

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
FEBRUARY 24, 2016

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Ron Mabry, 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 Communication and Public Relations.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Adams, excused.
Brian Brooks, excused.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Heather Kintzley called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 25 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 Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	Aye
	Mabry	Aye
	Kintzley	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 10, 2016
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending January 31, 2016
- Budget Status Report Ending January 31, 2016

- Curriculum Adoption – *Immigrant Kids*, Author, Russell Freedman, Published by Puffin Books to be used in grade 7 Language Arts classes at Horse Heaven Hills Middle School
- Lunch Price Recommendation – 2016-2017 School Year
- Authorize Purchase of Three City Property Parcels

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond reported that the Senate version of the school siting bill, related to the Growth Management Act, is still alive. President Dawn Adams reported at the last Board meeting that the House version of the bill had died. Mr. Bond noted that the Senate bill only applies to four counties which include Benton and Franklin Counties.

Board Member

Heather Kintzley reported that she had spent part of the day helping judge projects at Delta High School for National History Month. Ms. Kintzley also reported that she will participate as a judge for the Future Chefs competition at Tri-Tech Skills Center tomorrow.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Third Grade Reading Goal Update

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Greg Fancher, reviewed the mid-year test results measuring student growth toward the third grade reading goal. He explained that schools are required to test all students mid-year who were below the 50th percentile in the fall but schools may test students who are above the 50th percentile to monitor progress. Mr. Fancher shared ways that teachers can look at expected growth for individual students. He reported that the mid-year test scores indicate that students' reading skills are showing a lot of growth.

School Choice/Boundary Update

Mr. Fancher reviewed the District's criteria for prioritizing school choice and showed a comparison of the projected number of students in grade 1-5 at each elementary school before the new boundaries were established and the number students after the transfer requests were approved. He reported that 547 of the 555 elementary transfer requests received had been approved.

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Ron Williamson also shared a comparison of the projected number of students at each middle school before the new boundaries were established and the number of students at each school after the transfer requests were approved. He stated that 274 of the 371 middle school transfer requests received had been approved. Both Mr. Fancher and Mr. Williamson reported that they worked with the parents and students whose transfer requests were denied to give them other satisfactory

options. Specifically, Mr. Williamson noted that there is no room left at Horse Heaven Hills, but that parents who wanted to attend a non-boundary school were still being given choices other than Horse Heaven Hills. Mr. Williamson added that, although the high schools were not a part of the boundary changes this year, those principals did a very good job of handling the transfers and 174 of the 187 requests received had been approved.

Improving SBAC Results

Associate Superintendent of Curriculum Services Chuck Lybeck reported on the District's efforts to improve results of the Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. He explained that this will be the second year the assessments are administered in grades 3 through 8 and in grade 11 and they are used to measure the Washington State Learning Standards. Mr. Lybeck described the extensive focus on Math and ELA which includes professional development for teachers and administrators and support for instruction and assessment at all grade levels. Superintendent Bond reported that this spring's SBAC results will be shared with the Board early next fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget Update 2015-2016

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts reported student enrollment numbers which showed the District has about 165 students more than what was budgeted. He explained that the State budget wasn't complete when the District budget was adopted last year and shared that State revenue generated in 2015-2016 is nearly \$4.2M over budget due to additional student enrollment, additional Special Education enrollment, K-3 class size enhancement funding and Levy Equalization funding. Mr. Roberts presented a comparative statement of revenue, expenditures and change in the general fund as of January 31st and reviewed beginning and projected ending fund balance figures.

Mr. Roberts discussed the K-12 budget status specific to the McCleary decision, teacher compensation and levies. He reported that the main priorities for the 2016-2017 budget include staffing and operating costs for opening the new schools, negotiating a competitive teacher contract and full implementation of all-day kindergarten. Other budget priorities include additional elementary staff as space and portables allow, additional elementary dean positions, additional para educator time, additional Communities in Schools staffing, and additional nurse staffing. Mr. Roberts added that the Legislative session is scheduled to finish in two weeks and he will present more budget information at future Board meetings. He shared a timeline for Board adoption of the 2016-2017 budget at the June 22nd meeting.

JROTC Marksmanship Program

Ron Williamson introduced Lieutenant Colonel Curt Wichers who reported on the proposed JROTC Marksmanship program that was introduced to the Board at their workshop in January. Lt. Colonel Wichers listed the objectives and benefits of the program as well as the safety training and precautions that would be followed. He

described the rifles to be used and explained that a mobile indoor rifle range would be set up in the Annex gym where locked storage is available. He shared that JROTC students would compete in league matches with 15 other schools from Washington and Oregon and the year one goal is to have one team in each of the Sporter and Precision divisions. Lt. Colonel Wichers recommended that the Board approve implementation of Marksmanship as a co-curricular component of the JROTC beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Ben Messinger to adopt the recommendation to implement Marksmanship as a co-curricular component of the JROTC beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	Aye
	Mabry	Aye
	Kintzley	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Doug Christensen presented two new policies, similar to those that have been adopted by other districts across the state, for the Board's consideration.

Policy No. 5275, PERSONNEL: Conflicts of Interest, First Reading

Discussion:

Ms. Kintzley commented that the first bulleted items on page 2, marked as A. and B. under the sentence "Written permission from the Superintendent/designee or principal is necessary when." both refer to a certificated staff member and should be combined into one statement. After a brief discussion about the paragraph under the title Exceptions, it was decided that the paragraph should be rewritten to include specific examples of such exceptions or that if other policies already covered the topic sufficiently, the paragraph could be eliminated.

Motion by Ben Messinger to adopt Policy No. 5275 PERSONNEL: Conflicts of Interest for first reading with modifications as discussed.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	Aye
	Mabry	Aye
	Kintzley	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

Policy No. 5276, PERSONNEL: Maintaining Professional Staff Student Boundaries, First Reading

Discussion:

Ron Mabry proposed that the words “or for the safety of staff and students” be added to the end of first sentence in the fourth paragraph under the title General Standards on page 1.

Heather Kintzley asked if the procedures would provide details and examples and Superintendent Dave Bond said that the procedures would provide details and examples and gave one example that Cabinet had discussed.

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve Policy No. 5276 PERSONNEL: Maintaining Professional Staff Student Boundaries for first reading with the edits as discussed.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

Roll call vote:	Messinger	Aye
	Mabry	Aye
	Kintzley	Aye

Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Kintzley announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for approximately 30 minutes to discuss a legal issue. Ms. Kintzley noted that no further formal action would be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ms. Kintzley reconvened regular session of the Board at 7:15 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: March 9, 2016