

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
FEBRUARY 22, 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, Ben Messinger, Board Member; Jaxon Dean, Student Representative to the Board; and Dave Bond, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Doug Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Greg Fancher, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; and Robyn Chastain, Director of Communication and Public Relations.

Other Guest: Bronson Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Lybeck, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum Services; excused.
Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; 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 35 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Uby Creek - 3219 W. Canal Drive, spoke representing ESD 123 and the 21st Century Program. Ms. Creek shared responses from a survey of Eastgate Elementary School parents whose children attend the 21st Century Program and thanked the Board for their support.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 13, 2017
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending January 31, 2017
- Superintendent Contract 2017-2020

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond gave the Board members information about an upcoming Regional Meeting in Pasco on May 3rd and asked them to let Patty Lord know if they would like to attend. Mr. Bond also shared that he attended a Construction meeting at Westgate Elementary School, and stated how nicely the building is coming along and how pleased he is with the progress.

Board Member

None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Masonic Cornerstone

Superintendent Dave Bond introduced Gene Spaulding with the Masons to explain the cornerstone process. Mr. Spaulding talked about the dedication ceremony which involves the symbolic laying of the cornerstone at the northeast corner of a building. He explained there is no cost to the School District and the Board members could decide on the wording to be placed on the cornerstone. Mr. Spaulding informed the Board he left a video with Mr. Bond if they would like to view the ceremony process.

Bruce Vesper, who once was a Mason Grand Master, asked to join Mr. Spaulding up front to help explain the ceremony process. He stated the reason the Masons lay a cornerstone is to dedicate the schools. He went on to share that the staff and students are welcome to be a part of the ceremony.

Vice President Heather Kintzley asked that the discussion be tabled until the next Board meeting, giving the Board a chance to watch the video and see exactly what the ceremony is like.

Third Grade Reading Goal Update

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Greg Fancher, reviewed the mid-year test results measuring student growth toward the third grade reading goal. He explained

that schools are required to test all students mid-year who were below the 50th percentile in the fall, but schools may test students who are above the 50th percentile to monitor progress. Mr. Fancher shared ways that teachers can look at expected growth for individual students. Some of the challenges this year included teachers having to learn new curriculum, schools adjusting their instructional model and the challenges of pacing due to the weather. Mr. Fancher commented that there were 6 days with two hour delays and 10 days cancelled all due to weather for the months of December, January, and half of February, along with 10 days of vacation.

Testing Time

Superintendent Bond stated that Board Member Brian Brooks had asked what tests the District administers, how many test students have to take, and are there some tests that we don't have to do. Mr. Bond explained that State testing is required for all students in grades 3-8 and one grade in High School, but District and Student testing is a choice. He reviewed the different types of testing, the amount of time required for each test, the quality of information received from each test and how quickly the results are given. Ben Messinger asked about the quality of the information we receive from the SBAC compared to the MAP. Mr. Bond replied that with the SBAC we don't get the results until the following year and with the MAP test we get the results immediately. Dawn Adams commented that at one point an evaluation was done and some testing was eliminated. Brian Brooks suggested he could spend time talking with the legislation about changing to the MAP test, as it is shorter and gives instant results.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional School Cancellations

Superintendent Bond quickly reviewed the school calendar changes that were agreed upon at the January 25th Board meeting, as well as the process for requesting a waiver from OSPI. Mr. Bond commented that with two more cancellations and one more delay due to snow/ice on February 9th and February 15th, we have fallen below the 1,027 hours of instructional time needed to qualify for a waiver. He then discussed two options with the Board and talked about some of the challenges. This is an extra-ordinary year, weather-wise. Since we have made the commitment to keep graduation on June 3, we are going to have to work through the challenges created by our graduation decision and our unprecedented winter weather.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to authorize administration to negotiate an MOU with the KEA to move parent-teacher conferences to the end of the year on June 15-16 and have regular instructional days when parent conferences were previously scheduled in March (elementary) and April (high school).

Discussion: Ben Messinger asked if there is a concern about the impact of moving parent/teacher conferences to the end of the year instead of March. Mr. Bond replied that there are pros and cons, as some Principals don't want to lose the conferences in March while others say we need more instruction time. Dawn Adams asked if teachers could possibly communicate with parents without having a formal conference.

Motion was seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

21st Century Programs

Greg Fancher, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education presented information on the 21st Century Program, which was originally going to be a discussion topic for the January retreat but due to bad weather was cancelled. After some discussion and questions from the Board members, Superintendent Bond explained that this was an informational session and that the Board did not have to make a decision tonight. President Dawn Adams commented that she believes the program is beneficial and that we need to put this on the agenda later in the year when we know more about state and federal funding.

On-Line Board Meetings

Superintendent Dave Bond presented information requested by Ron Mabry on On-Line Board Meetings. He explained that this was another topic that was supposed to be for the January retreat that was cancelled. He shared that Ron Cone and Robyn Chastain had helped him gather the information given. Following some discussion and questions from the Board members, Dawn Adams suggested the topic be added to the retreat agenda in June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a legal issue and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) to discuss a Personnel Issue for approximately 15 minutes. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 7:18 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 60 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ms. Kintzley reconvened regular session of the Board at 8:07 p.m. There being no further

business, the Board adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: March 8, 2017