

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
APRIL 22, 2015

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Brian Brooks, Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member, 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 Communication and Public Relations.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Kintzley, excused.
Ben Messinger, excused.
Alec Sun, excused.

CALL TO ORDER/PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and announced that representatives of Kennewick High School's JROTC program would present the colors. Ms. Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 45 staff and guests in attendance. Superintendent Bond introduced Colonel Curt Wichers, instructor for the JROTC, who reported that the students have had the opportunity to present the colors at several Seattle Mariners baseball games this spring.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Janie Romine, 4633 Hibiscus St., West Richland, spoke representing Tri-Cities Washington Citizens Against Common Core and opposing SBAC testing.

Heather Marquez, 4905 S Everett Court, Kennewick, stated that she also opposes Common Core and SBAC testing. Ms. Marquez shared that the time required for SBAC testing is much too long for students.

Olivia Ransier, a junior at Kamiakin High School, read a statement against Common Core.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Adams	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 25, 2015
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending March 31, 2015
- Budget Status Report Ending March 31, 2015
- Park Middle School Variance 2015-16 Request
- Candidates for Early Graduation
- Wide Area Network Contract 2015-2022
- Resolution No. 21 2014-2105; Elementary School #15 Intent to Construct
- Resolution No. 22 2014-2015; Elementary School #15 New Construction Acceptance of Bid and Award of Contract
- Exterior Painting Bid Award – Kennewick High/Southridge High

Superintendent Bond commented that, as part of the consent items, the Board had approved the appointment of two individuals to new positions. Kevin Pierce, currently the principal of Park Middle School, will be the founding principal for the new middle school. Jack Anderson, currently the Director of Special Programs, will be the new K-12 Director of Student Services.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Bond reported that the WSSDA Spring meeting will be held at the Walla Walla School District on May 7th. Ron Mabry indicated that he may attend the meeting. Mr. Bond asked Mr. Mabry to confirm that with Kristi.

Board Member

None.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Student Safety Survey Results

Greg Fancher, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, presented results of the Spring 2015 student safety survey. Five grade levels were surveyed and more than 5,000 responses were received. In all of the grade levels surveyed, the District average safety results remained

about the same as the results of the 2013 survey. Two common areas that need more attention are safety on the bus and having a trusted adult to talk to. Principals will review the survey results, identify those areas of concern and develop an improvement plan. Mr. Fancher and Mr. Williamson shared examples of some strategies already implemented at schools to improve student safety in those areas and added that the District is challenged with how to make bus stops a safe environment for students. After some discussion and questions from the Board members, Superintendent Bond agreed that he would ask Ron Cone, Director of Information Technology, what resources would be needed to install cameras at bus stops where large amounts of students gather to wait for buses, such as at apartment complexes. Dawn Adams suggested that schools also organize focus groups of students from problem bus stops to help determine the real safety issues.

Capital Projects Update

Doug Carl, Director of Capital Projects, presented photographs showing the progress of work taking place at Eastgate Elementary School and earth moving at the new Desert Hills Middle School at the Clodfelter Road site. He also presented architect's drawings and site plans for Elementary School #15 at the Sage Crest site, the new middle school at the Southridge and 27th Ave. site, and Westgate Elementary School, which will be rebuilt at the current site.

Capital Budget Update

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, reported that the Capital Budget update is included in his presentation for the preliminary budget for 2015-2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Preliminary Budget 2015-2016

Vic Roberts presented Capital Fund projected costs from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015 which includes projects started in summer 2014, building construction and remodels, network infrastructure/IT equipment, and summer 2015 projects. He explained that the District budgeted \$31.8M, as if we weren't going to pass a bond, and that a budget extension will be submitted in June to increase the budget to approximately \$43.5M.

Superintendent Bond reported that he and Mr. Roberts will attend the bond sale in Seattle on April 27th and that they will have more details next week after the sale. He explained that, because interest rates are so low, there is an opportunity for the District to refinance the outstanding \$36M from the 2009 bond if a 5.0% savings threshold can be achieved.

Mr. Roberts presented a preliminary budget for the Capital Project Fund for 2015-2016 totaling \$97.145M with the majority of those costs associated with school construction projects. A list of other upgrades and improvements was presented at a budgeted cost of \$2.2M. Mr. Roberts noted a \$500K budget for architectural/engineering services associated with building a maintenance shop at the current grounds shop site. This professional service work will provide

an indication of the scope and cost of the maintenance shop project. It was indicated that the final budget could increase to \$100M to provide more capacity to pay for summer 2015 bills that are submitted during 2015-16. Mr. Roberts explained that at the end of 2015-16, the District would still expect to receive \$58M in remaining match funds and have remaining school construction expenses of \$44M.

