

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, August 28, 2023**

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

The pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Board Chair Thornton moved public comment to #5 and the proposed consent agenda to #6.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Board Chair Thornton and seconded by Director Skipper.

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

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Peterson shared that staff is busy at open house at the elementary tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

Several audience members commented on their concerns of the budget and the proposed consent agenda letter C. Mr. Peterson read Heidi Rodgers comment that was emailed.

There was conversation about discussion of letter C in the proposed consent agenda and Mr. Peterson gave the board some options.

A motion was made to remove Wade Haun from the Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination portion of the agenda and put him back on the next meeting or a special meeting by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Skipper.

A vote to remove Wade Haun from the Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination portion of the agenda and put him back on the next meeting or a special meeting with a 5/0 vote.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 8/14/23

New Hires: Trevor Fields, MS #1 Asst. Football Coach; Ruvim Ilin, MS #2 Asst. Football Coach; Andrew Uribe, 1st Grade Dual Lang. Teacher; Stephen Kelley, HS/MS Music/Choir Teacher; Jennifer Swiger, Interim Food Service Supervisor; Christine Weiss, Temp Elem Head Cook
Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Agustin Tovar, Student Support Specialist; Tracy King, HS Leadership Advisor

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 - \$1,672,052.29	Vouchers 1124, 1125
AP General Fund- \$71,699.54	Vouchers 1126, 1128, 1129
ASB- \$2,157.90	Vouchers 1127
Warrants 115851-115889	
Financials	

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

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Athletics

Mr. Hansen gave the board an update on the start of athletics for the year and that the SCAC all league AD meeting held at Ki-Be went well. Mr. Hansen thanked everyone for helping him get his feet on the ground. Director Skipper thanked Mr. Hansen for sending out the schedule.

Student Support Services

Mr. Castillo submitted a report via email and was absent from the meeting.

Maintenance/Transportation

Director of Maintenance and Operations/Transportation, Dan Adamson shared that his departments are short staffed, and everyone is getting pulled in multiple directions. He stated that he has a dedicated staff and appreciates their hard work. Director Rheinschmidt shared that the district is glad to have Mr. Adamson.

Technology

Mr. Rodriguez handed out his written report and reviewed it. Board Chair Thornton asked if we have plenty of laptops and Mr. Rodriguez said yes.

Food Service

Jenny Swiger stated she is catching up on things and getting the menus put together, which will include more scratch cooking this year. She stated that at the elementary school they are moving from breakfast in the classroom back to the MPR. Board Chair Thornton asked if she was getting a lot of help from the ESD and Mrs. Swiger shared not yet but she will soon. Director Rheinschmidt thanked Mrs. Swiger for stepping in to fill the position and she appreciates it. Mr. Peterson shared that Mrs. Swiger and her staff prepared breakfast for the first day back for staff and it went great.

Federal Programs

Mr. Haun was present at the meeting but shared with Mr. Peterson he didn't have anything to report on.

Special Services

Ms. Zavala handed out her written report and reviewed it with the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Academic Goal Setting Workshop, Discussion

Mr. Peterson stated that the board asked for some academic goals so the first meeting will be September 5th at 6:00 in the high school library. The following Tuesday will be at the same time and place, but will be in Spanish. Mr. Peterson stated he would like a board member at each of them. Mr. Peterson also discussed a workshop date to discuss academic goals for the board and most agreed to September 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

TBIP Grant Review

Ms. Zavala handed out a sheet about TBIP and reviewed it with the board.

23-24 Perkins Assurance Grant, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated this is a standard approval each year.

A motion was made to approve the 23-24 Perkins Assurance Grant by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the 23-24 Perkins Assurance Grant with a 5/0 vote.

Building Handbooks, Discussion

Mr. Peterson shared that this is the first time the board has received handbooks before the start of school. Board Chair Thornton asked if these are available on the website and Mr. Peterson said that they will be. Director Gonzales asked if they will be available in Spanish and Mr. Peterson stated they will.

Resolution 6-2023 Availability of Unused/Underutilized School Facilities in Neighboring School Districts, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated that this is a legal requirement for the scope and study prior to the approval of the final documents which will be on the next regular meetings agenda. Director Skipper asked if the district inquired with Richland and Mr. Peterson stated the architect only asked for the two districts provided.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 6-2023 by Director Gonzales and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve Resolution 6-2023 with a 5/0 vote.

PSE Contract, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated this wasn't a full opener and that we agreed on IPD. Director Rheinschmidt shared that it is hard being a small school district and the frustration level is high with the legislature because they need to make some changes. Director Rheinschmidt stated she is for the contracts, but she would like to be able to provide for our students and staff without pressure. Director Skipper thanked the PSE employees and stated that he understands 3.7% isn't much in these inflammatory times but he is glad that an agreement could be reached.

A motion was made to approve the PSE Contract by Director Gonzales and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.

A vote to approve the PSE Contract with a 5/0 vote.

KBSA Contract, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated this was a full opener this year and it was a very positive bargain, and he commended the team for that. He was very impressed with them. Mr. Peterson stated 3.7% was agreed upon with a few language changes and finished on a positive note.

A motion was made to approve the KBSA Contract by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the KBSA Contract with a 5/0 vote.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Skipper stated that he stopped by the staff breakfast and good luck to everyone this year. He shared that he was able to attend the youth football camp last Friday and that seemed to go well and he has scheduled visits at all three schools throughout the year.

Board Chair Thornton shared that he was able to join the seniors this morning at B grade for senior sunrise.

CONVENED

At 7:53 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Sections (1) (g) performance of a public employee, for approximately 60 minutes with no business to follow.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Josh Skipper, Vice Chair

Rick Gonzales, Director

Teddy Bryan, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent