

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
FEBRUARY 11, 2015

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; 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.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 20 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

Tri-Tech Students – Verizon Innovative App Challenge

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Ron Williamson, recognized the team of five students from Tri-Tech Skills Center named “Best in Nation” winners for the Verizon Innovative App Challenge. Paul Randall, Director of Tri-Tech Skills Center, and Crystal Kinder, Health and Informatics Instructor, explained that the team designed the concept for the "Safe & Sound" app, which provides teens with information on depression and includes a journaling feature and resources to help them manage stress. The team is one of eight winners from across the nation who will travel to Dallas in June to present their apps in person at the National TSA Conference. At the conference they will also work with MIT professionals to further develop the app. The team earned Tri-Tech \$20,000 in a cash grant from the Verizon Foundation to further develop or support STEM-related programming and each team member received a Samsung tablet.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting January 21, 2015
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Curriculum Adoption – *Ghost Canoe*, Author, Will Hobbs, Published by Avon Books, Inc. to be used for Grade 7 English Language Arts Classes at Horse Heaven Hills Middle School
- Superintendent’s Contract 2015-2018
- Bond Counsel Engagement Letter
- Resolution No. 9 2014-2015, Accept Value Engineering Report for Elementary School #15
- Resolution No. 10 2014-2015, Accept Value Engineering Report for Middle School #5

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond reported that the \$89 M bond proposed by the Kennewick School District passed on February 10th with 63.86% yes votes. Dave commented that there was a strong showing of support by the community and that the latest update from the Auditor’s office showed 64.39% yes votes. Validation of the bond will occur on February 24th. Mr. Bond added that the bond campaign was a tremendous effort by many people and that communication was a huge part of it with posters, branding and a presence on social media that we’ve never had before. There are plans being formulated for communicating the construction progress to the community in the future.

Superintendent Bond provided the Board members a list of legislative priorities provided by WSSDA and reminded them of the legislative workshop being held at the ESD 123 on February 12th, which he, Ron Mabry, and Brian Brooks plan to attend.

Superintendent Bond also passed along a telephone message he received from a community member, Mike Richardson, who wanted the school board to know that he supports the proposal by President Obama to extend free education to include two years of community college and would like the Board to pass a resolution of support as well.

Board Member

Ben Messinger offered his appreciation for all of the effort put forth to get the bond passed. He added that at all of the community events he attended, people commented about Superintendent Bond's visits and presentations at clubs and organizations, which were very influential. All of the print and television advertisements were very professionally done and it was an attractive campaign. Ben thanked the team for their hard work. Heather Kintzley echoed Ben's comments and added that Dave Bond had made countless presentations over several months. The win was a testament to the campaign the team put together.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Math Goal Update

Assistant Superintendent Chuck Lybeck and K-12 Math/Science Coordinator, Kathy Fisk, presented a mid-year update on the status of implementing the 8th grade algebra goal. KSD is currently using a compression model to prepare students for algebra in 8th grade. Chuck reviewed the 8th grade algebra model and the curriculum used at each grade. Kathy explained the training support provided by the District to middle school math teachers. Chuck reviewed data related to implementation of the compression model as well as the timeline for meeting the goal to have 8th grade algebra fully phased in this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy 2410 INSTRUCTION: High School Graduation Requirements, First Reading

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Ron Williamson, presented the language changes necessary to align this policy with the Board's request to the State Board of Education to delay the 24 credit graduation requirement to 2020.

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve Policy 2410 INSTRUCTION: High School Graduation Requirements for first reading with the addition of the word "credit(s)" before the word "can" in the two asterisked statements at the bottom of page 1.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	aye

Brooks	aye
Kintzley	aye
Adams	aye

Motion carried 5-0.

Athletic Appeals Process

Assistant Superintendent Williamson presented additional information to the Board as a follow up to the discussion at the Board's January 14, 2015 workshop. He reviewed the current athletic code due process appeal and explained that the High School Athletic Appeal Board includes three parent/community members. Ron shared the concern that, in order to participate in a hearing, parents and students must allow other parent or community members the opportunity to review the student's disciplinary file and any other information about the student's history at the school, which could include grades, attendance, and other information. He commented that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires that schools have written permission from a parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. Ron shared language from policies of several other school districts and recommended that the School Board eliminate the parent/community member role in the Athletic Code Due Process Appeal or eliminate the parent member language but keep the community members. He noted that the parent and student would still have the right to appeal the Athletic Appeal Board's ruling to the School Board.

Motion by Heater Kintzley to accept the recommendation to eliminate the parent/community member role in the athletic code due process appeal.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Williamson presented language changes required in order for three discipline policies to be in compliance with state law passed last year.

Policy 3322 STUDENTS: Short-Term Suspension, First Reading

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve Policy 3322 STUDENTS: Short-Term Suspension for first reading with the addition of “a total of” between the words “than” and “15” in the sentence added on page 1.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy 3323 STUDENTS: Long-Term Suspension or Expulsion, First Reading

Ron Williamson explained that the only change to this policy was to update the WAC codes under the Legal Reference at the bottom of the policy.

Motion by Brian Brooks Brian to approve Policy 3323 STUDENTS: Long-Term Suspension or Expulsion as presented for first and second reading.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ben Messinger that if a policy is only changed to update WAC numbers in the Legal Reference section, the Board does not need to approve that policy change.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	aye
	Brooks	aye

Kintzley	aye
Adams	aye

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy 3325 STUDENTS: Emergency Expulsion, First Reading

Motion by Ben Messinger to adopt Policy 3325 STUDENTS: Short-Term Suspension for first reading with edits to remove capital letters from emergency expulsion in line 7 of the first paragraph and change “three (3)” to “five (5)” between the words “have” and “school” in bullet 2 of the second paragraph.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	aye
	Brooks	aye
	Kintzley	aye
	Adams	no

Motion carried 4-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 6:48 pm and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for approximately 50 minutes to discuss legal issues. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

President Dawn Adams reconvened regular session of the Board at 7:44 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: February 25, 2015