

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
March 28, 2018

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Brian Brooks, 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; and Robyn Chastain, Director of Communication and Public Relations.

Other Guest: Attorney Mick McFarland by phone

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Kintzley, Excused

Ron Mabry, Excused

Chuck Lybeck, Doug Christensen, and Greg Fancher Arrived Late

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 45 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

National Music in Our Schools Month

Superintendent Dave Bond introduced Teri Glasford, Orchestra Teacher at Chinook and Park Middle Schools, who shared with the board that it is National Music in Our Schools month. Ms. Glasford acknowledged the Kamiakin High School choir who sang before the board meeting and thanked the board for being supportive of our district K-12 music programs.

Award from NW Concrete Masonry Association

Superintendent Bond presented a framed picture of Eastgate Elementary School from NW Concrete Masonry Association. The picture included a plaque that says NW Concrete Masonry Association, 2018 Outstanding Design Award, Eastgate Elementary School, Kennewick School District.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Sharon Click of West Richland presented a donation of pennies to the Kennewick high schools sports and music programs in memory of her son, Dennis Click, a former Southgate Elementary student, who was killed by a drunk driver 21 years ago.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Yes
	Brooks	Yes
	Messinger	Yes

Motion carried 3-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 14, 2018
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending February 28, 2018
- Budget Status Report Ending February 28, 2018
- Approval of Addition of LPN's from Off Schedule to the Paraeducator/Cashier Bargaining Unit (PSE) per PERC
- Approve Breakfast/Lunch Prices 2018-2019
- 2018-2019 Calendar
- Summer 2018 Playground Improvements Northwest Playground Equipment \$683,674
- Summer 2018 Roofing Projects – Weatherproof Technologies \$1,094,461

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

None

Board Member

Dawn Adams commented that she has been taking classes through Kennewick Community Education and how much fun the classes are.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Kennewick High School Construction Planning Update

Superintendent Dave Bond updated the Board on construction planning for Kennewick

High School. He noted the different project phases and estimated dates for each phase. Mr. Bond stated construction of Kennewick High School would happen over the span of approximately two and half years. The school would remain on the site during that same period thus requiring that construction is phased to accommodate the continuation of school operations. Mr. Bond identified three basic phases showing what the time frames would be for each phase.

Dawn Adams asked about safety and security at the new high school.

Ben Messinger asked if the large open areas are efficiently configured space. He added that the area around the library looks like a very attractive design but is concerned that it looks more like a student union hall instead of a study area.

Mr. Bond explained that common areas would be used for students to be able to eat lunch, to mingle with friends, and some areas would double as part of the hallway.

Kennewick High Principal Ron King shared that the committee sees things changing toward larger spaces for more collaboration, group discussions, and group researching.

Brianna Lynch shared her concerns about students being able to walk into the library and take books.

Mr. King shared that there would still be books on display, but school libraries are starting to have more online books. Teachers would also be promoting student collaboration in the library and common areas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Preliminary Budget 2018-2019 General Fund & Capital Fund

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts discussed a preliminary 2018-2019 General Fund revenues and expenditures noting changes from a previous March 14 presentation. Preliminary 2018-2019 basic education and special education revenue were projected to increase approximately \$8.9M, this is after a reduction to local levy funding from \$25.06M to \$17.80M resulting from legislation limiting the local levy rate to \$1.50. The preliminary 2018-2019 expenditure increase associated with basic education and special education funded programs totaled \$11.3M, due to primarily to staffing the two new elementary schools to open next year, increased wages and benefits, and increased staff.

Mr. Roberts discussed the state funding formula increase to salaries, explaining that increase to the salary allocation of over \$12.0M is offset by the reduction in the district local levy. The legislators met the McCleary Ruling to fully fund basic education and salaries by reducing local school district levy taxing authority and increasing the state tax by the difference. Many have a misconception that the increased funding for salaries will result in pay raises for staff, when the increase is only a swap of funding resulting in no new funding for salaries. It was further explained that the state had only included a 1.90% inflation factor on the salary allocation. Mr. Roberts indicated that passing along the 1.90% increase in staff wages would cost the district \$500K to \$600K since the district has more staff than the state

funds. The cost to the district of providing a staff wage increase of greater than 1.90% was presented. The Board was supportive in keeping district funded wage increases at the 1.90% state inflation adjustment.

Mr. Roberts discussed a preliminary budget for the Capital Project Fund for 2018-2019 that projected cash outlays through 2019-2020. He estimated total revenue of \$26.2M which includes state matching funds for school construction, a K-3 class size reduction grant, Tri-Tech East, and Tri-Tech Core Growth Project. Mr. Roberts reviewed estimated expenditures of \$46.9M for costs associated with school construction, City Church remodel, planning and construction of Kennewick High, Southridge bus loop, middle school tracks, asset preservation projects, IT upgrades, and land/property acquisitions. Mr. Roberts noted increased costs associated with the following summer 2018 asset preservation projects: roofing, playground upgrades, and building automated system controls.

Mr. Roberts presented a budget timeline schedule that results in the Board adoption of the budget at the June 20th meeting.

Dawn Adams asked if improvements to building security are in the budget.

Mr. Roberts replied that costs associated with building security improvements are normally charged to the general fund, although there is enough funding in the capital fund to support larger scale projects.

Brian Brooks asked if Vic had heard of any changes to the school construction cost per square foot reimbursement rate.

Mr. Roberts replied that preliminary legislative budget work had included a significant increase in the rate, however, the final budget adopted only made a slight adjustment to the current rate per square foot.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 5320 PERSONNEL: Personnel Leaves, First Reading

Doug Christensen presented some additional language to this policy related to sick leave to bring our policy into alignment with RCW 49.46.210.

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve Policy No. 5320 PERSONNEL: Personnel Leaves for first and second reading.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

Roll call vote:	Adams	Yes
	Brooks	Yes
	Messinger	Yes

Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 6:26 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a Legal Issue for approximately 60 minutes. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 7:26 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ms. Adams reconvened regular session of the Board at 7:39 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: April 18, 2018