

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
OCTOBER 22, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board (arriving late), Brian Brooks, Legislative Representative to the Board; 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

Ben Messinger excused.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:36 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 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 October 8, 2014
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular

- Payroll and Vouchers Ending September 30, 2014
- Resolution No. 2 2014-2015 Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants
- Curriculum Adoption –
 - *Algebra 1*, Authors, Kanold, Burger, Dixon, Larson and Leinwand, Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to be used in Grade 8-12 Algebra Classes District-Wide
 - *Wonder*, Author, R.J. Palacio, Published by Alfred A. Knopf to be used in Grade 6-8 English Language Arts Classes at Desert Hills Middle School

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

Superintendent

Dave Bond reminded Board members that the WSSDA Annual Conference will be held in Spokane in November. Brian Brooks and Ron Mabry plan to attend the conference.

Board

None.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Community Presentation

Director of Communications and Public Relations Robyn Chastain presented a video of the Parent Community workshop offering information sessions that allowed parents to become better acquainted with the Kennewick School District. Robyn shared positive feedback and comments received about the event. The Board asked if the District feels the Community Presentations should be continued, based on feedback from the individuals who attended. Dave Bond replied that the Community Presentations have value and it is a positive event for the community. Robyn added that next year we would like to have some Spanish speaking parents attend, and we will consider some suggestions such as providing child care while parents attend the presentations.

Safety Goals

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Ron Williamson, and Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Greg Fancher, reviewed the student survey results on how safe students feel at school in various school environments. The goal is to have 90% of students report they feel safe at school. All of the grade bands exceeded the 90% goal. Ron and Greg shared samples goals and strategies the schools have developed to address areas where students feel less safe. The next step is for principals to review the results with staff and see where they can improve and to build changes into their School Improvement Plans.

District Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Test Results

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Ron Williamson, and Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Greg Fancher, reviewed the results of the fall MAP tests taken by students in kindergarten through 10th grade. Greg explained that the test results provide a baseline of students' reading and math skills, which helps principals and teachers determine areas in which they need to work with students. District-wide, the number of students scoring at the 50th percentile in reading in fall testing was down and the number of students scoring at the 40th percentile in math was also down. The Board expressed concern that the test scores have dropped. Greg explained that it is a reflection of the switch to the Common Core curriculum and of our changing student population. Greg and Ron were asked to provide a chart to the Board showing the change in demographics. Ron noted that the high schools test results only include students taking algebra or geometry and special education students. Sophomores in AP/IB or honors classes aren't required to take the test. Greg commented that Professional Days like this Friday are important, because they are an opportunity for principals to bring in consultants to work with teachers and determine strategies for helping students be more successful.

Budget Update 2013-14

Executive Director of Business Operations, Vic Roberts, presented a financial report recapping the 2013-2014 year and comparing actual amounts to budget. A summary of revenues and expenditures by fund was presented. Vic explained the increase in State revenue was primarily from student enrollment that came in over the budgeted enrollment figures. Vic noted that the federal revenue received came in under budget primarily as a result of some Title I funding not being spent. Jack Anderson and Dave Bond explained some of the challenges the district has with fully expending Title I funds.

It was noted that \$821,593 of funding held at the ESD to pay for future district compensated absences was shown as an adjustment to fund balance. The State Auditor has called for these funds to be shown on the district financial statements as an asset and in the ending fund balance. Vic indicated that it made more sense to book the amount as a liability rather than in the fund balance and would continue to pursue that direction.

Vic reviewed expenditures in the areas of wages, benefits, and materials, supplies, and operating costs (MSOC). Changes in MSOC costs from the prior year by activity were reviewed.

Ending fund balance figures as of August 31, 2014 were reviewed by category. The ending fund balance was \$28,916,004 as compared to \$27,208,542 from the prior year. It was noted that \$821,593 of funding held at the ESD to pay for district compensated absences was reflected in the ending fund balance total. Vic reviewed the other designated/assigned total of \$6,331,014 noting the various amounts set aside for curriculum, IT infrastructure, new school operating costs, and print shop equipment replacement. Per the Board direction during the budget process, the committed fund balance amount had been increased to \$8,680,000 to

reflect 5.0% of the district budget. The Board indicated they had no issues with the fund balance amounts as presented.

Vic also presented the budget outlook for 2014-2015. Student enrollment is projected to be at approximately 190 FTE over budget, general fund revenue greater than expenditures by \$3.0M to \$4.0M, the need for an additional four to eight portables in summer 2015, continued upgrade of IT equipment and systems, and the receipt of full K-1 class size allocation of approximately \$1.5 M dependent on enrollment and staffing at eight elementary schools. Dave added that at the November 12th Board meeting, Vic and he will present information regarding portables for next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bond Information

1. Middle School Naming

Superintendent Bond reported that the decision to build a new middle school at the Southridge area and not remodel Desert Hills at its current site is being well-received in the community. However, there are some misperceptions regarding which building will be named what and whether or not that will have any boundary considerations. There are questions among current KSD staff as to how they will be handled once the new middle schools are built. The KEA Certificated Bargaining Agreement specifically addresses procedures for opening a new school and assignment and transfer of staff. If one of the new middle schools is not designated to be named Desert Hills, it would cause staff to be displaced. Dave presented four options for naming the new middle schools and the result of each option. He reported that, as a result of discussions about naming the new schools at the last Board meeting, a survey was posted on the KSD website to gain community feedback on the subject. Based on the community feedback and the desire to create clarity for the community, a recommendation was made to the Board to designate the school at Clodfelter to be the replacement school for Desert Hills and designate the school at 27th and Southridge Blvd. to become the fifth KSD middle school with a new name and new traditions.

Motion by Brian Brooks to designate the school at Clodfelter to be the replacement school for Desert Hills and designate the school at 27th and Southridge Blvd. to become the fifth KSD middle school with a new name and new traditions.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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

Motion carried 3-1.

2. Ballot Title

Superintendent Bond stated that proposed revisions were made to the ballot title based on input from the Board at the October 8th meeting and based on the Board's decision this evening for naming the new middle schools. He presented three options for the bond title. Dave also presented proposed changes to Section 2 of the bond language that would result after changing the bond title. After a brief discussion, the Board members agreed that Option 2 would be the best choice.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to adopt Option 2 (including removal of the comma after 17 in the first line of text) as the ballot title for the bond request going to the voters for approval and to approve the resulting language change in Section 2 of the bond resolution.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Jill Phillips, a Southridge High School parent, reported that two Southridge seniors have been accepted to march in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Only two students per state are chosen to perform in Macy's Great American Marching Band. Noah Barney will play trumpet in the band and Sandra Phillips will participate in the color guard. Brian Brooks suggested that KSD post video on the website of Noah and Sandra participating in the parade. The Board members congratulated Noah and Sandra and shook their hands.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams moved the Board into executive session at 7:17 p.m. for approximately 40 minutes per -RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for a legal issue and a personnel issue. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 8:00 p.m. Ms. Adams extended executive session for an additional 50 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session was reconvened at 8:49 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: November 12, 2014