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: Dr. Traci Pierce, Deputy Superintendent; Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent; Doug Christensen (Arrived late), Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; and Robyn Chastain, Director of Communication and Public Relations.

Other Guests:

Mike Johnson, Principal Delta High School
Scott Bauer, Northwest Municipal Advisors
Jim McNeil, Foster Pepper PLLC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board, excused.
Ben Messinger, Board Member, excused.
Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, excused.
Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, 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 35 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

None

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: Adams  Yes
              Brooks  Yes
Mabry   Yes
Motion carried 3-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting June 19, 2019
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending June 30, 2019
- Budget Status Report Ending June 30, 2019
- Approve 2019-2020 Athletic User Fees
- Approve 2019-2020 Middle School ASB Fees and Yearbook Prices
- Approve 2019-2020 High School ASB Fees and Yearbook Prices
- Approve 2019-2020 High School Athletic Admission Prices
- Approve Hire of Dr. Traci Pierce
- Bid Award: Custodial Paper Bid for 2019-2020
- Bid Award: Commercial Card Lock Fueling bid 2019-2022
- Resolution No. 29, 2018-2019; Authorize the Sale of Surplus Property
  Attachment A
- Bid Award: Sunset View Parking Lot Expansion

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent
None

Board Member
None

President Dawn Adams announced that she would be starting with Unfinished Business as the presenters are from out of town and will be traveling home tonight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bond Sale Update

Scott Bauer, Bond Financing Advisor with Northwest Municipal Advisors, presented on Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds. He talked about the bond market, noting that from a historical perspective, interest rates are still low. Mr. Bauer shared financing goals related to the $125M voter approved bond, the difference between a negotiated sale and a competitive sale, and a preliminary schedule of events leading to the competitive sale of the bonds scheduled for September 17.

Jim McNeil, Bond Counsel with Foster Pepper, congratulated the Board for passing the bond the first time and stated that it shows a great vote of confidence from the voting public. Mr. McNeil gave an overview of Resolution No. 24 and explained that the
Resolution delegates authority to Superintendent Dave Bond or Vic Roberts to conduct the sale of the bonds.

Resolution No. 24, 2018-2019: Delegation Resolution

Motion by Brian Brooks to accept and approve Resolution No. 24, 2018-2019: Delegation Resolution as presented.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote:

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Motion carried 3-0.

At 5:47 p.m. President Dawn Adams moved the Board into a short break to sign Resolution No. 24 and to introduce our new Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Traci Pierce. The regular session was reconvened at 5:50 p.m.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Delta High School

Principal Mike Johnson gave an update on Delta High School, the Tri-Cities STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) focused school. He presented enrollment numbers from the three participating districts for 2018-2019 along with school-wide trend data in SBA English and SBA Math. Mr. Johnson noted that internships are a key component for many seniors, and 47% of seniors are already in internships for next year. The graduation rate this year was 98% (83 students total; 33 KSD).

Mr. Mabry asked about possible internships with employers who already employ DELTA students.

Mr. Johnson replied that he is currently talking with some of those employers.

Mr. Mabry asked if Mr. Johnson had spoken to Union groups regarding possible internship programs for DELTA students.

Mr. Johnson replied that he had not, but if Mr. Mabry had any contacts, he would love to speak with them.

Mr. Mabry indicated that he did have some contacts for Mr. Johnson.

75th Percentile Growth Goal

Superintendent Bond shared Goal #7: The Kennewick School District is in the seventy-fifth percentile of all districts in achieving annual growth for its students. He explained how the
district determines if they have met this goal by comparing our Kennewick School District/School results to reports that NWEA publishes. These reports compare groups of KSD students to similar groups of students from around the country (based on beginning RIT scores) to see where greater/lesser growth is taking place. Mr. Bond explained that each school and the District get a ranking based on how that group of students grew, but it is based on a comparison to similar groups of students based on RIT scores, rather than the whole national database. This is a “Make” / “Not Make” type of assessment. Mr. Bond presented a summary of the schools who met the goals in reading and math and those who did not.

**Suspension Data 2014-2015 to 2018-2019**

K-12 Student Services Coordinator, Jack Anderson, reported that the 2018-2019 enrollment for middle schools increased by 167 and high schools decreased by 12. Short-Term suspensions for both middle schools and high schools were up, and Long-Term Suspensions for both middle schools and high schools were down. Mr. Anderson shared the following action steps that he will take: meet and share suspension data with Assistant Principals, utilize other forms of discipline first, disaggregate data by gender, ethnicity, SPED, and LAP, and address potential disparities.

Mr. Mabry asked if the report could be broken down by race.

Mr. Anderson replied that he could get that information for him.

**Class of 2021 - Credits**

Dave Bond updated the Board on the Class of 2021 credit status. He reminded the Board that in 2014 the Legislature changed the number of credits necessary for graduation from 20 to 24, beginning with the Class of 2019. Districts were allowed to request a waiver of 1-2 years to implement, and the KSD requested a two-year waiver. Beginning with the Class of 2021, Kennewick students must earn 24 credits to graduate. Mr. Bond reviewed the Class of 2021 credit status after three semesters (presented in March) and the status after four semesters along with other strategies that the District has been pursuing. He indicated that at the June Retreat, the Board asked that the District study different high school schedules to see if changing the daily schedule to allow for more credit opportunities might be a path forward. Information will be presented to the Board by the January Retreat.

Ben Messinger asked if the District has a feel on how the change in the number of credits is going on a state-wide or regional level.

Mr. Bond replied that the Pasco School District had already changed their schedule to a five-period trimester schedule to give students more credit opportunities. Richland School District has not changed its schedule yet. Dr. Pierce shared what some of the Districts are doing on the East-side; seven-period days, 4x4 model, and adding time to the high school day.
NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams moved the Board into executive session at 6:52 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) for a Personnel Issue. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

The regular session was reconvened at 7:16 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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RECORDING SECRETARY PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: August 14, 2019