

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, August 8, 2022**

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

Members Absent: Teddy Bryan, Director

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 Gonzales.**

**A vote to approve the agenda with a 4/0 vote.  
Director Bryan was absent.**

**Delegations**

Mr. Peterson stated he had a great conversation with Mr. Henry about our new Attendance and Reengagement Coordinator, so he invited her to the meeting to share what her roll will be through the ESD. Emily Raab introduced herself and explained what her role will be in the district this year. Director Skipper asked if she will be reviewing data monthly or quarterly and Emily stated she would start with monthly then evaluate from there. Mr. Peterson stated that Emily has a good relationship with families in town already and will work with Kris to prevent habits from forming at a young age. Mr. Peterson thanked Emily and stated this position is grant funded through the ESD with ESSER funds. Board Chair Thornton stated creating better habits is a good thing.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from 7/25/22

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Travis Kafentzis, HS Asst. Football Coach; Jaklyn Turner, HS Asst. Volleyball 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.

AP General Fund- \$92,983.53

Vouchers 1117, 1119, 1120, 1121

ASB- \$5,411.06

Vouchers 1118, 1119, 1120

Warrants 115043-115059

**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 4/0 vote.  
Director Bryan was absent.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)**  
None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Policy 5515, Discussion**

Mr. Peterson stated he wanted to bring this to the board’s attention before the next meeting and it will have minimal impact. Mr. Peterson stated this policy was passed in the Spring and it involves working towards improving staff stress levels. Mr. Peterson stated this topic will be included in our safety committee and will be retitled as Health and Safety Committee. Mr. Peterson stated that Shelly Knight is the buffer and forwards all staff information when she receives it. Mr. Peterson stated he will have the draft for the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the first reading. Director Rheinschmidt gave kudos to Kris for doing some of these things already with her staff.

**PD Calendar for 22-23**

Mr. Peterson stated a lot will be offered and this will be the first time in a few years that we can all get back together in one room. Mr. Peterson stated he is proud of the principals for putting this together and the work they did on it. Mr. Peterson stated Emilia Rivas will be doing all the Power School training and it will be a well-rounded week of information. Mr. Peterson stated that all Power School information will go live on Friday. Director Rheinschmidt stated she might sit in on one of the active shooter trainings. Mr. Peterson shared that all board members are invited to these events and the welcome back breakfast.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Skipper stated he was planning on going to National Night Out, but he wasn’t able to. He did hear that it was well attended. Mr. Peterson stated it was a very good event and the district had a table at it that was busy the whole time. Board Chair Thornton asked if applications were handed out and Mr. Peterson stated he is in discussion with the principals about making a job board for other events coming up in the community.

Board Chair Thornton enjoyed the facilities committee again and stated it makes it real during the walk throughs that things need to be fixed. Director Skipper asked if the committee was going to present at the next meeting and Mr. Peterson stated yes, they will. Board Chair Thornton shared that the next meeting is Thursday at 5:30 at the bus garage.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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**Dale Thornton, Board Chair**

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