

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member, Charlie Landefeld, 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

Heather Kintzley, 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 30 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting January 27, 2016
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular

- Authorize Purchase of Ten Buses for 2016-17
- Authorize Purchase of One Wet Double Portable for Canyon View

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond reported that the latest update from the Auditor's office indicates that the levy is passing with 65.68% yes votes. Mr. Bond acknowledged Kevin Veleke, Chairman of the Citizens Bond Committee, and Robyn Chastain, the KSD Communications Director, for their efforts in getting the levy passed. Dawn Adams commented that Superintendent Bond deserves much credit for giving countless presentations to educate community members about the levy.

Mr. Bond shared that Charlie Landefeld, Student Representative to the Board, was recently featured in a Tri-City Herald news article about the Southridge High School debate team. Charlie commented that he enjoys the public forum debate format and explained the process by which he and his debate partner competed to win an invitation to the national tournament at the University of Kentucky in April.

Superintendent Bond reported that Real Life Photography will be here at 4:30 p.m. before the Board meeting on February 24th to take updated photos of the Board members.

Mr. Bond reported that Sam Shick had asked if any of the Board members plan to attend the NSBA Annual Conference. Dawn Adams responded that she will attend the conference.

Board Member

Dawn Adams reported that she attended the Legislative Conference in Olympia last week and watched Superintendent Bond testify regarding the Growth Management Act. She commented that Mr. Bond did a great job and served the District well. Mr. Bond reported that the bill has made it out of Committee and is in the Senate Rules Committee now.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Math Goal Update

Associate Superintendent Chuck Lybeck and K-12 Math/Science Coordinator, Kathy Fisk, 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. The data shows that more than 90% of students in those grades are enrolled in classes that meet or exceed the grade level math standards.

Mr. Lybeck asked the Board to consider whether it is necessary for the District to continue to send out a letter each spring to parents of incoming 6th graders that explains the 8th grade math goal and addresses an opt-out option. After some discussion from the

Board members, it was decided that the District will update the letter and continue to send it out so that parents fully understand the expectations for a higher level of learning.

Brian Brooks noted that 17% of freshman students are taking higher level math classes and asked what the highest level of math is that is offered at the high schools. Steve Biehn, Principal of Southridge High School, stated that AP Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC and third year Calculus classes are offered there. Ms. Adams thanked Mr. Lybeck and Mrs. Fisk for their leadership in this area.

Dual Credit Opportunities

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Ron Williamson reported that there are currently five dual enrollment credit options for high school students in the District: International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Running Start, Tech Prep and College in the High School. He shared that these programs offer high school students free or low cost college credit, experience with college level curriculum and transferrable college credits. Mr. Williamson reported that a two year trend shows increased enrollment in the dual credit programs.

Mr. Williamson asked Mr. Biehn to share information about College in the High School which is offered at Southridge High School through Central Washington University, Washington State University and the University of Washington. Mr. Biehn explained how the program was implemented and noted that Southridge staff who teach the classes are adjunct professors for the universities. He reported that students enrolled in College in the High School get their first 10 credits free and that the 193 students enrolled in the program have received substantial savings on their college credits through an OSPI grant offered this year. Mr. Williamson noted that College in the High School is also offered at Kennewick High School through Central Washington University.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Middle School Tracks

Mr. Bond reviewed the Board's decision in September to move forward with tracks at the two new middle schools under construction, without bathrooms and bleachers, and to conduct a feasibility review for adding tracks at the remaining three middle schools. He stated that the Board had also decided that the feasibility review would include the cost to build bathrooms at the tracks. Mr. Bond reported that the Facilities Committee had met and prioritized the three options for installing tracks at the remaining three middle schools as follows: 1) include three middle school tracks in the next bond in 2019; 2) build tracks at the existing middle schools when they are remodeled; 3) build one per year starting in 2017-2018 or a Board chosen date. He shared that Fowler General Contractors had verbally estimated that the cost for installing a track/storage unit at Desert Hills Middle School and Chinook Middle School will total \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000 each.

Mr. Bond introduced John Perkins from the Facilities Committee who shared some of the conversation the Committee had and why they decided to prioritize the options as they did. The committee felt that having the tracks in the next bond would give each school a project for the next bond and therefore generate support from those school's community. They also felt that putting the remaining three tracks into the bond gave them a dedicated funding source. The committee also noted that participation numbers in track were very low at Park and Highlands. Finally, the committee felt that going ahead with the tracks might keep the district from being able to complete higher priority projects such as the MTS facility. Mr. Bond added that the Board needs to decide which option they prefer so it can be incorporated into the ten-year plan.

Motion by Brian Brooks to follow the Facilities Committee's recommendation to include three middle school tracks in the next bond in 2019.

Seconded by Dawn Adams.

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

Motion carried 3-1.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for approximately 10 minutes to discuss a legal issue. 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 6:51 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: February 24, 2016