

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
May 14, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Legislative Representative for the Board; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Kaylee McClure, Student Representative to the Board; and Dave Bond, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Chuck Lybeck, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum Services; Beverly Johnson-Torelli, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; 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

Ron Williamson, excused.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 60 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

Highlands Middle School academic teams were recognized for their participation in state competition for National History Day and the Science Olympiad.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Mr. Mabry.

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 April 16, 2014
Amended Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 12, 2014
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Bid Award – Fourth Avenue Admin Center Tenant Improvement Project
- Bid Award – 2014 Exterior Painting Projects
- Bid Award – Nutrition Service Freezer/Cooler Project

Superintendent Bond introduced Doug Christensen as the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources upon Bev Johnson-Torelli's retirement, Alyssa St. Hillaire as Coordinator of Bilingual/Migrant Programs upon Maria Henrickson's retirement, and Lori McCord as principal of Highlands Middle School, upon Alyssa St. Hillaire's move to Coordinator of Bilingual/Migrant Programs.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond shared that the District's audit exit included some audit notes but no findings or management letters.

Superintendent Bond reported that the district has been having some major e-mail and server issues over the past few weeks and that the I. T. department is working closely with Microsoft and Dell to find solutions.

Superintendent Bond noted that changes to the district's zero tolerance discipline policy was getting some interest across the state. He shared that he was recently interviewed by KEPR representing the School Board views on relaxing the policy to allow principals discretion in determining appropriate discipline measures. In addition, State Board of Education members were interested, and the League of Education voters has contacted the KSD and wants to meet and learn about the process for changing our practice and policy.

Superintendent Bond gave a reminder to Board members of the May 21st Superintendent/School Board Retreat.

Board Members

Ron Mabry shared that he had participated in the audit exit and the District received feedback on fine tuning some things, but no real problems were identified.

Ben Messinger shared that he had received very positive comments on the Board's decision to change their zero tolerance policy.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation

Amy Ward, Executive Director of the Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia, reviewed the Foundation's mission to educate families, support schools and facilitate community involvement and highlighted program accomplishments for 2013-2014. She reported that to date the READY! for Kindergarten program had provided classes for 2,270 parent participants and 132 childcare providers to help them prepare children to be successful in school. The Team Read program had 231 volunteers who put in 5,911 hours tutoring 375 children in seven Kennewick School District elementary schools. Additionally, fourteen first-year teacher libraries were provided to the Kennewick School District and 3,772 books were given out over the year at qualified events that emphasized the importance of reading. She noted an increase in the number of participants among Spanish and limited English families.

READY! for Kindergarten Contract 2014-2015 Team Read Contract 2014-2015

Motion by Mr. Messinger to approve the READY! for Kindergarten Contract 2014-2015 and the Team Read Contract 2014-2015.

Seconded by Mrs. Kintzley.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Student Safety Survey Results 2013-2014

Assistant Superintendent Greg Fancher reviewed the results of the Student Safety Survey. District-wide, 93 % of students reported feeling safe in school. Having a trusted adult to go to showed significant improvement from two years ago but needs to remain a focus, particularly at the high school level. There was a slight increase on feeling safe outside the school, and district-wide, safety perception on the bus went up but not as much as expected. Mr. Fancher feels the addition of cameras, anonymous tips posters and additional training for

bus drivers should have had a bigger positive impact. Principals will be reviewing the results for their individual school and developing plans for areas that need to be improved.

Dual Language Testing Results

Associate Superintendent Chuck Lybeck reported on the Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP) Assessment used to determine language proficiency levels for Dual Language program participants. Of the 29 students tested, 28 earned from 1 to 4 credits toward graduation. Mr. Lybeck noted that they were investigating any issues that may have contributed to the one student not earning credit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Preliminary Budget 2014-2015

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts reviewed the proposed 2014-15 expenditures to accommodate state legislation and growth throughout the district:

\$3,675,500	Certificated staff increased cost,
\$2,130,700	Classified staff increased cost
<u>\$1,361,000</u>	Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs (MSOC)
\$7,167,200	

Mr. Roberts estimated that he expected the District to receive additional revenue of \$8,486,110 leaving remaining funds of \$1,885,911 that could be applied toward legislative expectations and asked for the Board's feedback on allocation of the remaining funds.

The Board expressed approval of allocating the funds detailed in Mr. Roberts' presentation but asked that he be mindful that as new schools are built, we will need budget capacity to run them. The Board requested that further thought be given to the details of the request for more positions from Maintenance/Grounds, and that additional discussion occur about the In-house Attorney positions before the budget is approved in June.

Superintendent Bond clarified that other than the Maintenance/Grounds, and In-house Attorney positions, the Board was in agreement that the district could begin the posting and hiring process for the other proposed staff positions.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced at 7.05 p.m. that all formal business of the Board was concluded for the evening and that the Board would be moving into executive session for approximately 90 minutes per RCW42.30.110 (1) (i) for an update on litigation issues and

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RCW42.30.110 (1) (b) to discuss real estate acquisitions. She noted that no further Board action would be taken.

Executive session concluded at 8:24.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned regular session at 8:25 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: May 28, 2014