and change in the general fund. Beginning and projected ending fund balance figures were reviewed.

Mr. Roberts reported that there is limited information so far on 2015-2017 K-12 budget discussions. He presented a list of preliminary 2015-2016 budget items under review which include additional certificated staffing, administration staffing, a possible state cost of living increase and a retirement rate increase, which the District will have funding to cover. Vic added that he will have more budget details at the March Board meetings and presented a timeline for Board adoption of the 2015-2016 budget at the June 17th meeting.

Graduation Location – Phoenix and Legacy

Ron Williamson shared photographs of past graduations for Legacy High School and Phoenix High School, which were held at Amistad Elementary School and in the KSD Administration Center Board Room. He stated that KSD administration would like to find a facility that allows

for more formal graduations for those schools, with more space for families to attend, and the capability to view PowerPoint presentations. Mr. Williamson presented a list of 2015 graduation dates, locations and times for schools in the Kennewick School District, Richland School District and CBC High School Academy. He proposed that Legacy and Phoenix High School graduations be held on June 5th at the Three Rivers Convention Center. Mr. Williamson explained that times of 3:30 p.m. for Legacy's graduation and 6:30 p.m. for Phoenix's graduation were chosen because Hanford High School and Richland High School have their graduations scheduled at the Toyota Center (in close proximity to the Convention Center) at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The times chosen would allow for smooth traffic transitions between all of the graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Williamson asked the Board if they wish to participate in graduation ceremonies for smaller schools and at what level. Superintendent Bond added that, although the Board members are obviously invited, the 3:30 p.m. graduation time for Legacy High School may be inconvenient for them to attend. Heather Kintzley answered that she would make it a priority to attend the graduations and Ben Messinger concurred, adding that he will attend all of the graduation ceremonies that he can. Mr. Williamson requested that the Board authorize administration to enter into a "Facility Usage Agreement" with Three Rivers Convention Center to hold graduation ceremonies for Legacy High school and Phoenix High School on June 5th.

Motion by Ben Messinger to approve the recommended June 5th graduation schedule and authorize administration to enter into a "Facility Usage Agreement" with Three Rivers Convention Center to hold graduation ceremonies for Legacy High school and Phoenix High School on June 5, 2015.

Seconded by Brian 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, the Board adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: March 11, 2015