

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
FEBRUARY 14, 2018

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Brianna Lynch, 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.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Adams, excused
Robyn Chastain, excused
Brian Brooks, arrived late 6:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Heather Kintzley called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 40 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Duane McPherson, 701 W. 45th Pl, Kennewick, WA 99337 – Mr. McPherson stated he is a Bus Monitor and even though he says that he was told the Board couldn't do anything, he wanted the Board to know that bullying, intimidation, and sexual harassment is real and bus drivers have equal rights to a hostile-free workplace. He described several very serious issues on school busses. He was told that management's attitude is that this is just how middle school students are. Mr. McPherson explained that he requested a meeting with HR asking them to explain what his job duties were and no one was able to tell him. He shared that many students on his bus thanked him and said they feel safer with him on the bus. One child even hugged him and said she felt safe with him on the bus. Mr. McPherson added that he was told the Board would not listen to him.

Heather Kintzley replied that Bus Monitors were implemented at her request due to what she had heard from her own son on the bus, and she added that if the District needs to make clearer directions regarding what a bus monitors job is, we can definitely do that.

Mr. McPherson noted that the district did a survey with the children regarding feeling safe on the bus, but suggested maybe they need to do a survey with the bus drivers.

Ben Messinger thanked Mr. McPherson for coming forward and added that his own middle school child refuses to ride the bus due to being uncomfortable.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	Yes
	Mabry	Yes
	Kintzley	Yes

Motion carried 3-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of School Board Meeting January 24, 2018
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Foreign Exchange Agencies and Coordinators for 2018-2019
- Authorize Bus Purchases for Delivery Summer 2018
- Curriculum Adoption:
 - ***Hidden Figures***, Author, Margot Lee Shetterly; Published by Harper Collins. This material will be used in grade 8 classes at Desert Hills Middle School.
 - ***Out of My Mind***, Author, Sharon Draper; published by Atheneum Books. This material will be used in grade 6-8 English Language Arts classes at Park Middle School.
 - ***The Lions of Little Rock***, Author, Kristin Levine; published by GP Putnam’s Sons. This material will be used in grade 6-8 English Language Arts classes at Park Middle School.
 - ***Counting by 7s***, Author, Holly Goldberg Sloan; published by Scholastic Inc. This material will be used in grade 6-8 English Language Arts classes at Park Middle School.
 - ***One for The Murphys***, Author, Lynda Mullaly Hunt; published by Nancy Paulsen Books. This material will be used in grade 6-8 English Language Arts classes at Park Middle School.
 - ***Inside Out & Back Again***, Author, Thanhha Lai; published by Randon House. This material will be used in grade 6-8 English Language Arts classes at Park Middle School.

- ***Because of Mr. Terrupt***, Author, Rob Buyea; published by Random House. This material will be used in grade 6-8 English Language Arts classes at Park Middle School.
- ***Mockingbird***, Author, Kathryn Erskine; published by Philomel Books. This material will be used in grade 6-8 English Language Arts classes at Park Middle School.
- ***Through My Eyes***, Author, Ruby Bridges and Margo Lundell; published by Scholastic Press. This material will be used in grade 6-8 English Language Arts classes at Park Middle School.
- ***The Fourteenth Goldfish***, Author, Jennifer L. Holm; published by Random House. This material will be used in grade 6-8 English Language Arts classes at Park Middle School.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Dave Bond Superintendent shared that he met with the Student Advisory group today and they discussed equity and discipline in the schools. Brianna Lynch added that they also discussed safety with teachers and having a trusting adult in the building. Heather asked Brianna if the students like the change away from the Zero Tolerance Discipline Policy and Brianna responded that students liked the change.

Superintendent Bond gave the Board members an invitation for them to attend a reception from a military group honoring local leaders on February 22. He noted that a flyer was sent out promoting the JROTC program and explained that 100 students need to be enrolled to keep the program.

Mr. Bond reported that the latest update from the Auditor's office indicates that the levy is passing with 65% yes votes and the technology levy passing with 63.66% yes votes.

Board Member

None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Math Goal Update

Superintendent Dave Bond presented a mid-year update on the 8th-grade algebra goal. Mr. Bond explained how the District measures progress and reviewed enrollment data related to the 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade algebra program. He shared some of the new curriculum highlights and noted that Kathy Fisk would continue supporting and working with teachers by continuing professional development on the new curriculum.

