MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: Dawn Adams, President of the Board; Heather Kintzley, Vice President of the Board; Ron Mabry, Board Member; Michael Connors, Board Member; Diane Sundvik, Board Member; Nikhil Devanathan, Student Representative to the Board; and Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

Cabinet Members: Doug Christensen, Associate 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; Robyn Chastain, Executive Director of Communication and Public Relations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:30 p.m., the Board went into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b) to consider a real estate issue.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dawn Adams called the regular session of the Board meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with approximately 30 staff and guests in attendance.

RECOGNITION

National Board Certified Teachers

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Doug Christensen recognized Diane Davey, and Johnna Reavis, for receiving National Board Teacher certification. Dr. Christensen noted that three teachers in the Kennewick School District recently earned National Board Certification.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Seconded by Diane Sundvik.

Roll call vote: Adams Yes
Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items were as follows:

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 12, 2020
- Personnel Actions – Certificated, Classified and Extracurricular
- Payroll and Vouchers Ending January 31, 2020
- Budget Status Report Ending January 31, 2020
- Resolution No. 13, 2019-2020; Authorization to Sign for District in Regards to Providing School Plant Facilities
- Resolution No. 14, 2019-2020; Accept Value Engineering Report for Kamiakin High School
- Resolution No. 15, 2019-2020; Accept Value Engineering Report for Southridge High School
- Curriculum Adoption:
  - Habits of a successful Choral Musician, Author: Eric Wilkinson and Scott Rush; Publisher: GIA Publications, Copyright 2019. This material will be used in grades 9-12 high school Choir classes.
  - The Alchemist, Author: Paulo Coelho; Publisher: Harper Collins Publishers, Copyright 1988. This material will be used in high school ELA at Kamiakin High School.
- Memo: Purchase of Middle School/High School Site

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce gave an update on the strategic planning process, noting that she would bring a recommendation back to the Board in June. Dr. Pierce asked the Board what their consensus was with respect to Board involvement in the process. President Adams shared that she trusted Dr. Pierce with the process. Ms. Adams also suggested that the input sessions would be a good opportunity to seek feedback from community members regarding topics for the annual Get to Know Kennewick Schools event offered at the beginning of the school year.

Nikhil Devanathan, Student Representative to the Board, reported that the Superintendent/Student Advisory Committee is participating in the strategic planning input process and shared that students are interested in student mental safety and opportunities for emotional supports, such as having a trusted adult to talk with.

Board Member

Ms. Sundvik reported that she attended the Key Connections Youth Empowerment meeting
at Kamiakin High School, where they talked about opioids and vaping.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

3rd Grade Reading Goal

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Rob Phillips reviewed the mid-year test results measuring student growth toward the third-grade reading goal. Schools are required to test all students who are below the 50th percentile in the fall, but schools may test students who are above the 50th percentile to monitor progress. Mr. Phillips reported that he makes three formal visits to each school to discuss student progress and School Improvement Plans. The Superintendent visits each school twice a year to discuss student progress. Principals check in with teachers at mid-year to learn how they predict their students are performing. Teachers and principals share strategies and scores, and then data analysis is performed at principal meetings. Mr. Philips presented a chart of performance growth, showing how students performed over time and stated that various interventions are used to help students progress toward meeting standards.

Board discussion followed, with student representative Nikhil Devanathan suggesting Mr. Phillips add average starting score and average point growth to the statistics slide. Mr. Mabry asked about expectations for principals, and Mr. Philipps and Dr. Pierce clarified that all principals are expected to look at individual student scores and ensure that appropriate interventions are occurring.

Capital Projects Update

Brandon Potts, Director of Capital Projects, reported on the Amistad Phase II, Kennewick High School, and Tri-Tech core Growth projects, which are currently in construction. Mr. Potts shared that the Kamiakin High School addition, the Southridge High School addition, and the Highlands Middle School track are out for bid, with Ridge View Elementary being next in line for renovation.

Preliminary Budget Update 2020-2021

Executive Director of Business Operations Vic Roberts reported student enrollment numbers for the 2019-2020 school year are projected to be 18,696 as compared to the budget of 18,710. Preliminary budgeted enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is 18,724 or 14 students more than what was budgeted for 2019-2020. Mr. Roberts reviewed grade level enrollment trends over the past ten years, summer 2020 portable work, levy trend, and projected 2020-2021 MSOC, along with other 2020-2021 budget considerations. Mr. Roberts then presented a budget timeline showing June 17 as the date for Board adoption of the 2020-2021 budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None
NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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RECORDING SECRETARY PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Approved:  March 11, 2020