

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP
SUPERINTENDENT/SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT PART I
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
MAY 21, 2014

M I N U T E S

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; and Dave Bond, Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Chuck Lybeck, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum; Bev Johnson-Torelli, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Greg Fancher, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; and Robyn Chastain.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with approximately 20 other staff and guests in attendance including the media.

CONSENT

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

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Congratulatory Ad in *T-C Herald Special Graduation Edition*

SUPERINTENDENT/SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT

The purpose of the Retreat is for the Superintendent and School Board to conduct a semi-annual review of the district objectives and plan for continued quality education and efficient operation of the Kennewick School District.

Discussion Topics:

Bond Financing Options Presenter: John Gore

John Gores presented information about past election results, bond sale history, capital facilities financing options, and tax rate projections. The Board will need to make decisions on the amount of the bond by the fall and have a resolution prepared and to the Auditor by December 26.

Legal Requirements for Bonds Presenter Jim McNeill

Jim McNeill presented information to the Board about the work that bond counsel does and the services that are provided to make sure that the process of having a bond election and a sale of bonds is all done legally.

Algebra Goal – Plans for D / F Grade Students in 7th Grade

Dave Bond presented the recommendation from the Middle School Math Cadre to create a new course for 8th grade students who earned a “D” or “F” in Holt Course 3 – Pre-Algebra. Rather than have students just repeat the previous course, the new course will cover challenging concepts from Course 3 and introduce much of the first half of 1st Year Algebra. High schools will then offer a course that will review the 1st half of first year Algebra and then cover the topics from the 2nd half of first year Algebra.

Motion by Ben Messinger to accept the recommendation as presented to:

 Create an Algebra 1 course (First half of First Year Algebra)

- Expanded to fill a full year with one semester’s material.
- Includes review of key concepts from Course 3 (Pre-Algebra).
- Would require high schools to offer a course in 9th grade for Algebra 2 (review of 1st half of Algebra 1 and all of Algebra 2).

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	aye
	Brooks	aye

Kintzley	aye
Adams	aye

Motion carried 5-0.

Middle School No-Cut

Dave Bond presented information about the challenges of “No-Cut” sports at Desert Hills and Horse Heaven Hills where large numbers of students turn out. The Board encouraged the District to move forward with a plan to do the following:

- Explore use of Elementary Facilities and implement for 2014-15 if feasible.
- Add more coaching stipends
- Get our new middle schools built quickly.

Middle School Advisories – Desert Hills Middle School

Steve Jones presented information on how Desert Hills 7th grade staff had piloted advisories this past year. He proposed piloting advisories for all grade levels for 2014-15 and asked for permission to move forward in working with KEA to accomplish this.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve pursuing Pilot Advisories for the 2014-2015 school year at Desert Hills Middle School.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

New Middle School / Desert Hills Naming

Dave Bond presented some questions from Desert Hills’ staff regarding the upcoming plan to build a new middle school and move Desert Hills there and then remodel Desert Hills. Questions involved whether the new school would become Desert Hills and what the logistics around the move would be. Dave recommended the following to which the Board indicated agreement.

Follow past practice when opening a new school.

- Desert Hills is a temporary occupant in the new school.

- The new building gets its own name, mascot, etc. and that process is conducted once the building is under construction.
- Teacher transfers are governed by the current KEA contract.
- A planning principal is hired for the final year before occupancy as a new school.

High School Practices During Second Semester Finals

Chris Chelin presented a proposal from the high school principals, coaches, and athletic directors to allow practices until 5 PM on second semester finals days. After discussion about ensuring that students who needed time to study would be allowed to leave early, the Board expressed support.

Motion by Ron Mabry to adopt the recommendation below:

Align second semester finals with first semester finals in the area of student participation in extra-curricular activities. School sports would be allowed to practice only after school on days during 2nd semester finals with the caveat that practice needs to end by 5:00 PM in order for students to go home and study for finals. Students must be allowed to be released early if requested for academic reasons.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

College in the High School

This topic was postponed until June 11.

Culminating Project – Change in State Requirement

Dave Bond presented information from E2SSB 6552 which removes the requirement for students to complete a culminating project. Because course selections have already been completed and staffing has been done, Dave recommended the following to which the Board concurred.

- Continue with current graduation requirements for Class of 2015 which include the completion of a Culminating Project.

- Review graduation requirements in the Fall of 2014 to determine changes desired for Class of 2016.

Graduation Requirements - 24 Credits – Waiver Option

Dave Bond presented information from E2SSB 6552 which increases the requirement for graduation to 24 credits for the Class of 2019 (current 7th graders). A waiver option is available to implement later with the Class of 2020 or 2021. The Board will need to make a decision by next May 2015 whether or not to request the waiver. Various pros and cons of requesting the waiver were discussed. This will be on the agenda for later this fall.

Graduation Requirements – Science Space Needs

Dave Bond presented information from E2SSB 6552 which increases the number of science credits needed for students to graduate. This will necessitate the need for additional science lab space as well as the need to hire additional science teachers. Administration will present options this fall that will likely involve either adding more portables equipped in such a way as to be able to teach science or converting current space not being fully utilized into science labs. Principals noted that all science labs are currently occupied every period of the day and that some science classes are being taught in non-science rooms with room trading occurring when labs are necessary.

Technology Needs for Testing and Instruction

Dave Bond presented information on the Common Core requirements for computer knowledge for elementary aged students as well as information about the testing requirements now that the Smarter-Balanced Test is all computer-based. Options for the Board to consider included adding portables with computer labs, computer carts on wheels, and tablets. The Pros and Cons of each approach were discussed. The Board asked for more information on the technical issues related to testing so that they could analyze the options better.

1st Grade MAP Testing / DIBELS Testing for 1st not MAP

Greg Fancher presented a proposal to make MAP testing optional for first graders. He noted that the DIBELS test is used more frequently by elementary schools and principals and teachers think the results from the MAP test are flawed due to the immaturity of the first graders taking the test.

Motion by Brian Brooks to adopt the recommendation from Mr. Fancher that first grade MAP test would be an optional assessment provided that schools have another assessment – such as DIBELS - to use in analyzing student progress.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Migrant Population Education Challenges

Dawn Adams asked that the District provide data on the number of migrant students and how many of them left the district during the school year and returned later to a different school.

Summer Student Educational Slide / Community Partnerships

Dawn asked that the District assist in working with her Rotary to find opportunities for the Rotary to assist schools in need to mitigate the “summer slide.” Greg Fancher will come back with some options on how the Rotary might work with the KSD elementary schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cancelled.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

There being no further business, the School Board of Directors adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: May 28, 2014