

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MAY 11, 2016

MINUTES

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; 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; Robyn Chastain, Director of Communication and Public Relations.

Other Guests: Mick McFarland, Attorney (via telephone).

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Mabry, excused.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 20 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 Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting April 20, 2016
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- 2015-16 Certificated Contract Holders Returning for 2016-17 School Year
- Memo – Notice of PSE Unit Clarification
- Bid Award – 2016-2017 Winter Sports
- 60 Percent Petition for Annexation
- Authorize Bid award for Amistad Portable Site Work to TTAP Construction for \$231,830 plus tax
- Curriculum Adoptions:
 - **CIA**, Author, Saran Collinge, Published by Peanut Butter Publishing to be used in Grade 3-5 Language Arts classes at Eastgate Elementary School.
 - **En Español** Author, Santillana, published by Santillana, USA to be used in grade 6-8 Dual Language Program at Highlands and in grade 9-12 Heritage Spanish classes in the high schools.
 - **Estrellita**, Author, Karen Myer, Published by Estrellita to be used in Grade K-1 Dual Language and Bilingual programs.
 - **Inside**, Author, Moore, Short, Smith, et al., Published by National Geographic/Cengage Learning to be used in grade 6-12 English as a Second Language classes Bilingual Programs throughout the District.
 - **Leveled Literacy Intervention**, Authors, Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell, Published by Heinemann to be used in Grade K-3 Reading classes at Edison Elementary School.
 - **Seedfolks**, Author, Paul Fleischman, published by Harper Trophy, USA to be used in grade 9-12 English as a Second Language classes in the high schools.
 - **Child Development: Early Stages Through Age 12**, Author, Celia Anita Decker, Published by Goodheart-Wilcox to be used in grade 10-12 Family and Consumer Sciences, Child Psychology classes at Tri-Tech.
 - **Modern Dental Assisting 11th Ed**, Authors, Doni L. Bird and Debbie S. Robinson, Published by Evolve/Elsevier to be used in grade 9-12 Dental Assisting Program classes at Tri-Tech.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

No report.

Board Member

Charlie Landefeld provided follow-up information on the Student Safety Survey results presented at the Board meeting on April 20, 2016. He reported that he spoke with Southridge High School students who noted that in their Navigation class they discuss how to stop bullying and who students can talk to as a trusted adult. Mr. Landefeld shared that Southridge has two security guards and a resource officer that many students look to as trusted adults.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Extra and Co-curricular Activities Report

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Ron Williamson reported on the number of students participating in extra and co-curricular activities in middle school and high school. He explained that the Strategic Plan 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 continue to have great participation in their extracurricular activities. Ben Messinger commented that the presentation shows the number of students participating in extra and co-curricular activities with no reference to the size of the student body. He also noted that some students participate in more than one activity. He stated that he would like to know what unduplicated percentage of the student body participates from year to year.

Phoenix High School Video

Robyn Chastain, Director of Communications and Public Relations, shared a video showcasing Phoenix High School, the District's project-based high school.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2016-2017 Preliminary Budget Update

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts reviewed the preliminary 2016-2017 General Fund revenue increase. He explained that revenue for 2015-2016 is projected to be \$3.93M greater than budgeted due to enrollment/K-3 funding, Special Education funding and transportation funding. Mr. Roberts is projecting increased revenue for 2016-2017 at \$6.12M due to increased enrollment, all-day kindergarten, Special Education, materials and supplies, K-3 class size funding, 1.8% cost of living increase and benefits, property taxes and levy equalization funding. He stated that other 2015-2016 uncommitted budgeted revenue could total \$3.5M, for a total of \$13.55M in preliminary resources available to offset 2016-2017 increased expenditures.

Mr. Roberts reviewed preliminary 2016-2017 expenditure additions, including staffing additions for an estimated cost increase of \$9.5M due to elementary teaching positions (~+23.0 FTE not including Sage Crest), middle and high school teaching positions (14.5 FTE), Special Education teachers (5.62 FTE), Elementary Dean/Assistant Principal positions for six remaining schools, nursing staff (1.0 FTE), Classified positions (3.0 FTE), student transportation (1.0 FTE mechanic/bus driver time), Special Education paraeducator staffing/LPN (11.6 FTE), additional paraeducator time, the addition of Communities in Schools at Amistad, Eastgate, Westgate and Highlands, the cost of living increase/step advancement/benefit cost of positions added in 2015-2016, new school staffing and operating costs (~ 32 Certificated FTE), other non-staff cost increases (utilities, insurance,

etc.), other District cost increases, and other budget capacity. He noted that increased costs from a new teacher contract are not yet known. He reported that he will have firmer budget numbers to present at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Eligibility Provision

