

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

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, 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 (arriving late); Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Greg Fancher, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; and Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robyn Chastain, excused.  
Doug Christensen, 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 20 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

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 September 9, 2015
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending August 31, 2015
- Approval of Highly Capable Program Annual Plan for 2015-2016
- Approval of 2015-2016 State Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program Grant
- Notice of Intent to Petition for Annexation

## SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

### Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond reported that, earlier that day, GESA Credit Union held a media event at the KSD Administration Center to unveil the new high school branded debit cards. Mr. Bond stated that GESA members may now choose to change their debit card, at no cost, to a card with the logo of Kamiakin, Kennewick or Southridge High School. The high school Associated Student Bodies and DECA clubs will receive money every time a debit card bearing that school's logo is swiped.

### Board

Dawn Adams commented that the newly rebuilt Eastgate Elementary School is a beautiful school and that it was a pleasure to have held the September 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting there.

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### Spring 2015 State Testing Results

Assistant Superintendents Greg Fancher and Ron Williamson presented results from the spring 2015 state SBAC tests. This is the first year of SBAC which tests in the area of English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Because this is the first year, there is no way to look longitudinally to measure growth.

Mr. Fancher reported that, overall, the elementary students tested scored slightly lower on the English Language Arts and the Math SBAC than the District had anticipated. However, students in grade 4 fell just slightly short of the state average on the Math SBAC. Mr. Fancher explained that the SBAC is a very different test than the MAP test.

Mr. Williamson reported that students in middle school scored below the state average in both reading and math. He stated that the District expects the trend to get better over time.

In response to concerns from the Board regarding lower scores than anticipated, particularly at middle school math, Mr. Williamson reported that the District is working to determine what we are doing well and what we need to do better. He explained that Kathy Fisk, K-12

Math/Science Curriculum Specialist, has a cadre of math teachers who will examine the test data and recommend changes.

Mr. Bond added that 1) the MAP test data doesn't show the same dip in scores and 2) the SBAC testing takes about seven hours to complete, so students may have experienced test fatigue. The MAP test is completed in approximately 40 to 80 minutes.

The Board expressed their concerns over the SBAC test scores and tasked the administrators with determining why they were lower than anticipated and ways to ensure that students' test scores improve.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Boundary Update – Proposals/Timelines

Dave Bond provided a quick review of the boundary parameters that the Board set at their retreat last January. The Board agreed that the primary focus should be on neighborhood schools, that the District should avoid non-contiguous boundaries, and then consider balancing for demographics (ethnicity, lunch status, ELL, etc.) if all other factors are equal. Mr. Bond presented the timeline of events required for setting new school boundaries.

Greg Fancher explained that the new boundaries will be implemented in the fall of 2016 with the opening of Elementary School #15 and Middle School #5 and he shared the process used to develop boundaries. Ron Williamson presented the boundary timelines and reported that, with the Board's approval, he and Mr. Fancher will host four community boundary presentations between September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>, where they will clarify the three elementary and two middle school boundary options, explain the school choice process, and gather feedback from the community. Mr. Williamson added that he and Mr. Fancher would compile the information gathered at the community presentations and update the Board at the October 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

Mr. Fancher and Mr. Williamson presented the elementary and middle school boundary options to the Board and explained that the District tries to look ahead to future growth areas when developing boundaries so that they don't have to change the boundaries again in a year or two. Ron Mabry stated that, as a parent, he would love to hear that the District plans ahead and considers future growth areas when setting boundaries. He added that the community will understand that boundaries may change, but that there is a real reason for that change. Dawn Adams agreed and stated that Mr. Fancher and Mr. Williamson should share with the community if they have a boundary recommendation with a solid rationale, and explain that the longer term strategies of the District are considered when boundaries are developed. The Board members agreed that Mr. Fancher and Mr. Williamson should hold the community boundary presentations and bring their findings to the Board at the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Middle School Tracks

Mr. Bond followed up on a prior School Board discussion on the subject of adding tracks to the middle schools. He explained that none of the middle schools have tracks so they hold their track meets at the high schools. On the days when middle school track meets are held at the high schools, the high school track teams are unable to hold a normal practice. Mr. Bond further explained that the middle schools have grass tracks that usually go around the football field, and that students often complain about the uneven running surfaces.

Mr. Bond explained that track facilities usually require a sizeable storage facility to house equipment. He also noted that there are other facility issues to consider such as bleachers, restrooms and parking.

Mr. Bond presented the Board four options: 1) continue to have the students practice on grass and have their meets at the high schools, 2) build one comprehensive facility and schedule all middle school track meets there, 3) build tracks at the two new middle schools, since we are under construction and have a blank slate, or 4) build a track at each of the middle schools to meet the needs of their program.

Motion by Ron Mabry to conduct a feasibility review for establishing tracks at all of the middle school facilities, leaving out bathrooms and bleachers.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

Brian Brooks commented that the District needs to move now, if we plan to install tracks at the two new middle schools under construction. Mr. Bond added that, if there is need for water or plumbing, the District would need to have an engineer redraw the fields. The Board members agreed that they would need to take action at this meeting.

Ron Mabry stated that he wished to withdraw his motion and made a new motion to move forward with tracks at the two new middle schools under construction, without bathrooms and bleachers, and to conduct a facility feasibility review for adding tracks at the remaining three middle schools.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

Brian Brooks asked that the facility review include the cost to build bathrooms at the tracks. Superintendent Bond stated that he would include the cost of bathrooms in the feasibility review.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	aye
	Brooks	aye

Kintzley                      aye  
Adams                         aye

Motion carried 5-0.

Levy Update

Executive Director of Business Operations, Vic Roberts, provided a timeline of activities required to take place before a levy election on February 9, 2016. He presented the District levy history from 2004-2005 through 2014-2015 and pointed out that District assessed property values totaled \$6.8B in 2015. Mr. Roberts reported that the current 2015 levy rate was \$3.50 and the projected 2016 levy rate would be in the range of \$3.51 to \$3.53. The 2016 rate would remain unchanged for 2017 if the assessed value increases by approximately \$150M and the levy amount is increased by \$500K. He explained that a levy rate increase of .10 to .13 would generate an additional \$944K to \$965K of tax revenue per year. Mr. Roberts stated that a levy rate increase of .20, from \$3.51 to \$3.71, would generate an additional \$1.2M of tax revenue per year. He added that the levy LID, which was increased for 2011-2017 from 24% to 28%, is scheduled to be reduced back to 24% effective in 2018 but there is some uncertainty on whether the legislature will follow through with that change. Mr. Roberts will provide more information to the Board regarding the projected 2016-2017 District revenues and expenditures at the October 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Adams moved the Board into executive session at 7:19 p.m. for approximately 1 hour per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) for a personnel issue, RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for an update on a legal issue. She noted that no further formal action would be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session was reconvened at 8:33 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: October 7, 2015