

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, August 23, 2021**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair
Jacob Johnson, Director
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director
Clark Carlson, Director
Teddy Bryan, Director
Kim Scott, Executive 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 6:31 p.m. in the District Board Room and to view via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Delegations

Principal Chuck Feth introduced new teachers to the middle school. He introduced Jenny Careaga as the new MS Art Teacher and Duncan Titus as the new HS & MS Music Teacher. Principal Clay Henry introduced Brett Cox as the new HS Spanish Teacher and welcomed Donna Baumgartner to the HS as the full time art teacher.

Superintendent Peterson asked that item (i) LOA be moved to executive session.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

New Hires: Stephen Kelley, HS & MS Choir Teacher; Jeffrey Beauchamp, #2 HS Asst. Football Coach; Shafer Murray, #1 MS Asst. Football Coach; Brett Cox, Emergency Fill HS Spanish Teacher; Jessica Mejia, Emergency Fill 1st Grade Teacher.

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Edwin Johnson, Life Skills Paraeducator; Vanessa Reballosa, MS Head Softball Coach & HS Asst. Volleyball Coach; Irma Alcalá, 1st Grade Dual Language; Nancy McElroy, Speech Language Pathology Asst.

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.

AP General Fund- \$1,521,916.45	Vouchers 1118,1119, 1120, 1121, 1123, 1124
ASB- \$8,583.26	Vouchers 1122, 1125
Warrants 114342-114372	
Financials	
LOA's	

Alexandria Brumbaugh, MS Math Conditional Certification for 2021-22 School Year
Stephen Kelley, HS & MS Music/Choir Conditional Certification for 2021-22 School Year
Jessica Mejia, Elementary Educ/ELL Conditional Certification for 2021-22 School Year

A motion was made to approve the proposed consent agenda by Director Carlson and seconded by Director Johnson.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

None.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board Chair Thornton mentioned the current situation related to the new state mandates regarding vaccinations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

High School

Principal Clay Henry indicated that the HS was busy. They started training today and upgrading as much as they can. Principal Henry stated this was his 8th year; the HS has evolved and they have great hires to start the year. He indicated that they are excited about band and choir; trying to keep it as normal as possible with Open House's scheduled later in the week for all grade levels.

Middle School

Principal Chuck Feth reiterated that lots of training was going on. In keeping with the School Improvement Plan, training was scheduled around inclusion/UDL, language acquisition working with Tier II words, and social/emotional learning. Principal Feth indicated that the MS Open House was scheduled for Thursday evening.

Intermediate School

Principal CD Williams stated that they too were in training; aligning everything. He indicated that there is an ever growing population of students; there were 8-9 more 4th grader than expected with a total of 350 in the Intermediate School. Principal Williams shared that the staff also participated in inclusion/UDL training. He stated they were also focused on getting life skills students in to the classrooms as well as assigning the ELL students throughout several more classrooms. Principal Williams also indicated that they are tackling the new MAP testing. Board Chair Thornton asked if it was computer testing and Principal Williams stated that yes it was. Director Rheinschmidt asked about the dates of testing and Principal Williams confirmed that they were hoping to do testing the first two (2) weeks.

Primary School

Principal Kris Hanson shared that they were excited to be able to hire Jessica Mejia in the recently vacated 1st Grade position. She stated that the staff was busy working on character traits training, MAP testing, and inclusion of bilingual and special services students. Principal Hanson also shared that enrollment was up to include 17 TK, kindergarten at 95 with four (4) waiting and three (3) that picked up packets today.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Climate Culture Survey

Superintendent Peterson indicated that he had contact with Eric Boltz regarding the climate survey quote. He indicated they are working through logistics and that the survey is on schedule to start in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes from 8/9/2021, Approval

A motion was made to approve minutes from 8/9/2021 by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Johnson.

**A vote to approve minutes from 8/9/2021 with a 4/0 vote.
Director Rheinschmidt was absent.**

Fire Arms Training Contract

Superintendent Peterson shared with the board new information regarding CIRT training and the new contract and training modules provided indicating it is money well spent. There will be GAP training provided this week for staff and will include mock drills while there are no students present. Superintendent Peterson asked for their approval.

A motion was made to approve the new Fire Arms Training Contract by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Carlson.

A vote to approve the new Fire Arms Training Contract with a 5/0 vote.

Juvenile Justice Center MOU

Superintendent Peterson shared with the board a new MOU with the Juvenile Justice Center due to the laws pertaining to mandatory attendance and using the justice system to enforce this is changing. Superintendent Peterson indicated it is moving towards a Community Engagement Board. He indicated that students would be referred to the board where they would work with the student to come up with solutions; continue down the path of least resistance. Superintendent Peterson also stated that this would allow the board to engage the students; understand why they are having issues. Board Chair Thornton asked if there were enough people for the board and Superintendent Peterson indicated that there is another volunteer group that they could see if they would be able to work together.

State Mandates Update

Superintendent Peterson shared that the governor is now wanting all school staff to be fully vaccinated by October 18. He indicated that the mask mandates are the same. Lunches have a little more leeway so instead of six (6), they can do three (3) feet. Superintendent Peterson verified that sports are on with specific vaccination/mask guidelines. Superintendent Peterson said that there will be exemptions available at the local level. Superintendent Peterson religious and medical exemptions would be made available for those that are not vaccinated. He stated it is disheartening that it has come down to this and that he didn't feel it was his place to question or investigate exemptions. Director Rheinschmidt asked if forms were available. Superintendent indicated that we could be good with just a doctor note and the religious exemption form was to be coming soon. There was further discussion regarding how it was to be handled at the local level, how to enforce this as it related to antagonistic issues with others and political action groups.

Edgenuity Three-Year Contract

Superintendent Peterson shared the contract with the board as informational as it was not a formal agreement; however, it was for three (3) years and the District would be using ESSER dollars. He explained that by agreeing to three (3) years, the District would save around \$15,000. This would be available to all students as an online option, but he didn't want to sign off on that length of an agreement for that dollar amount without board approval. Board Chair Thornton stated that he tends to agree while we have the funds. Director Rheinschmidt asked if it was two (2) subscriptions and Superintendent Peterson indicated that yes it was; K-8 and the other is HS and that additional services can be added if needed.

A motion was made to approve the Edgenuity Three-Year Contract not including SEL by Board Chair Thornton and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.

A vote to approve the Edgenuity Three-Year Contract not including SEL with a 5/0 vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Peterson that on Friday there would be Finance Director interviews being held. The formal interviews will be at the board room and then there will be informal interviews scheduled after at the district

office. Superintendent Peterson asked the board to contact him if any of them would like to take part in the process. He also shared with the board that he had a meeting scheduled with Teri Kessie, from ESD 123, the next day to schedule a time for her to come meet with the district office staff. Superintendent Peterson stated that she would be asking about strength and weaknesses, and assess the function of the office. He stated that she would be open to coming out to speak to the board. Superintendent Peterson also announced that there would be training all week, Friday is the All District day, and walk through of trainings could be available.

CONVENED

At 7:27 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 60 minutes with the possibility of business to follow.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. with no further business.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

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