Sodexo Nutrition Services Director Sam Shick presented information on the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), the Federal Government's free breakfast and lunch program. Mr. Shick explained that CEP would provide free school meals to all students in eligible low income schools and/or school districts with an Identified Student Percentage of 40% or more. He noted that the program would also streamline meal service and reduce unpaid meal administration. Mr. Shick explained that the District would start with three schools, a middle school and two elementary feeder schools, chosen to maximize the reimbursement rates (close to 62.5% ISP) and to ensure that the change to CEP is cost neutral. He added that the District would select schools that have the opportunity for growth and would maximize the benefit to the most students. Mr. Shick recommended that the District implement the Community Eligibility Provision at Highlands Middle School, Edison Elementary School and Westgate Elementary School for the 2016-17 school year.

Motion by Brian Brooks authorizing the District to implement the Community Eligibility Provision at Highlands Middle School, Edison Elementary School and Westgate Elementary School for the 2016-17 school year as presented.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

K-3 Classroom Grant

Superintendent Bond presented information regarding Senate Bill 6080, the \$234M K-3 Class Size Reduction Construction Grant pilot program to assist districts in building classrooms to help reduce class sizes and provide space for Full-Day Kindergarten. He reported that OSPI notified the District two weeks ago that we are eligible for funding to add up to 89 permanent classrooms in the preliminary grant amount of \$51,144,945.

Superintendent Bond reported that Greg Fancher, Vic Roberts, Doug Carl and he met to create options for the Board to consider on how to use the grant. Those options, which must demonstrate reductions in class sizes in grades K-3, were reviewed by the Facilities

Committee Executive Board. Mr. Bond presented seven options for the Board to consider in determining how to use the grant funds with pros and cons for each as well as input provided by elementary principals. Mr. Bond explained that the District would have to pick up some of the construction costs plus furniture, etc. for the buildings. He reported that the next steps are to determine if the District intends to accept the grant and build all 89 classrooms or a portion thereof and to prepare resolutions for the Board to adopt at the May 25th School Board meeting.

Motion by Ben Messinger to direct administration to accept the K-3 Class Size Reduction Construction grant as offered.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Bond asked the Board members what additional information they will need before approving a package of new schools or additions to schools, what their preferences are, and what their parameters are for KSD funds to be added to the grant funds. He stated that he would like to get the Board's initial reaction to determine how to move forward in planning.

Brian Brooks asked if there would be a problem filling a dual language magnet school if one were built. Bilingual Coordinator Alyssa St. Hilaire answered that she didn't see any problem with expanding the program and added that she believes we would still have to turn people away who wished to enroll. Dawn Adams stated that the magnet school could be a STEM school.

Heather Kintzley commented that she didn't know if adding on to older schools is a good idea in terms of investment. Ben Messinger stated that he is curious about the permissibility of remodeling and expanding Amistad with the District's dollars and building with grant dollars.

Ms. Kintzley stated that she liked the idea of including Elementary #16 as part of this. Mr. Bond commented that the new schools would be larger but we would be reducing the class sizes. Ms. Kintzley shared that she is sensitive to building huge schools that may intimidate five year olds.

Mr. Messinger suggested that new schools could have smaller K-3 classrooms sized for the new target student population. Capital Projects Director Doug Carl cautioned that if there are future funding changes the District would be stuck with those smaller classrooms. Ms. Adams stated that she would like feedback from the Facilities Committee. Mr. Carl stated

that when adding classrooms to the existing schools they would try to make the addition look functionally like the other new schools.

Mr. Brooks commented that he believes the District should not ignore the west side of Kennewick. Ms. Kintzley stated that the population on the east side of Kennewick is not going to change much and the apartments in the area will always have lots of children.

Ms. Adams again stated that she would like to consider building a STEM school.

Superintendent Bond stated that on May 25th the Board will pass the required resolutions and that this will be a topic for greater discussion at the Board retreat on June 8th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams moved the Board into executive session at 6:55 p.m. for approximately 45 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for an update on a legal issue and to discuss a student discipline appeal. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 7:40 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 30 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session was reconvened at 8:14 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: May 25, 2016