

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MAY 13, 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 5:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 40 staff and guests in attendance, including the media.

RECOGNITION

Washington Achievement Award

Mr. Bruce Hawkins from the ESD 123 recognized Southgate Elementary School for receiving the OPSI Washington Achievement Award in Reading Growth.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Kristin Mathews, parent of a student at Washington Elementary School, stated that the school nurse contacted her child's doctor without her authorization and she is very upset about that. Ms. Mathews reported that she had talked to several of KSD's administrative staff members but had not been provided the District's policy on student privacy. Superintendent Dave Bond replied that the district is governed by the FERPA and HIPAA laws. He stated that he would contact her the following morning and set up a time to meet and discuss her concerns.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Brian Brooks

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 22, 2015
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- 2014-15 Certificated Contract Holders Returning for 2015-16 School Year
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending April 30, 2015
- Budget Status Report Ending April 30, 2015
- Resolution No. 24 2014-2015; Delegate Authority to WIAA
- Resolution No. 25 2014-2015; Authorize the Sale of Surplus Property
- Bid Award – 2015 Physical Education Equipment and Supplies
- Bid Award – 2015-2016 Winter Sports
- Bid Award – Highlands Parking Lot, \$205,995 plus tax, Mahaffey Enterprises, Inc.
- Revised Bid Award – Summer Exterior Painting
 - Southridge High, \$242,444 plus tax, H.B. Painters
 - Kennewick High, \$154,400 plus tax, Williamsen & Bleid, Inc.
- Bids Accepted – Edison Elementary and Vista Elementary School Roofing
 - Edison Elementary, \$335,000 plus tax from Cobra
 - Vista Elementary, \$408,375 plus tax from Leslie & Campbell
 - Bids accepted. Contract award is subject to the discretion of the Business Manager and Manager of Maintenance & Grounds
- Affirmative Action Plan
- GESA Debit Card Agreement
- Curriculum Adoption – *zyBooks – Programming in Java*, Author Roman Lysecky, Published by Ayante/zyBooks to be used in Grade 9-12 Computer Science classes at Kennewick High School

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond stated that the Board needs to discuss rescheduling the May 20th Board retreat because Heather Kintzley has indicated that she has a schedule conflict on that date. Mr. Bond presented the Board the option of rescheduling that retreat for another date and holding the second Board retreat on June 10th as scheduled or just holding one Board retreat on June 10th. The Board agreed to hold one retreat on June 10th and to move any items not covered to June 17th, if they need more time to address the agenda items.

Superintendent Bond reminded the Board that graduation appeals have been scheduled for June 4th. We know there will be appeals because of the State science test requirements. There is a timeline issue for when the test results come back. He reminded the Board that we also have

seniors who have moved into the District during second semester and he and Ron Williamson will work with principals to waive the Culminating Project.

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Ron Williamson, reported that he is looking for a Board member to assist with the interviews for next year's student representative to the Board. Mr. Williamson stated that he will schedule interviews at a time and date that is convenient for any Board member who wishes to participate.

Superintendent Bond reported that he checked the Benton County Auditor's website and, as of 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, no one had filed for School Board Positions 3, 4 or 5. Ben Messinger commented that that condition had changed.

Board Member

Ron Mabry reported that he attended the WSSDA Spring Regional Meeting in Walla Walla on May 7th. WSSDA wants to make sure students know that the SBAC is different from other tests because students receive college placement for passing it. Superintendent Bond added that if a student scores a 3 or 4 on the test, they are allowed to waive the traditional college entrance tests such as the SAT and the ACT. Mr. Mabry also stated that there is a question about the word "rigor" and that Districts may be challenged when talking about a class with rigor. He also reported that the two-year waiver of the 24 credit graduation requirement was touched on at the meeting and WSSDA indicated that not many school districts have applied for the waiver.

Heather Kintzley reported that she has passed by the construction site of new the Delta High School and is very impressed with the progress.

Dawn Adams reported that, the previous evening, she had attended a para-educator workshop at which Ernie Chapin was the speaker. Ms. Adams stated that she really enjoyed his message and that, at the Board retreat, she would like to discuss leveraging some of his concepts.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Senior Parent Survey Results Spring 2015

Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, Ron Williamson, presented the results of the parent survey given in regard to the School Board's North Star Goal to have 85% of parents state that KSD provided their students with the opportunity to prepare for their declared post-secondary education, training or work objective. This is the fourth year that the District has conducted the survey. Mr. Williamson noted that 48% of parents with senior students in Navigation/Quest/Tribe completed the survey and that between 88% - 95% of those parents (depending on the question) stated that they were satisfied or very satisfied that their senior was prepared for the next endeavor in their life.

