

Klickitat School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 29, 2024

Location: Klickitat Community Center, Board Meeting Room

Time: 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

- The meeting was called to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. (6:27 pm – clock was a little off and meeting began slightly early, all directors present)

2. Roll Call:

- All board members present.

3. Current Agenda Additions and Deletions:

- A proposal to move the discussion with representatives from Apollo Inc. regarding the gym plumbing project to an earlier point in the meeting was accepted.

4. Communications:

- No additional communications were reported from the Board of Directors or the community and staff.

5. Consent Agenda:

- **Approved Items (by vote Kenny 1st motion, Brandon 2nd motion; all approved):**
 - Minutes from the April 24, 2024, board meeting.
 - Financial status reflecting cash investments and adjustments as of May 21, 2024.
 - Approval of May 2024 warrants, vouchers, and payroll.

6. Reports and Discussion:

Superintendent Report:

- **Enrollment and Attendance:** The district has 88 students enrolled, with a 93.3% attendance rate for elementary and 90.8% for secondary.
- **Activities and Events:** Recent events included outdoor concerts, field trips, and state testing. Preparation for graduation on June 8th was discussed, with a parade preceding the ceremony.
- **Community Center Issues:** Ongoing issues with leaks and repairs, along with the need for better management of the property, were highlighted. Proposed additional measures to handle property misuse and vandalism.

Activities and Athletics Report:

- **Dan Smith reported:**
 - Updates on recent athletic achievements, including notable performances at state track events.
 - Plans for upcoming sports events and awards.
 - Scheduled gym floor refinishing on June 19th.

7. Old Business:

Klickitat School Board Vacancy:

- **Discussion:** The district continues to seek applications to fill the vacant Position #5 on the board.

Track Project:

- **Update:** Discussions included potential changes to the track project, including moving forward with a scaled-back version such as a straightaway for sprints and hurdles.
- **General Consensus:** Agreed to seek in-person bids for a modified track plan of a surfaced sprinting/hurdles straight-away.

Electric Sign Project:

- **Update:** Considered the location for a new electric sign and discussed dismantling an old storage shed to place the sign.
- **General Consensus:** After visitation by the board during work session earlier this month. Directors would like to proceed with plan to remove the shed adjacent to the playground/black top entrance and install sign at this location.

Urgent Repair and School Modernization Grants:

- **Update:** Representatives from Apollo Inc. (Hunder Pederson and Gage Lane) provided updates on the gym plumbing project. Issues with high drywall costs were discussed, and plans for moving forward once reasonable bids are secured were laid out.
 - Kenny recommended that Apollo connect with Klickitat County early on submission of plans for any approval or permits needed for work this summer.
 - Still waiting on bids and district approval of contract; but anticipate work to still occur this summer.

8. New Business:

Approve School Year Calendar for 2024-25 (by vote Kenny 1st, Rachel 2nd; all approved)

- **Action:** The board approved a 180-day school calendar starting on August 28, 2024, and ending on June 12, 2025.

Approve and Adopt Grades 6-12 Social Studies Curriculum (by vote Kenny 1st, Brandon 2nd, all approved):

- **Action:** The board approved new textbooks for middle and high school social studies, including tests from Cengage and Savvas publishers:
 - High School: Essentials of Psychology, Civics and Citizenship, America Through the Lens (US History).
 - Middle School: World History: Great Civilizations, My World Interactive (World Geography).

Community Center Property Needs:

- **Discussion:** Addressed the ongoing issues with underground irrigation plumbing and proposed signage to manage property use and prevent misuse.
- **General Consensus:** move forward with additions of signage to notify the public of the district's ownership status of the property and standards for appropriate use.

Financial Status:

- **Consent Agenda:** Reviewed as part of the consent agenda, the financial status, including general fund balances and requests for May 2024 warrants and payroll approval.

Personnel Action:

The board retired to a brief executive session (from 7:30-7:41pm) during executive session the board asked clarifying questions regarding status of employees up for action and Mr. Lester had made a recommendation to advance the certified teacher payscale for issuance of certified contracts, proposing to hold off on other pay scales adoptions until June or July meetings).

- **Approved (by vote Rachel 1st, Kenny 2nd; all approved)**
 - **Resignations:** Accepted resignations from Ms. Danielle Davis (Secondary Math) and non-renewal designation for Ms. Allysha Hubbard (K/8 and Physical Education Teacher).
- **Approved (by vote Brandon 1st, Rachel 2nd, all approved)**
 - **Wage and Salary Rates:** Reviewed and approved the pay scale for certified teachers and other district staff for the 2024-25 school year.
 - **The Certified Teacher Salary Schedule was solely part of the approval.** Other salary and wage sheets deferred until later this Summer.

9. Upcoming Meetings:

- **Next Regular Meeting:** Scheduled for June 26, 2024.
- **Board Work Session:** The need for a June work meeting to be determined.

10. Adjournment: at 7:47pm

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT BOARD MEETING 6/26/24

Director Iraco Kessinger

Director _____

Director Kym Temple

Director _____

Director [Signature]

Secretary _____