

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
NOVEMBER 12, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board, Brian Brooks, Legislative Representative to the Board; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Alec Sun, 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; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, and Robyn Chastain, Director of Communications and Public Relations.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Fancher, excused.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 20 staff and guests in attendance, including the media.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Brian Brooks 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 October 22, 2014
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending October 31, 2014
- Budget Status Report Year Ending August 31, 2014
- Secondary School Improvement Plans 2014-2015
- Bid Award – ASB Spring Sports Equipment 2014-2015
- Financial Services Program Joint Operating Agreement - GESA/KSD
- Educational Specification for Elementary School #15 (Sage Creek Site)
- Resolution No. 4 2014-2015 Racial Balance for the New Construction Project of Elementary School #15
- Accept Completion of Portable Installation at Four Elementary Schools

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond handed out winter sports passes to the Board members. He stated that the Board needs decide on a date for the January retreat, which was tentatively scheduled for January 7 or January 10, 2015. The Board agreed to schedule the retreat for Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Board Room A of the KSD Administration Center. Dave asked Ron Mabry and Brian Brooks to stay and talk with him after the Board meeting about the WSSDA Conference that they will attend next week.

Board

None.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Graduation Requirements (24 Credit Waiver)

Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Ron Williamson reported that the class of 2019 and beyond will be required by the Washington State Board of Education to complete 24 credits to graduate. He explained that school districts that need extra time to implement the change can apply to the State Board of Education and be granted a one or two-year extension. Ron presented four different options for phasing in the 24 credit requirement at the high schools and listed the pros and cons of each: Option 1 – Implement the 24 credit requirement in 2019, Option 2 – Delay implementation of 24 credits until 2020, Option 3 - Delay implementation of 24 credits until 2021 and Option 4 – Gradual phase in. He reported that the high school principals recommend Option 3, which would allow more time for implementation of the new requirements and maintain the consistency of graduation credit requirements through 2021. Ron noted that a School Board decision and resolution is needed in December or January so the Course of Study handbooks can be ready in February for registration. The Board asked questions and discussed the different options presented.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to advise the administration to prepare a resolution to be voted on at the December Board meeting around Option 2 to delay implementation of the 24 credit graduation requirement for one year.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	aye
	Mabry	no
	Brooks	no
	Kintzley	aye
	Adams	aye

Motion carried 3-2.

Early Release Standardization

Superintendent Dave Bond introduced Ethan Schwebke, Transportation Manager, and explained that he was present to help answer questions the Board may have about transportation issues resulting from early release. Dave explained the purpose and described the challenges presented by early release on Wednesdays. He noted that early release is addressed in the KEA contract. The Kennewick School District Administration requested permission to study the issue and to bring the School Board a recommendation next spring to alleviate the transportation issues associated with the current early release schedules. Dave explained that, at the end of the study, we could be considering one of three options: 1) Keep everything the same, 2) Change some of the dismissal times or 3) Eliminate early release. Ethan added that the District's Special Education student population has increased in size and that those students need to be taken home right after their release. Therefore, there are different drivers on most routes on Wednesdays, which creates problems, because they may not know the students or the routes. After some questions and a brief discussion, the Board authorized the administration to study the issue of early release.

Because there was a member of the media present who was primarily interested in the topic, Dave asked if the Board would be open to moving to the Unfinished Business portion of the agenda, the bond resolution, before hearing the last report on portables. The Board agreed to the change.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution No. 3 2014-2015, Bonds to Construct New Schools and Replace Outdated Schools

Dave presented the revised bond resolution, which contains the changes approved by the Board at the October 22, 2014 Board meeting.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve Resolution No. 3 to submit to the voters a proposition authorizing the District to issue bonds in the amount of no more than \$89,500,000 to build two new middle schools and three new elementary schools and to make District-wide health, safety, educational and infrastructure improvements.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Kevin Veleke made a brief presentation to the Board, asking members to individually support the bond.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Portable Options 2015

Superintendent Dave Bond reviewed the number of portable classrooms in the District and the current construction schedules for the new elementary and middle schools. He noted the location of ECEAP classrooms in the District and explained that the District will need to add 14 or more portable classrooms in the fall of 2015 due to student population growth, expanded implementation of full day kindergarten and the requirements of the class size reduction initiative. Dave reported that in 2016 – under the current plan, when the elementary school at the Sagecrest site opens and the Westgate remodel begins, Westgate’s 11 portables will become available. Dave presented options for Westgate and Fruitland to reduce the number of portables that would need to be purchased. Dave reported that Vic, Doug Carl and he spoke with the Westgate staff earlier in the day and that the staff is nearly unanimous in feeling that the best option for Westgate is to be at Fruitland for two years. They are concerned about moving during spring break because of testing and also didn’t want to move during Christmas break. By moving Westgate to Fruitland during the summer of 2015, Westgate’s 11 portables could be distributed across the district, ECEAP would continue to occupy some of their current portables, and the District would only need to purchase 4-6 portables, depending on full-day kindergarten, which would save the District approximately \$1.3 - \$1.5 Million.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to adopt the recommendation to move Westgate to Fruitland during the summer of 2015 and have them stay there for two years, and to authorize the purchase of 4-6 portables to be put in place for use during the 2015-16 school year.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned regular session at 6:58 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: December 10, 2014