KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
September 18, 2019

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member; Nikhil Devanathan, Student Representative to the Board; Dr. Traci Pierce, Deputy Superintendent; and Dave Bond, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Services; Doug Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Rob Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations; and Robyn Chastain, Director of Communication and Public Relations.

Other Guest: School Attorney Bronson Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Brooks, 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 30 staff and guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

Roll call vote: Adams  Yes
               Kintzley  Yes
               Mabry    Yes
               Messinger  Yes

Motion carried 4-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 4, 2019
- Personnel Actions – Classified and Extracurricular
Superintendent

Superintendent Dave Bond reported that Nikhil Devanathan, Student Representative to the Board, was named as one of the National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Nikhil Devanathan was in the top 1% for highest scores on the PSAT, a College Board test.

Superintendent Dave Bond handed out information to the Board members regarding the WSSDA 2019 Fall Regional Meeting to be held in Richland on November 7. He asked the Board members to let Patty Lord know if they are interested in attending.

Superintendent Bond shared that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal along with other state officials, visited Vista Elementary School to check out its Breakfast After the Bell program. Superintendent Reykdal was also able to visit Fuerza Elementary School as the state is interested in dual language schools. Mr. Bond handed out flyers to the Board members on both the free breakfast program and the dual language immersion program.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce added to Mr. Bond’s comments that both visits were fantastic and that Mr. Reykdal commented that we should have dual language schools like Fuerza statewide.

Board Member

Ron Mabry commented that the progress with Kennewick High School is impressive.

Ben Messinger reported that he had received an email from a decorated veteran regarding 9/11. He asked his children what they talked about in school on 9/11 and he was a little disheartened that there was little mention regarding that day. He asked that the schools recognize and honor those who heroically helped others, and he wanted his children to acknowledge and recognize those days. Mr. Messinger asked the district to consider dates like 9/11 to be highlighted and recognized.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Housing

Lona Hammer, Executive Director, Kennewick Housing Authority (KHA), shared that KHA developed Nueva Vista II, a 28 unit affordable housing project. Ms. Hammer reported that 14 homeless and 14 non-homeless low-income families were served in this project. KHA is now embarking on another new project for the homeless in Kennewick. This project will be a 16-unit Micro Homes project, and they plan to serve homeless
families and individuals, homeless veterans, and homeless persons with disabilities. This project will only serve those coming out of homelessness. Many of these families have children in the Kennewick School District.

Catch-Up Growth

Superintendent Dave Bond reported on Goal #5; Seventy-five percent of students who are below grade level in reading and math are caught up within three years. He shared definitions and explained how the percentage is calculated. He reviewed reading and math percentages of students caught up after one, two, and three years.

Mr. Mabry asked if the District was taking credit for students that moved out of the district.

Mr. Bond replied that since the District is no longer able to help the students who have moved out of the district, they are taken out of the equation.

Mr. Mabry asked if the District had a stat that showed what percentage of the “neither” (not ELL or SPED students) got caught up.

Mr. Bond answered that he did not have that state, but he could get the Board the information.

President Adams asked if the District offers the MAP testing in Spanish.

Mr. Bond replied that the District was talking about if it would be feasible to test students in both Spanish and English.

President Adams asked how administratively challenging it would be to put the information together.

Mr. Bond answered that he has people who can get him the information, and the testing company already collects part of the demographic information.

Enrollment

Vic Roberts, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented a preliminary enrollment report showing September student headcount of 18,998 compared to 19,109 the prior year, a decrease of 111 students. The preliminary student FTE count of 18,350 was 38 more FTE than budgeted; however, the average FTE for high school normally decreases over the school year by up to 100 FTE. The September count figures could be a little low since school was only in for four days. Projected average student FTE for the school year will be computed after the October student count numbers are in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None
NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum Adoption Cycle

Superintendent Dave Bond shared the history of the curriculum adoption cycle and recommended a change from an eight-year cycle to a ten-year cycle. He also proposed deferring the adoption this year, and resuming with a ten-year adoption schedule again in 2020-21, starting with the 6-12 ELA adoption. Mr. Bond reported on the financial impact of adopting a new curriculum and the rationale for a ten-year cycle.

Motion by Ron Mabry not to conduct a curriculum adoption for the 2019-20 school year, and beginning in 2020-21, implement a new ten-year curriculum adoption cycle.

Seconded by Heather Kintzley.

Roll call vote:

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Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dawn Adams announced an end to the business portion of the meeting at 6:27 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss a Legal Issue for approximately 30 minutes. Ms. Adams noted that no further formal action would be taken. At 6:57 p.m. Ms. Adams extended the executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Ms. Adams reconvened regular session of the Board at 7:12 p.m. There being no further business; the Board adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Approved: October 9, 2019