

**KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52
1105 DALE AVENUE
BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON 99320**

**Board Minutes of
Monday, April 24, 2023**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director
Teddy Bryan, Director
Rick Gonzales, Director
Josh Skipper, Director
Drew Raab, Director of Finance
Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Members Absent: None.

Visitors: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Thornton called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room and to view via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Skipper.

A vote to approve the agenda with a 5/0 vote.

Delegations

Mr. Peterson shared two letters, one about the suicide help line and the other from the Mabton School District about our music program. Mr. Peterson thanked Mr. Duncan for his service to the district and shared that it is a good move for him personally and professionally.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

New Hires: Dirk Hansen, HS VP/AD; Rosemary Jacobo, #3 ECEAP Asst. Preschool Teacher Bilingual; Maria Olivera, #1 Temp. ECEAP Preschool Teacher Bilingual; Silvia Katsel, MS Asst. Softball Coach
Resignations/Separations/Retirements/Termination/Non-Renewal: Maci Deaton, HS Head Volleyball Coach; Tracy King, HS Senior Advisor; Duncan Titus, MS/HS Music Teacher; Monica Zebley, Bus Driver
Financials

The following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for payment.

Payroll - \$1,658,874.02	Vouchers 1087, 1088
AP General Fund- \$358,969.07	Vouchers 1082, 1084,1085, 1086, 1089, 1091
ASB- \$17,367.95	Vouchers 1083, 1084, 1085, 1090
Warrants 115577-115638	

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Gonzales.

Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 5/0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

Mr. Peterson read Heidi Rodgers comment.

NEW BUSINESS

CTE 4-Year Plan, Approval

Keeley Gant shared her Power Point with the board. Director Skipper asked if there were any substantial changes and Keeley stated the Core Plus curriculum at the middle and high school. Mr. Peterson stated the Keeley has been outstanding in meetings with administrators and teachers. She is very interactive with our staff and thinks outside the box. Mr. Peterson stated he hopes to have something at the May 22 meeting for an update. Director Skipper shared that he enjoyed the presentation.

A motion was made to approve the CTE 4-Year Plan by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve the CTE 4-Year Plan with a 5/0 vote.

2022-2023 Calendar Update, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated the adjustments had been made for the snow days. Director Rheinschmidt asked if graduation would be affected, and Mr. Peterson said no.

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 Calendar update by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.

A motion to approve the 2022-2023 Calendar update with a 5/0 vote.

Minutes from 3/27/23, Approval

Mr. Raab stated that the amount for the election was \$17,188.72.

A motion was made to approve the minutes with the amendment from 3/27/23 by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

**A vote to approve the amended minutes from 3/27/23 with a 4/0 vote.
Director Rheinschmidt was absent from the 3/27/23 meeting.**

Out of State Travel, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated this is something that is planned each year in bilingual grants and Diann met with Drew and Mona and agreed to cut one of the travels out that was to New Mexico. Director Skipper asked if it was 4-6 staff and Mr. Raab stated Ms. Zavala anticipates 4 and that they asked the same question. Director Skipper suggested as few as possible attend then they can debrief with everyone else. Director Bryan asked if this was coming from grant money and Mr. Raab said yes. Director Skipper asked if some curriculum had been identified to spend that money down. Mr. Peterson stated he is ok with giving money back and not putting any more strain on the cash flow. Director Skipper asked how much of the \$90,000 has been spent and Mr. Raab stated about 1/3 of it. Board Chair Thornton shared that it is hard to approve out of state travel with money issues. Mr. Peterson asked Drew and Mona if they were satisfied with the planning they had with Diann and Mr. Raab explained she understood the cash flow issue and the money should be there during that time.

A motion was made to approve Out of State travel by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve Out of State travel with a 5/0 vote.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Skipper shared that he attended a training on Saturday, and it was uncontroversial and good. He shared that the first board Q & A was very productive and now available to view. He shared that we would have more and give more notification next time. He also was able to stop by the FFA plant sale and enjoyed that along with seeing the grape vines looking very nice and pruned.

Board Chair Thornton shared that he also stopped by the FFA plant sale, and all the veggies and flowers looked good.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Peterson gave an update on two incidents that happened in the district today and thankfully the students will be ok. Mr. Peterson shared that he will have a meeting with secondary about staffing for next year and a summer school planning session at the end of the week. Mr. Peterson shared that last week he and administrators attended the WASAC Challenge grant meeting with about 20 participants. This grant focuses on Benton City students specifically and Mr. Peterson felt our students needed to be involved in the meetings as well. Mr. Peterson shared the WSP held inspections today and Mr. Adamson will update the board on those in his next report. He asked the board to look at the ECEAP playground and how much the kids are enjoying it. Mr. Peterson shared that a work session is tentatively scheduled for May 12th at 12:00; the architect will present what they have been working on. Board Chair Thornton asked if that meeting would be open to the public and Mr. Peterson stated yes, it's not an ideal time but it is the only time the other presenter about dual language can attend as well. Director Skipper asked if that work session would be recorded and Mr. Peterson stated it would not. Director Skipper thanked Mr. Peterson for mentioning the stem meeting and it sounded like a really good use of time. Mr. Peterson stated we are going down the right road in giving our kids opportunities and work experience.

CONVENED

At 7:23 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (1) (g) performance of a public employee, for approximately 30 minutes with no business to follow. Executive session was extended.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Rick Gonzales, Director

Josh Skipper, Director

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