

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
FEBRUARY 13, 2017

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member, Jaxon Dean, 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

Ben Messinger, excused.
Dawn Adams, late due to traffic.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 25 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Lori Butler, Principal of Ridge View Elementary School, presented the Board members with personalized water bottles and thank you letters from Ridge View Elementary staff and students for School Board Recognition Month.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting January 25, 2017
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Curriculum Adoption:
 - ***The Boys in the Boat***, Author, Daniel James Brown, and Published by Penguin Books to be used in Grade 11-12 English Language Arts classes at Kamiakin High School.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond asked the Board Members if they would like to hold a School Board meeting at the new middle school and if yes which of the two dates would they prefer, February 22nd or March 8th. The decision was made to hold the March 8th School Board Meeting at the new Chinook Middle School.

Mr. Bond shared that he attended the Legislative Conference last weekend in Olympia with Board Member, Brian Brooks and they were able to talk with Rep. Larry Haler, Rep. Brad Klippert and Senator Sharon Brown. He was impressed with the time and attention they gave to what Dave and the others had to say.

Board Member

Board Member, Brian Brooks, reported that he too was impressed the way Rep. Larry Haler, Rep. Brad Klippert, and Senator Sharon Brown listened and responded to what they had to say.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Masonic Cornerstone

Dave Bond recommended moving the Masonic Cornerstone report to the next School Board meeting on February 22nd due to Mr. Gene Spaulding not being able to attend tonight. The Board was in agreement.

Math Goal Update

Associate Superintendent Chuck Lybeck presented a mid-year update on the 8th grade algebra goal. Mr. Lybeck explained how the District measures progress and reviewed enrollment data related to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade algebra program. He stated that grades are typically what we expect at this time of the year and that administration will continue to look at students with an F grade, monitoring attendance and how much effort the students

are putting into the class. Mr. Lybeck noted that we are in the adoption process and that he is planning to have a recommendation in April for the Board.

K-3 Classroom Grant Update

Superintendent Dave Bond presented an update on the K-3 Classroom Grant. He reminded the Board that the three projects are Elementary School #16 in Clearwater Creek, Elementary School #17, which will be the Dual Language School and the Amistad Elementary School Addition. Mr. Bond shared the timelines for each project showing Elementary School #16 & #17 opening in August 2018 and Amistad Addition being completed in July 2019.

Dave Bond reported that the Kennewick School District was asked to have a representative serve on the City of Richland's Citizens Advisory Committee for the purpose of bringing a recommendation to the Richland City Council on the best alignment of Rachel Road from Leslie Road to the Elementary #16 site. Mr. Bond stated that he is serving as the Kennewick School District representative and that we have taken the position that a road is absolutely necessary from Leslie Road to the Elementary #16 site, but that the exact alignment is not something on which we have a definitive position.

Mr. Bond then shared the following additional tasks associated with the K-3 Classroom Grant projects. Boundaries will need to be completed, the new schools will need to be named, the planning Principals will need to be hired, and the staff selection and transfer process will need to be managed. In addition, we will need to develop a plan for the staffing needs of a supersized high poverty school like Amistad, plan for the growth of special programs, determine dual language bussing needs and develop a plan for communication with Dual Language parents.

Vice President of the Board, Heather Kintzley expressed appreciation for how smoothly everything worked last year.

Bond Finance Team

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts shared the history of who we have used for bonds, noting all issues in the past were negotiated sales. Mr. Roberts explained the difference between a negotiated bond sale and a competitive bond sale, why you would use each one, and the advantages and disadvantages of each. The general consensus is that competitive sales result in a lower interest rate. Mr. Roberts commented that moving forward we would like to be more reliant on the Financial Advisor to perform work previously under the scope of an underwriter, which leaves the opportunity open for a negotiated versus a competitive sale. President of the Board Dawn Adams replied since there are no questions, go ahead and move forward with being more reliant on the Financial Advisor.