Mr. Roberts reviewed the Worker's Compensation fund for which the District is self-insured. The fund balance is projected to increase from \$1,551,494 at September 1, 2014, to \$1,778,494 at August 31, 2015. Budgeted revenues and expenditures for 2015/2016 are \$1,420,000 and \$1,663,000 respectively. It was noted that claims costs have been between \$700,000 and \$800,000 per year for the past four years with claims costs projected at \$650,000 for 2014-15. Claims costs are budgeted at \$1,100,000 for 2015-16 in the event of a significant increase in claims activity.

Mr. Roberts presented a state budget update identifying differences between the House and Senate budget proposals.

He reviewed the Board meeting schedule and budget timeline that would result in the Board adoption of the budget at the June 17th meeting, if the state finalizes the budget.

Policy 2410 Graduation Requirements Waiver

Superintendent Bond quickly reviewed the changes in the graduation course-taking requirements that were discussed at the November and December 2014 Board meetings, as well as the process for requesting a temporary waiver from the State Board of Education. Mr. Bond commented that, if the Board chose not to request a two-year waiver, Kennewick would be the only local district requiring 24 credits of the Class of 2020. Students may transfer out of the Kennewick School District to Pasco or Richland School Districts to get around that. The high school principals recommended that the District keep the current graduation requirements until 2021 and, at the March 25th Board meeting, KSD Board members agreed to reconsider their previous decision to apply for a one-year waiver of the 24 credit graduation requirement. KSD Administration recommended to the Board that the District keep the current graduation requirements until 2021.

Motion by Brian Brooks to accept the original recommendation to keep the current graduation requirements until 2021.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Discussion: Dawn Adams commented that she had received community input asking that the current graduation requirements be retained until 2021.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Adams	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Bond presented Resolution No. 23 notifying the State Board of Education of the Kennewick School District's Decision to Delay Implementation of the 24 Credit Graduation Requirement Until the Class of 2021.

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve Resolution No. 23 as presented by Superintendent Bond.

Ron Mabry seconded.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Adams	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

Early Release Standardization Update

Ron Williamson shared that the goals of the Early Release Study Committee were to get students home at scheduled times, to ensure regular staff development time and to provide lunch for students. He reviewed three options submitted by the Committee for the Board's consideration and added that parents strongly prefer early release on Friday versus Wednesday. He noted that to change from Wednesday to Friday required approval from the KEA since Wednesday was in the KEA Contract. Options 1 and 2 meet all of the goals of the Committee but would result in a CTE funding reduction of approximately \$250,000. Mr. Williamson asked for feedback from the Board members and asked them to identify additional information they would like for staff to gather to assist them in making a decision about early release. Members of the Early Release Study Committee, including parent representatives, school principals, food service, and transportation, were in the audience and had open dialogue with Board members regarding the options presented. Superintendent Bond stated that the Administration is uncomfortable going with Option 1 or 2 until the state budget is determined. The District would have to account for the loss of CTE revenue.

Motion by Brian Brooks to keep the early release times the same but to move the early release day from Wednesday to Friday for the 2015-2016 school year, pending KEA approval.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Adams	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented changes to four policies. The changes were required by OSPI due to new rulings by the Office of Civil Rights.

Policy No. 3210 STUDENTS: Nondiscrimination, First Reading

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve Policy No. 3210 STUDENTS: Nondiscrimination for first and second reading as presented.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Adams	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

Policy No. 3207 STUDENTS: Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying and Cyber Bullying, First Reading

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve Policy No. 3207 STUDENTS: Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying and Cyber Bullying for first and second reading as presented.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Adams	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

Policy No. 5255 PERSONNEL: Disciplinary Action and Discharge, First Reading

Motion by Ron Mabry to accept Policy No. 5255 PERSONNEL: Disciplinary Action and Discharge for first and second reading as presented.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Adams	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

Policy No. 5013 PERSONNEL: Sexual Harassment, First Reading

Motion by Brian Brooks to accept Policy No. 5010 PERSONNEL: Sexual Harassment for first and second reading as presented.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:	Mabry	Aye
	Brooks	Aye
	Adams	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams moved the Board into executive session at 7: 39 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 8:25 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 30 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session was reconvened at 8:55 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: May 13, 2015