Extra and Co-curricular Activities Report

Assistant Superintendent Ron Williamson reported on the number of students participating in extra and co-curricular activities. He explained that the goal is to get students involved in extracurricular activities because, when students are involved, they have better grades and are better connected with school. Mr. Williamson noted that secondary schools will continue to promote involvement in their extracurricular and co-curricular activities and activity participation will be reviewed by each building. Ben Messinger stated that he is interested in knowing the ratio of the number of students who participated in one or more clubs versus students who didn't participate in any extracurricular activities. Mr. Williamson commented that he could collect the data differently next year to determine that information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2015-2016 Preliminary Budget Update - Transportation Vehicle Fund

Executive Director of Business Operations, Vic Roberts, reviewed some of the upcoming capital projects and their estimated costs and asked the Board to authorize the work to begin, if the District receives acceptable bids for them. Superintendent Bond added that he asked Mr. Roberts to have this information ready to present to the Board for approval in case the retreat scheduled for May 20th was cancelled.

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve the upcoming capital projects at their estimated costs as presented by Mr. Roberts.

Seconded by Brian Brooks

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Roberts presented the preliminary budget for the transportation vehicle fund. The District estimated the cost of ten buses at \$1.15M and we project that we will have a beginning fund balance of approximately \$653K to start the 2015-16 school year. The District will transfer \$650K from the general fund in September 2015 to pay for 10 buses that were approved for purchase in January 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. We will receive projected revenues of \$550K in August 2016 so the beginning fund balance for 2016-17 is projected at \$702K.

Mr. Roberts stated that the District may not be able to meet the June 17th timeline previously established for budget adoption, due to the delay in the state budget. We will issue the capital fund budget extension on June 17th. Superintendent Bond noted that KSD administration is

holding on posting some of the additional positions that the Board preliminarily approved until we know what the budget will be.

NEW BUSINESS

Full Day Kindergarten Options

Superintendent Bond presented options for housing full-day kindergarten, since the House and Senate have proposed budgets that would require four additional elementary schools to have full-day kindergarten in 2015-16 and the last two elementary schools to have full-day kindergarten in 2016-17.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bond realized that he had not announced that Doug Campbell, currently principal of Lincoln Elementary, has been selected as the new Federal Programs Director so he asked Mr. Campbell to stand and be recognized.

Superintendent Bond noted that, if full-day kindergarten is required in 2015-16, the KSD could also need eight (8) more kindergarten teachers and those positions would need to be posted early enough to get quality teachers to fill them. Mr. Bond asked for guidance from the Board on this issue because some are predicting that the state won't have a budget finalized until at least mid-July. The Board discussed the option of planning for and implementing full-day kindergarten, whether or not the legislature funds it.

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve the implementation of full-day kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year at Lincoln, Southgate, Sunset View and Cascade Elementary Schools, whether or not the state legislature decides to fund it.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	No
	Mabry	No
	Brooks	Aye
	Kintzley	Aye
	Adams	Aye

Motion carried 3-2.

Calendar Variance

Superintendent Bond reported that on May 7, 2015, KEA members voted to conduct a walkout on May 21, 2015. The KEA has asked that it be treated much like a snow day, which would have specific implications such as no activities or athletics, no community schools classes, etc. but would continue to be a work day for many people in the District. Superintendent Bond recommended that the Board allow athletic events to proceed as normal so athletes and coaches are not impacted negatively, to allow community use of facilities such as for Community

Education classes and community youth sports, to allow the YMCA to provide daycare opportunities for parents at our school sites, and to allow the Transportation department to use May 21st as a training day for their staff. He also made the recommendation that May 21st be made a no school day and be made up on June 12, 2015.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to accept the recommendation to allow athletics to proceed normally on May 21, 2015 so athletes and coaches are not impacted negatively.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Brian Brooks to accept the recommendation to cancel student activities that involve teachers performing duties that are a part of the KEA bargaining agreement such as concerts, student leadership activities, yearbook/journalism, etc. on May 21, 2015.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

Discussion: Members of the Board expressed their dismay with the KEA and the walkout. Board President Dawn Adams stated that she didn't know why the KEA would disrupt our community with this. She has had many telephone calls from community members who are upset about the walkout.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to accept the recommendation to allow Community Education and community youth sports events to continue as normal on May 21, 2015.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	Aye
	Mabry	Aye
	Brooks	Aye

Kintzley	Aye
Adams	Aye

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Heather Kintzley to accept the recommendation to allow the YMCA to offer additional day care opportunities to KSD parents at our school sites on May 21, 2015.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Brian Brooks to accept the recommendation to allow the Transportation department to use May 21, 2015 as a training day for their bus drivers.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept the recommendation that the Kennewick School District close school on May 21, 2015 and set the make-up date for June 12, 2015.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Discussion: The Board further discussed options for not closing school on May 21st but agreed that student safety is their main concern. Heather Kintzley stated that the Board is frustrated because they are trying to remedy a problem they didn't create. The teacher walkout is not supported by the law. At some point in the future, the Board may decide to bring a legal action against the KEA for breach of contract. Ms. Kintzley added that she hopes the community doesn't hold this against the District in the future.

Ben Messenger reported that he was invited to join a Facebook group of about 740 students who are planning not to come to school on Friday, May 22nd, since the teachers are deciding not to come on May 21st. That is very disappointing.

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

Motion carried 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams moved the Board into executive session at 7:04 p.m. for approximately 45 minutes per -RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for an update on a legal issue. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 7:50 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 30 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session was reconvened at 8:11 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: June 17, 2015