2019 Bond Planning

Superintendent Dave Bond reviewed the current ten-year plan, which was approved by the Board in 2013 and shared the timeline for a 2019 Bond along with a list of the bond projects. Bond projects include the remodeling of Kennewick High School, Amistad and Ridge View Elementary Schools, a new Elementary School #18, additional projects at Southridge and Kamiakin High Schools along with the moving of MCP and an alternative site for Legacy. Dave Bond noted that this bond would likely be in the neighborhood of \$100 Million or more, which would be the largest bond we've ever run. Mr. Bond added that High School bonds can be the most complicated to pass as two attempts were necessary to pass the Southridge High School bond and three attempts were necessary to pass the Kamiakin High School remodel bond. Statistics have shown there is a better chance of passing a high school bond if the bond has something in it for the other high schools, too. Mr. Bond then asked the Board if there were any objections to this timeline for a 2019 Bond and the projects listed. The Board had no objections. Mrs. Adams asked as part of the 2019 bond that the District look at possible enhancements to Fruitland and to remember that the 2019 bond must include tracks at the three remaining middle schools.

Budget Update 2016-2017

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts reported student enrollment numbers which showed the District has about 265 students more than what was budgeted. State revenue generated in 2016-2017 is projected to be \$2.95M over budget due to additional student enrollment, additional Special Education enrollment, and Levy Equalization funding. Expenditure increases of close to \$1.0M included snow removal/ice melt, testing of drinking water, unbudgeted teacher contract items, and health room para educators. Mr. Roberts explained that approximately \$1.1M in staffing costs was reallocated among various program funding and will use up some of the \$2.95M in additional revenue. Mr. Roberts presented a comparative statement of revenue, expenditures, and change in the general fund as of December 31st and reviewed beginning and projected ending fund balance figures.

Mr. Roberts reported on the 2017-2018 budget outlook and presented projections that showed a deficit in the range of \$6M-\$7.2M. He would review more information and follow up with the board March. He discussed the state legislature K-12 budget status specific to the McCleary decision, teacher compensation and levies. He shared proposals from Governor/Senate Majority/House Democrats along with discussing the levy cliff. Mr. Roberts stated that all proposals are very problematic for school districts. He then shared a timeline for Board adoption of the 2017-2018 budget at the June 14th meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senior Graduation Date

Superintendent Dave Bond updated the Board on the graduation challenges due to snow days. He reviewed the RCW 28A.150.220 (5)(c) that says a school district may schedule

the last five school days of the one hundred eighty-day school year for non-instructional purposes including, but not limited to, the observance of graduation and early release from school. He went over the current calendar and the MOU that the Board and KEA agreed to at the last School Board meeting. Mr. Bond then shared the results of the senior survey and parents/guardians of senior's survey which the Board requested. Both surveys showed they are willing to attend school on three Saturdays or other non-school days between March and the end of May in order to keep the graduation date on June 3rd. Dave Bond stated a couple of options and after discussion by the Board, a motion was made.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to commit to having graduation date on June 3 and to empower the administration to work with KEA/PSE to try and schedule days for seniors on Saturdays and/or other non-school days before graduation.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Asset Preservation Proposal

Manager of Maintenance and Operations Keith Colee presented the 2017 Asset Preservation System Report. The Report identified building condition and recent projects completed, as well as projects proposed for summer 2017. Mr. Colee also reported on several projects under consideration for 2017 such as play toy improvements, sports field upgrades, building automation, access control security upgrades, roof coatings, HVAC controls and other potential projects at Lampson field and Southridge bus loop. An updated 2017 A.P Projects page will be completed based on corrections noted regarding sports fields projects. Estimated cost of the 2017 projects is \$3.3M.

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve the summer Asset Preservation projects with a limitation of \$3.3M.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Facilities Services Storage Building

Superintendent Dave Bond explained that a year ago the Board approved the new Support Services Facility on Metaline. We had planned to build a small storage facility on the same site to house some minor equipment and supplies. Upon further review of equipment that the District has acquired, we have rethought the size of facility we would need and it needs to be much bigger. Items that would be stored in the facility include grounds equipment, building repurposing materials (items salvaged from remodeling of schools), excess building materials (from new construction), and large stock/bulk materials. Dave Bond noted having one storage facility large enough to store equipment and materials located next to the new MTS building would be more efficient for the maintenance staff.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to authorize the district to spend from the Capital Fund up to \$600 K to acquire the size and type of storage facility necessary to store current and future district equipment and materials.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:17 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for approximately 15 minutes to discuss a legal issue. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 7:32 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

President Dawn Adams reconvened regular session of the Board at 7:46 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: February 22, 2017