KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board, Brian Brooks (arrived at 5:32 p.m.), Board Member; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Ben Messinger, Board Member, and Dave Bond, Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Dr. Traci Pierce, Deputy Superintendent; Doug Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Matt Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Services; 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 Communications and Public Relations.

Other Guests: Bronson Brown, KSD Attorney
Mick McFarland, Attorney (via phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 65 staff and guests in attendance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Superintendent Dave Bond administered the Oath of Office to the Student Representative to the board, Nikhil Devanathan. Nikhil attends Kennewick High School and is the tenth student to serve as a representative on the school board.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

Heather Olson 2009 West Ave, Kennewick, Ms. Olson is the mother of a student in the school district. She shared that she is not happy with what happened recently during the strike and places the blame mostly on the School Board. Ms. Olson added that the state provided money for teachers, not programs or buildings, and a strike should never happen again.

Elysha Pleasant, 4960 West Rio Grande Ave., Kennewick, shared that the issues could have been resolved without a strike and that the use of Facebook was very inappropriate. Ms. Pleasant felt the use of Facebook turned a lot of public opinion against the Kennewick School District in a negative way and was unprofessional. Ms. Pleasant added that bargaining should be behind closed doors, not on Facebook.
Amy Cook, 1010 Marshall, Richland, is a teacher for KSD. She invited the Board members to visit her at Canyon View Elementary or to visit any school in the district so that when issues come up, such as safety of students, class size, etc. the Board will have a better understanding of the issues.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve the consent items as presented.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Roll call vote:

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Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, August 14, 2019
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- KEA Contract 2019-2021
- Resolution No. 1, 2019-2020 Signature Authority and Use of Grant Funds For Tri-Tech Skills Center 2019-2021 Minor Works Projects
- Resolution No. 2, 2019-2020; Tri-Tech Skills Center Growth Addition Constructability Review Acceptance
- Resolution No. 3, 2019-2020; Accept Value engineering Report for Tri-Tech Skills Center Growth Addition

Superintendent Dave Bond reported that, with the passing of the consent items, at this meeting and the last meeting, the Board had officially approved the hire of a principal at Sage Crest Elementary school, and assistant principals at Hawthorne, Canyon View, Southgate, and Washington Elementary Schools.

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Rob Phillips introduced Natalie McKay as the new principal of Sage Crest Elementary School. Principal Craig Miller and Dale Kern introduced Angela Gonzalez as the new assistant principal at both Hawthorne and Canyon View Elementary Schools. Principal Dr. Bob Smart introduced Joe Jones as the new assistant principal of Southgate Elementary School. Principal Kim Lembeck introduced Jen Rupe as the new assistant principal of Washington Elementary School.

President Dawn Adams asked Student Representative Nikhil Devanathan what prompted him to serve on the board. Mr. Devanathan replied that he came from
Kennewick High School, which is a diverse and very rich environment where there are many student voices to be heard. He added that he is involved in the STEM program and has a desire to hear from others, and that is why he sought the position to be the Student Representative on the board.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD REPORT

Superintendent

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Pierce shared that she, along with Superintendent Dave Bond, and the entire cabinet were able to visit various schools and to see happy teachers and happy students. Dr. Pierce added that she attended a City Council member with someone from United Way and the City Council passed a resolution on Attendance Awareness.

Board

Heather Kintzley commented that her children also had a great first day of school.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy No. 3416, STUDENTS: Medication at School, First Reading
Assistant Superintendent Ron Williamson shared with the Board the updates he made to Policy No. 3416 after asking the Board for direction.

Ms. Kintzley commented that she had missed the first reading of the policy and asked if Mr. Williamson could explain the language that is struck out.

Mr. Williamson replied that the language in blue that is struck out shows another option for how the Board could deal with medical marijuana, and at the last meeting, the Board provided direction that they wanted to go with the first option to allow limited, restricted use.

Ms. Kintzley stated that she believed that the State law allows the use of medical marijuana, but does not require it. Mr. Williamson replied that Mrs. Kintzley was correct.

Motion by Ron Mabry to approve Policy No. 3416, STUDENTS: Medication at School, for first and second reading as presented.

Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Ms. Kintzley stated that she intends to vote against this policy as Federal law is against the policy and Federal law trumps state law. She added that she could not get behind a law that
goes against Federal law. She added that given her position, she would be voting no.

President Adams shared that she supports the policy; if she had a child who was sick and the only pain relief for the child was using this medication, then she would want the child to be able to receive the medication.

Ms. Kintzley asked if the Board had spoken with the school attorney. Mr. Bond replied that they had spoken with Attorney Bronson Brown.

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Motion carried 4-1.

Policy No. 3211, STUDENTS: Gender-Inclusive Schools, Second Reading

Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, reported that we had three Board member present during the first reading of Policy No. 3211. There were concerns regarding the word “fostering” which has been taken out and instead of saying, “the board recognizes the importance of an inclusive approach” the policy now says “the District recognizes the importance of an inclusive approach.”

Ms. Kintzley asked if the policy is new. Mr. Williamson replied that it is a new policy.

Motion by Brian Brooks to approve Policy No. 3211, STUDENTS: Gender-Inclusive Schools, for second reading as presented.

Seconded by Ron Mabry.

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NEW BUSINESS

Policy No. 8325, NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS: Security Cameras on School District Grounds, Property, or Buses, First Reading

Ron Cone, Director of Information Technology reported that we are getting public requests for video and so he thought we should have a policy regarding those requests. He added that he is following the Records Retention direction from the state for schools.
Mr. Cone added that we currently do what the State Archives require, but we just wanted to formalize it.

Ms. Kintzley asked if Mr. Cone was aware that the District could not record audio without certain precautions. Mr. Cone replied that he was aware and that he is working with our school attorney, Mr. Bronson Brown.

Motion by Heather Kintzley to approve Policy No. 8325, NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS: Security Cameras on School District Grounds, Property, or Buses for first and second reading as presented by Ron Cone.

Seconded by Ben Messinger.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Adams moved the Board into executive session at 6:04 p.m. for approximately 60 min per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for a legal issue and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b) for a real estate issue. No formal action will result.

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Regular session reconvened at 6:54 p.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved: September 18, 2019