

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
October 24, 2018

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Naresh Schmad, Student Representative to the Board; and Dave Bond, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: 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.

Other Guest: Bronson Brown, KSD Attorney
Ken Harper, Attorney (via phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Adams, excused
Chuck Lybeck, excused

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Heather Kintzley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 45 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:	Kintzley	Yes
	Brooks	Yes
	Mabry	Yes
	Messinger	Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 10, 2018

- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending September 30, 2018
- Memo: Classified Contract Ratifications
- Curriculum Adoptions:
 - ***Trail Guide to Movement***, Author, Andrew Biel, Published by Books of Discovery Education © 2015. This material will be used in grade 11-12 Pre-Physical Therapy classes at Tri-Tech.
 - ***Trail Guide to the Body***, Author, Andrew Biel, Published by Books of Discovery Education © 2014. This material will be used in grade 11-12 Pre-Physical Therapy classes at Tri-Tech.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations introduced the new Director of Capital Projects, Mr. Brandon Potts.

Superintendent Bond informed the Board that the City of Kennewick Historic Preservation Commission had chosen the Fruitland building to receive the 2018 Historic Preservation Award. Robyn Chastain and Dave Bond will attend the City of Kennewick Council meeting on November 6th, to accept the award.

Mr. Bond shared that Brian Brooks, Ron Mabry and himself would be attending the 2018 WSSDA Annual Conference in Spokane, WA in November.

Superintendent Bond reminded Board members that the NSBA Annual Conference would be in Philadelphia on March 30-April 1, 2019. Dawn Adams, Heather Kintzley, and Ron Mabry plan to attend the conference.

Board Member

None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Safety Goals

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Ron Williamson, and Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Greg Fancher, reviewed the student survey results on how safe students feel at school in various school environments. The goal is to have 90% of students report they feel safe at school. Overall, 87% of students in the district reported that they feel safe at school. High school results were way down as the survey was taken just after Parkland, FL high school shooting. Mr. Williamson and Mr. Fancher shared samples goals and strategies the schools have developed to address areas where students feel less safe. The next step is for principals to review the results with staff and see where they can improve and to build changes into their School Improvement Plans.

Fall MAP Test Results

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Ron Williamson, and Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Greg Fancher, reviewed the results of the fall MAP tests taken by students in kindergarten through 9th grade. They explained that the test results provide a baseline of students' reading and math skills, which helps principals and teachers determine areas in which they need to work with students. Results were mixed. Mr. Fancher explained how analyzing the results, along with RIT scores, helps teachers plan specific instruction for the students and set goals for their individual growth.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

School Boundaries

Assistant Superintendent Greg Fancher shared input he received from the five community meetings held on school boundaries. He reviewed the three options that he shared with the community and a fourth option that he created after receiving community input. Mr. Fancher presented information on how class size reduction will affect space, what the criteria for prioritizing school choice would be, and the timeline that results in the Board deciding on the school choice at the November 7th meeting.

Mr. Messinger asked if Option 4 gets Sage Crest numbers down to what the District is wanting the numbers to be.

Mr. Fancher replied that it does and that Option 4 would put Sage Crest at 468 students, but it is unknown how many folks would opt to go back to Sage Crest.

Mr. Brooks asked when the next boundary change would be.

Mr. Bond answered that Elementary 18, which requires us to pass the bond, would probably open in four years.

Patty Burkes, 191406 E. Game Farm Road, Kennewick, asked if the black arrows on option four would now make five options.

Mr. Fancher replied that the arrows represented an option five.

Ms. Burkes commented that she is a mother of three and appreciates what the District is trying to do, but she wants her children to stay at Cascade Elementary. Her children are in the high-end of Cascade Elementary scores, and she is concerned about the Washington scores being lower than Cascade Elementary scores. Ms. Burkes understands that she can put in for a transfer, but she would not be able to transport her children. She added that her next point is that her home value would be affected by putting her into a Title 1 school. Ms. Burkes told the Board that their votes could affect her future and her family's future. She then thanked the Board for listening.

Tami Ottley, 21307 S. Spruce St., Kennewick, commented that seeing the Washington

Elementary MAP scores scared her. She has concerns with moving her children from Cascade Elementary to Washington Elementary.

Brooke Dyal, 1516 West 51st Ave., Kennewick, commented that she lives in Inspiration Estates and would like to stay at Sage Crest Elementary.

Ms. Kintzley reminded everyone that the Board would not be making a decision tonight, but appreciated their comments.

Dave asked the Board for feedback regarding the boundaries.

Mr. Fancher reviewed the issues that came up during the community meetings and the possible solutions.

Ms. Kintzley asked about the possibility of delaying the boundary move until the district is ready to build the next school.

Mr. Fancher replied that the gamble is how quickly the Bob Olsen housing area will grow. He added that the longer the district delays, the more people will be entrenched in their school.

Mr. Messinger commented that regardless of what happens now, there will be another boundary change in four years. He asked if there was a way to soften that in the meantime.

Ms. Kintzley added that boundary changes are a tough transition and she is sensitive to the parents who have spoken tonight. Ms. Kintzley would prefer to delay, as she knows how disruptive boundary changes can be to families.

Mr. Mabry commented on the number of attendees at the boundary meetings and asked Mr. Fancher if that was an indicator of how the community feels or if that's an indication that they are okay with the change.

Mr. Fancher replied that it is hard to read, and he doesn't know.

Mr. Bond added the other option is we don't meet our class size goals for Sage Crest.

Mr. Mabry added that he attended one of the meetings, and the people seemed to appreciate the fact that the population is growing and they know it's unfortunate that some may have to move to different schools, but they were also clear that they didn't want classrooms to be overcrowded.

Ben Messinger noted that portables might be one way to get us to the next school opening.

Mr. Bond replied that an option five would be created based on what Mr. Fancher shared and an option six would be created based on what the Board discussed tonight.

Mr. Messinger noted that the growth of our population in Kennewick, has been at about the

rate to fill a new school each year, and the state won't allow us to build a school until we have the students to fill it.

Ms. Burkes commented that the Board had asked if the public was okay with the boundary changes and people she spoke with said they didn't know about the meetings. Not everyone has children in school or elementary schools. Ms. Burkes asked if PowerSchool affects the emails that were sent out.

Ms. Chastain replied that the email addresses used are from PowerSchool. We can see how many emails went out and if people opened the email or not.

Ms. Burkes added that she sensed some people didn't feel they had a voice and that what they had to say didn't matter.

Ms. Kintzley thanked everyone for their comments.

Policy No. 2169 INSTRUCTION: High School Science Education, Second Reading

Mr. Bond shared that the change to Policy No. 2169 was adding the following sentence; "In addition, all exceptions must be approved by the Director of Secondary Education."

Motion by Brian Brooks to accept Policy No. 2169 INSTRUCTION: High School Science Education as presented for second reading.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy No. 2350 INSTRUCTION: Drones and Unmanned Aircraft System, Second Reading

Mr. Williamson reminded the Board that during the October 10th Board meeting the discussion over Policy No. 2350 was that the policy was too restrictive. Mr. Williamson presented the changes to paragraph one and four.

Board discussion followed regarding organized functions of a third party user group.

Motion by Ben Messinger to table Policy No. 2350 INSTRUCTION: Drones and Unmanned Aircraft System for a third reading to sort out some additional language.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Northwest Municipal Advisors Presentation

Vic Roberts introduced Scott Bauer with Northwest Municipal Advisors, and Jim McNeill with Foster Pepper LLC.

Scott Bauer, with Northwest Municipal Advisors, presented a bonding overview. He shared who Northwest Municipal Advisors are and what they do. Mr. Bauer talked about the Bond Market and noted that although rates have increased recently, interest rates are still low from a historical perspective. He discussed Outstanding District Debt, Debt Capacity, Capitalized Interest, Methods of Sale, and Bond Scenario Assumptions.

Final review of all Bond Projects/Costs/Recommendation

Superintendent Dave Bond reviewed the 2019 Bond Election Projects and Estimated Costs of \$234M. He discussed property needs for future schools, along with costs. Mr. Bond presented a Capital Fund Projection with no bond passage showing revenue and expense from 2018/2019 through 2024/2025. Mr. Bond presented three options showing three different bond amounts, along with examples of what the property tax per month would be for different home values, and target bond rates. He then shared bond amounts with tax rate scenarios followed by the District's recommendation of a \$125M Bond.

Ms. Kintzley asked the Bond Committee what they thought about the possibility of passing a \$125M bond.

John Perkins replied that it would be no problem.

Kevin Veleke replied that a key part of passing the bond is that all three high schools are involved in the bond to meet the needs of growth, and that's important.

Mr. Perkins stressed the importance that we don't reduce the Capital Fund too much as we need to have as much in reserves as possible.

Motion by Ron Mabry to direct District Staff to prepare a Final Resolution for a Capital Bond in the amount of \$125 Million to cover the scope of projects identified in the draft resolution to be presented to the School Board at our November 7, 2018, School Board Meeting.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Mr. Messinger added that he appreciated that the recommendation keeps the tax burden on the low end for our community.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Draft Resolution by Foster Pepper PLLC

Jim McNeill with Foster Pepper reviewed the resolution for bonds to construct, expand and renovate schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Heather Kintzley moved the Board into executive session at 7:25 p.m. for approximately 60 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) to discuss a Personnel Issue and per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a Legal Issue. Ms. Kintzley noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 8:25 p.m. Ms. Kintzley extended executive session for an additional 60 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session was reconvened at 9:16 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: November 7, 2018