

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
AUGUST 16, 2017

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member; and Dave Bond, Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Doug Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Greg Fancher, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations and Robyn Chastain, Director of Communications and Public Relations.

Other Guests: Bronson Brown, Attorney; Mick McFarland, Attorney (via phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Adams, Excused
Chuck Lybeck, Excused

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Heather Kintzley called the executive session to order at 5:00 p.m. for approximately 30 min per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for a legal update. No formal action was taken. Ms. Kintzley moved the Board into regular session at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Heather Kintzley called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 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, July 12, 2017
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending July 31, 2017
- Budget Status Report Ending July 31, 2017
- Resolution No. 9, 2016-2017; Eastgate Elementary Building Commissioning Report Acceptance
- Resolution No. 10, 2016-2017; Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants
- Interagency Contracts for Special Education Services for 2017-2018 School Year
 - ARC of the Tri-Cities
 - Children’s Developmental Center
 - Disability Solutions
 - Language Passport and Travel Services
 - Lourdes Day Treatment
 - Pasco School District Deaf Program
 - Dr. John Whitehead
 - City of Kennewick – Wiggles and Giggles Preschool
- Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance
- Food Services Management Contract for 2017-2018
- Bid Award 2017-2018 Custodial Paper Bid
- Bid Award Tri-Tech Project Bus Lane Improvements
- Curriculum Adoptions
 - *Elsevier’s Veterinary Assisting Textbook 2nd Edition*, Author, Margi Sirois, Published by Elsevier. For use in grades 11-12 Pre-Veterinary Tech Program classes at Tri-Tech Skills Center.

Superintendent Dave Bond noted that, with the approval of the Consent Items, the new principal was hired for the Dual Language Elementary school. Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Greg Fancher introduced Jaime Silva as the new principal of the Dual Language Elementary School.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

Superintendent

Mr. Bond reminded Board members of the Ribbon Cutting at Westgate Elementary School on Friday, August 25th at 10:00 a.m. and handed out a Dual Language Elementary School flyer for board members to see how they are communicating with the public about the new school.

Board

Board Member Ron Mabry asked if Vic Roberts would extend his Rosetta Stone subscription as he needs more time.

Board Member Brian Brooks shared that he would be attending an upcoming Legislative meeting.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2018 Levy

Superintendent Dave Bond noted that tonight's information regarding the 2018 levy was to get everyone thinking. Mr. Bond shared the levy changes under the new legislation. Districts are only permitted to run a maximum levy of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The 2016 levy was based on an expected rate of \$3.50 but ended up being around \$3.40. He also noted that there will be a new statewide property tax of \$0.81 starting next year, but even with that, Kennewick residents will be a net decrease of \$1.09 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

He noted that some districts are going to ask their voters to increase their local spending on bonds or capital levies now that there would be a decrease in the levy taxes. He went over options for districts and shared how Pasco School District was communicating with their voters, showing how they could vote for their bond and still end up with a tax decrease.

Mr. Bond explained that districts have the option of running 1, 2, 3, or 4 year levies and how in the past we have run 2-year levies, as we felt uncomfortable predicting what our needs might be more than 2 years out. Now that the state has set a maximum levy rate of \$1.50, the Board may want to think about running a 4-year levy. Mr. Bond shared that the cost to the district to run a levy is about \$75K.

He also noted that things could change as NEWS (Network for Excellence in Washington Schools) has filed a response with the Washington State Supreme Court saying that the Legislative action does not comply with the McCleary Decision.

Brian Brooks asked how confident Vic Roberts and Dave Bond were that when the levy swap starts to happen we would actually see the revenue. Vic Roberts replied there will be an increase in revenue, but there are restrictions on how the district would get to spend it.

Heather Kintzley stated a special levy would need to be predicated on a really solid need, a really well articulated need.

Ron Mabry commented, if it cost \$75,000 to run a levy, the longer levy would save the district money.

Ms. Kintzley added that the voters would probably appreciate not having to vote as often on levies.

Mr. Messinger also thought the voters would appreciate the savings from a longer levy.

Kevin Veleke, 8306 W. Grand Ronde Pl, Kennewick, WA. Mr. Veleke asked if the state could come back and adjust the \$1.50. Dave Bond replied, “Yes, the Supreme Court is expected to rule in October if the state meant the McCleary decision.

Dave Bond shared that we have to have our resolution done by December to have it on the February ballot.

Mr. Bond summarized that the Board was leaning towards running a 4 year levy and as far as special levies the Board would look to the Cabinet to present any ideas for special levies based on well-articulated needs and plans.

Brian Brooks added that he thought it would be great to give the public a break, if we didn't need to run a special levy.

Mr. Messinger commented that the challenge with special levies is they only appeal to a special group.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy No 5278, PERSONNEL: Social Media, First Reading

Dave Bond reminded the Board that Doug Christensen had presented on Policy No. 5278 at the last Board meeting and Ms. Kintzley had offered to go through the policy and better organize it and offer suggestions she might have.

Heather Kintzley shared her comments on Policy No. 5278 and talked about the importance of employees continuing to have protected speech on private time along with making sure the district sites are covered in the policy.

Ben Messinger commented on point six under social media and networking sites (page 2). “When communicating electronically with any student on a school-related matter as described above, employees must send the communication simultaneously to multiple recipients, either multiple students to whom the information is applicable, or by including another school employee as a message recipient, preferably the employee's administrator.”

Mr. Messinger stated that obviously the purpose of this policy is to protect students, so why not copy the parent/guardian or possibly the administrator? We don't want staff having private conversations that can morph into something inappropriate. Ms. Kintzley replied we can work on the language, but if it's all school business it shouldn't be inappropriate to share with another staff member.

Mr. Bond and Mr. Christensen shared information regarding software that can archive and monitor emails, along with appropriate distribution lists. Mr. Bond added that Doug Christensen is planning on training with staff face to face once the policy is approved.

Robyn Chastain noted that the word “tools” may be a better word to use then “sites, as tools includes all social media.

Brian Brooks commented he appreciated the time and work that Doug Christensen and Heather Kintzley had put in on the policy.

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve Policy No. 5278, PERSONNEL: Social Media, for first reading with changes.

Heather Kintzley added that she would also like Robyn Chastain to look it over.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 4340, COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Disclosure of Public Records, First Reading

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve Policy No. 4340, COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Disclosure of Public Records, for first and second reading as presented by Bronson Brown.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Policy No. 1400, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Meetings, First Reading

Motion by Ben Messinger to approve Policy No. 1400, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Meetings, for first and second reading as presented by Bronson Brown.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Heather Kintzley moved the Board into executive session at 6:16 p.m. for approximately 15 min per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for a legal update. No formal action will result. At 6:31. Ms. Kintzley extended executive session for an additional 20 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session reconvened at 6:51 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: September 6, 2017