

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
OCTOBER 8, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, 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; Greg Fancher, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, and Robyn Chastain, Director of Communications and Public Relations.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Kintzley, 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 10 staff and guests in attendance including the media.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Ben Messinger to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 24, 2014
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular

- Curriculum Adoption – *Moby Max*, Author, Wade & Glynn Willett (Founders), Published by Moby Max.com to be used at Ridge View Elementary and Approved for Use in Grade K-8 Math and English Language Arts Classes
- GESA Memo to Board
- Additional Variances for the 2014-2015 School Year
- Bid Award – Asphalt Paving
- Accept Completion of Projects
  1. Exterior Painting of Amistad Elementary and Ridge View Elementary
  2. Six Portable Units at Westgate Elementary, Southgate Elementary and Highlands Middle School
  3. Exterior Painting of Park Middle School and Horse Heaven Hills Middle School
  4. Eight Portable Units at Hawthorne Elementary, Westgate Elementary, Cascade Elementary and Sunset View Elementary
  5. Exterior Painting of Kamiakin High School
  6. Two Portable Units at Westgate Elementary
  7. One Portable Unit at Westgate Elementary
  8. Pavement Rehabilitation at Kennewick High School
  9. Parking Lot Addition at Horse Heaven Hills Middle School
  10. Four Portable Units at Horse Heaven Hills Middle School, Washington Elementary and Cottonwood Elementary

## SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

### Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond reported that the League of Education Voters sent an email to the KSD asking if any KSD board members attending the WSSDA conference in November would be interested in being part of a panel to talk about the discipline policy that we changed last year. Brian Brooks and Ron Mabry indicated that they plan to attend the WSSDA conference and Ron indicated that he will participate on the panel.

Dave shared that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Tri-City Community Health Clinic was held at noon today. The School District provided the land for the clinic near Amistad Elementary School. Dave added that it has taken a year and a half to get to this point and the clinic is scheduled to open by February.

### Board

Ben Messenger reported that Brian Brooks, Ron Mabry and he attended the WSSDA Regional Meeting that was held at the KSD Administration Center on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ben commented that it was a good meeting with good presentations. He particularly appreciated Alan Burke's presentation on the legislative update. Dave added that he was intrigued by the presentation regarding natural gas conversion for buses. Ron commented that KSD's Sarah Del Toro gave a

great presentation about parent involvement programs. Brian Brooks noted that Tri-Tech provided a great dinner.

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### Kindergarten Assessment

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Greg Fancher reviewed the Fall 2014 kindergarten assessment results in reading and math. Greg stated that the assessment was adapted this year to align with the Common Core expectations and provide a little more challenging test for kindergartners. Greg noted that the math test was previously revised in 2011 as well. The Fall test scores went down a little but he anticipates tremendous growth by the students which will be reflected in higher test scores at the end of the school year.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Bond Information

#### 1. Ballot Title

Superintendent Dave Bond introduced Jim McNeill, Bond Counsel with Foster Pepper PLLC, who presented the draft Bond Resolution titled “Bonds to Construct New Schools and Replace Outdated Schools.” Jim explained that there is a three step process to a bond project: the bond resolution, the public vote and selling of the bonds. The resolution establishes the use of bond proceeds. Washington State law requires that entities specify what the bonds and state match will be used for. Jim walked the Board through each section of the proposed resolution and explained the purpose of, and the information provided, in each section.

Dave Bond explained that the purpose of the discussion at tonight’s meeting was to ask the Board if there are any changes they would like made to the resolution before it is brought to them for approval at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. After a brief discussion, the Board determined that the Section 2 (b) of the resolution should be edited to include the location of the property in southwest Kennewick on which the second new middle school will be constructed. There was also a short discussion about whether the language “to replace Desert Hills Middle School” should be deleted from that section because it may cause confusion about the name of the school. It was agreed that naming the new school will be discussed at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. Dave and Vic will bring some language options for the Board to consider at the October 22 meeting.

#### 2. Project Cash Flow

Dave presented a project cash flow analysis showing that an aggressive construction timeline, in which construction of Elementary School #16 is started at the same time as the rebuild of Westgate, could potentially cause the District to expend a significant portion of

money before receiving state matching funds. Dave explained that a delay in the state payment could put the District in a difficult position financially. However, the District would not be without other reserves. Dave then showed a cash flow analysis with construction of Elementary School #16 beginning a year later as adopted. Dave explained that, even without the \$16.5 M state matching funds, the District would have \$8M more in the budget than under the more aggressive timeline. Dave added that the Board will need to make a decision on the timeline by June 2015 because the construction bid for Elementary School #16 would need to be issued approximately 10 months before breaking ground. He noted that, if the Board went with the aggressive schedule, the District would have five projects taking place at once for a three to four month time period. Dave further explained that the District staggered construction of the two new elementary schools to avoid having boundary changes in back to back years. After a short discussion, the Board agreed that they will address the construction schedule after the Bond vote.

3. Match Rate

Dave quickly reviewed how the District determined project costs and other projects to include in the bond. He stated that the Board said that they were comfortable with \$265 per square foot for construction at the last meeting and that the estimated cost of the construction projects was determined to be \$141.5M with an additional \$14.6M for other capital projects. Dave added that the next step is to determine the amount of state assistance the district could expect to receive to determine the project match rate. He then showed an example of Middle School #5 and Elementary #15 where the district was projected to receive state assistance equal to a project match rate of 47% and 50%.

4. Total Bond Amount

Dave presented a spreadsheet calculating what the total bond amounts would be with four different state assistance scenarios. The proposed bond amounts and percent of state assistance provided for the elementary and middle school projects were listed as \$88,180,000/48%, \$89,595,000/47%, \$91,010,000/46%, and \$92,425,000/45%.

5. Tax Rates With PILT

Executive Director of Business Operations, Vic Roberts, presented current and projected bond tax rates based on bond amounts ranging from \$88M to \$92.5M. The bond tax rate figures assume that \$5.0M of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds would be applied to pay down the first year debt payment. Vic explained that for an \$89M bond the tax rate increase would be \$0.22 per thousand dollars of property value. For a \$200,000 home, the tax increase would be \$3.66 per month or \$44 per year. Dave stated that because the Board made the decision to apply \$5.0M of PILT funds to pay down the first year debt payment, the four options for the bond amounts are all less than the original bond tax estimate of \$.30 per thousand dollars of property value. The use of PILT funds sends a good message to the community. Dave informed the Board that he and Vic are

comfortable with the Board setting the bond amount under \$90 M for a total and asked for their thoughts. After a brief discussion the Board agreed on a total bond amount.

Motion by Brian Brooks to propose that the bond amount be set at \$89.5M.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned regular session at 7:04 p.m.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: October 22, 2014