Capital Projects Update 2017-2018

Doug Carl, Director of Capital Projects, shared photographs and provided updates on Amon Creek Elementary, Fuerza Elementary, the Mid-Columbia Partnership building, Amistad Elementary, Tri-Tech East, Legacy High School and the Park Middle School Track.

Ron Mabry asked if Park Middle School staff was okay with having to have away games while the track is being completed. Dave Bond answered that Principal Shaun Espe and staff were very excited about the new track and felt any inconvenience would be worth it. He also noted that Kennewick High School would also be able to use the track to practice during their construction if necessary.

2019 Bond Planning

Superintendent Bond presented on the current 2019 bond projects. Mr. Bond shared designs for a new Kennewick High along with an updated timeline, estimated square footage, and estimated cost. He reminded the Board that Amistad is a two-phase project with Phase 1 being built with K-3 Grant funding and Phase 2 being built with 2019 Bond funding. Mr. Bond shared possible projects for Kamiakin High and Southridge High schools along with a new elementary school #18 and the remodel of Ridge View Elementary in 2023.

Mr. Bond shared that the goal is to present a bond that would cost the owner of a \$200,000 home a property tax increase of no more than \$5 per month. He noted this was accomplished with both the 2009 and 2015 bonds. Mr. Bond explained the various factors that weigh on whether or not that goal would be possible. He then reviewed the estimated costs for the projects.

Heather Kintzley asked what the highest bond passed in the three districts was. Dave Bond answered that Richland School District passed a \$99M bond and Pasco School District just passed a \$99.5M bond.

Robert Clark, 205 S Morain St., Kennewick WA - Mr. Clark stated that he is a bus driver for Kennewick School District and just wanted to share a comment regarding the possible Kamiakin High School project in regards to additional parking along west Metaline Ave. Due to buses having to turn right onto Metaline in the mornings, he thinks the flashing yellow light would be a problem. The light would constantly be on and buses would not be able to turn onto Metaline. Building a crossover for students to walk on would be better for traffic and safer for students.

Budget Update 2017-2018

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts reported student enrollment numbers which showed the District has about 300 students more than what was budgeted. He noted that the State budget wasn't complete when the District budget was adopted last year. State revenue generated in 2017-2018 is projected to be about \$9.5M more than

budgeted due to additional student enrollment, and state salary and benefit adjustments. Other areas of increased state funding include levy equalization, highly capable, learning assistance program, Career & Technical Education, transitional bilingual, and K-3 class size enhancement. Mr. Roberts reviewed expenditures including the purchase of twenty buses and the need to transfer 2.5M into the Transportation Fund which would be part of the budget extension. He then shared a budget extension timeline showing a public hearing on March 14th.

Ron Mabry commented that the United States President announced that Hanford funding was proposed to be reduced. Mr. Mabry wanted to know if we were taking this into consideration. Mr. Roberts answered that enrollment numbers are generally budgeted conservatively to reflect the possibility of the local economy slowing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Keewaydin Project

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented on the proposed Keewaydin project which would be a joint funded four-classroom addition on to Keewaydin. Mr. Roberts explained that 2-3 of those classrooms would be designated as ECEAP classrooms, depending on the total project costs and ECEAP funds applied. The Department of Early Learning has reviewed and approved the use of ECEAP funds held by the district to be applied toward the project. The District expects to have \$1.16M of ECEAP funds to apply toward the estimated \$2.0M project. The District would end up funding \$500K to \$1.0M of the project depending on the final project cost. Mr. Roberts shared a drawing of Keewaydin showing the four classroom addition along with a preliminary project timeline.

Motion by Brian Brooks to authorize district administration to move forward on Keewaydin classroom addition project using ECEAP funds and up to \$1.0M KSD funds.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Heather Kintzley moved the Board into executive session at 6:55 p.m. for

approximately 90 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) for a personnel issue and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for a legal issue. No formal action will result. At 8:25 Ms. Kintzley extended executive session for an additional 30 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Vice President Heather Kintzley reconvened regular session of the Board at 8:53 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: February 28, 2018