

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, April 25, 2022**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director
Josh Skipper, Director
Rick Gonzales, Director
Teddy Bryan, 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 Bryan.

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

Delegations

Mr. Peterson introduced April Bechen our GEAR UP coordinator. Ms. Bechen explained her position at the high school and some of the events that she is coordinating. Director Rheinschmidt shared that during her tour of the high school Mr. Henry shared how appreciative of her he was and the things she is doing.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 3/28/2022

New Hires: Stephanie Beem, #13 Life Skills Para; Ruby Davis, Elementary Summer School Coordinator;
Jordan Johnson, #17 Paraeducator; Cheri Llerenas, #1 Assistant Assessment Coordinator
Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Jeff Beauchamp, HS Head Wrestling Coach

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 General Fund - \$1,529,252.34	Vouchers 1081, 1082
AP General Fund- \$234,435.35	Vouchers 1075, 1076, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1083, 1084
ASB- \$8,338.99	Vouchers 1077, 1079, 1080, 1083, 1084
Warrants 114805; 114807-114864	
Financials	

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

Shannon Whitmore addressed the board with some concerns about her grandson.

NEW BUSINESS

Middle School Mascot, Discussion

Mr. Peterson explained that the elementary would like to change their mascot to bears and the district is considering doing that through out the schools. The middle school surveyed students and 50% were against and 45% were for it. Mr. Peterson stated that the conversations will continue on this topic. Director Skipper asked what the financial impact would be, and Mr. Peterson stated it would benefit the district. The athletic uniform rotation would be better, and students could purchase bears gear to wear throughout their school years. Director Bryan asked if the district was doing that now with uniforms and Mr. Peterson stated no, due to middle school uniforms having cubs on them. Director Rheinschmidt asked about doing a staff survey due to the theme of being a cub preparing you to be a bear and see what the outcome of that is. Mr. Peterson again stated the conversations will continue about this, but wanted the board to be aware of it.

Education Program Report

Mr. Peterson reviewed a Power Point for the board with program information. Board Chair Thornton asked if Title funds are per student, or a lump sum and Mr. Peterson stated it is students who qualify but we have such a high number that it is the whole school. Director Rheinschmidt asked about the services and Mr. Peterson stated they are RTI, Math Coach, Reading Intervention and that students may receive multiple services. Director Rheinschmidt asked if K-5 receive interventions and Mr. Peterson stated it is based on needs and assessments. Board Chair Thornton asked who's job it is to track the data and Mr. Peterson stated that Title/LAP is Mr. Haun and Migrant/Bilingual is Ms. Zavala. Board Chair Thornton clarified that they are the ones that individually check that information and Mr. Peterson stated they have support in a migrant coordinator. Board Chair Thornton asked if the district gets fully funded for APEX and Mr. Peterson stated, yes. Board Chair Thornton asked who is funding the summer athletics and Mr. Peterson stated that they have looked into using a local company and has asked Mr. Den Boer to do a bare bones estimate, which came out to \$3,000-\$9,000 with the possibility of using ESSER funds also. Mr. Peterson stated if the board had any other topics they would like to get deeper on, to let him know. Director Rheinschmidt asked for a list per grade level of how many students are served per subject in interventions.

Out of State Travel, Approval

Mr. Peterson shared that this is a GEAR UP trip, and it will be out of state to Portland and LaGrande Oregon that is why it is on the agenda for approval. Director Skipper asked what the cost to the district is and Mr. Peterson stated there is no cost to the district.

A motion was made to approve the out of state travel for GEAR UP by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve the out of state travel for GEAR UP with a 5/0 vote.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Rheinschmidt stated she enjoyed her tour at the high school. She also inquired about a few purchases made to Amazon that possibly could have been made through KCDA.

Board Chair Thornton spoke up on behalf of the kindergarten staff and stated he feels a position should be made specifically for kindergarten and they need more support. Board Chair Thornton also stated that we are the only school that teachers don't go out to recess and feels that would help some of the coverage issues.

Director Bryan stated she would have liked to see more information about the band/choir concert publicized. Mr. Peterson stated the event was on calendars and were active about promoting it, but will be sure to relay those messages in the future. She also asked about the color guard clinic and Mr. Peterson stated he will touch on that later.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Peterson shared that there will be a color guard clinic held at the middle school to see how much interest there is in the schools. Mr. Peterson said he had the opportunity to observe the middle school band and they have improved immensely with a lot of participation and playing very well.

Mr. Peterson stated he will check with Mona on the Amazon orders that were placed. Mr. Peterson stated he is meeting with the elementary staff and Mr. Raab is getting to the actual dollar amount for posting for a counselor position at the elementary. Mr. Peterson shared that he is working with a few people on writing the districts own 21st Century grant this year and will bring it back to the board for recommendation. Board Chair Thornton asked if the district was at risk of angering the ESD by doing this and Mr. Peterson stated there are risks on both sides as we would have to self-fund for a year then it would pick up the year after with the ESD. Mr. Peterson stated we have to figure out what will be the best for kids.

CONVENED

At 7:39 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 30 minutes. No business to follow. Executive session was extended.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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