

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
EASTGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 9, 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; 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 Communications and Public Relations.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 Ben Messinger to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

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 August 19, 2015
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Curriculum Adoptions:

- *The Circuit (Cajas de Carton)*, Author, Francisco Jiménez, Published by University of New Mexico Press to be used in grades 6-8 SS/LA Dual Language classes at Highlands Middle School
- *Breaking Through (Senderos)*, Author, Francisco Jiménez, Published by Houghton Mifflin to be used in grades 6-8 SS/LA Dual Language classes at Highlands Middle School
- *Reaching Out (Mas Alla De Mi)*, Author, Francisco Jiménez, Published by Houghton Mifflin to be used in grades 6-8 SS/LA Dual Language classes at Highlands Middle School
- Approval of 2015-2017 Off-Schedule Group Contracts
- Benton County Agreement
- Resolution No. 1, 2015-2016; Certifying Westgate Elementary School Construction Project Will Be New-In-Lieu of Modernization of Existing Facilities

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond handed out YIAA sports passes to the Board members. He reported that Kennewick FOCUS will hold its annual tailgate party on Friday, September 25 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Neil F. Lampson Stadium Parking Lot.

He noted some important topics that will be discussed at upcoming Board meetings such as boundary changes and naming of the new elementary school and middle school.

Superintendent Bond thanked Brian Brooks and Ben Messinger for attending ribbon cutting ceremony at Eastgate Elementary School on August 28th.

Board

Brian Brooks reported that he had attended the KSD Welcome Back assembly and commented that Mr. Bond's speech had a lot of positive energy and was very inspirational.

President Dawn Adams asked how parents in our community feel about the Pasco School District teacher's strike and its effect on Delta High School. Superintendent Bond reported that he has received a couple of phone calls from Richland and Kennewick parents and that he even received a phone call from Representative Haler regarding the strike. He added that, so far, Kennewick hasn't had any parents remove their students from Delta High and that the biggest concern is that the delay to the start of school may impact seniors at the end of the year. Districts can release seniors up to five days early but the students may have to make up days during the school year, if they want to hold on to the current graduation date and time at the Toyota Center.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Enrollment Report

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented a preliminary enrollment report which showed actual headcount numbers as of September 1st. He noted that we did not have as much growth in kindergarten as in prior years and that, overall, we have approximately 500 more students in the District than we had this time last year. Mr. Roberts stated that over the past four years, the District has grown by about 1,000 students.

Eastgate Elementary Architect Report

Doug Mitchell, Project Architect for MMEC, presented photos of Eastgate and noted that the building is a mirror image of Cottonwood Elementary School with two additional classrooms on each floor. He reported that the contractors are still working out a few bugs and finishing up some items in the building. Mr. Mitchell stated that he is proud of the design of the building and was happy to work with the Kennewick School District. Mr. Bond added that one of the biggest changes to the Cottonwood model is the added security in the entry way. Visitors are greeted by office staff at a sliding window inside the front door, which allows staff to control who enters the building. Doug Carl added that all doors are set to be locked from the outside after a certain time in the morning. This is a control feature that will be added to more schools in the future.

Eastgate Elementary Principal Remarks

Niki Arnold-Smith, Eastgate Elementary School Principal, reported that more than 700 people attended the open house and that she received many compliments about the new building. She thanked the Board from the students, staff and families of Eastgate.

Eastgate Video

Robyn Chastain, Director of Communications and Public Relations, presented a video of the Eastgate Elementary School building and grounds, which was taken by a camera mounted on a drone. Ms. Chastain reported that she posted the video on the KSD Facebook page where it has had many views and has received many positive comments.

Proclamation of Dedication

President Dawn Adams read a proclamation dedicating Eastgate Elementary School to be used to educate the youth of the Kennewick School District, to provide those students with the skills and knowledge to be successful adults, and to provide the community with an outstanding facility to be used to further other community objectives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Adams moved the Board into executive session at 6:00 p.m. for approximately 1 hour 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to evaluate the Superintendent's 2016 goals, RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) for a personnel issue and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for a legal issue. She noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 7:15 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Regular session was reconvened at 7:31 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Approved: September 23, 2015