

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, December 11, 2023**

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

Board Chair Thornton asked if there were any changes and Mr. Peterson had a few; #5 letter f needs to include the description, payroll adjustments, WIAA, YVIAA, Driving abstracts. #11 letter c is 2415.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**DELEGATIONS**

None.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

New Hires: Brittnee Serna, HS Asst. Wrestling Coach  
Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination/Non-Renewal: None.  
Manual Warrant  
Out of State Travel

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 - \$1,700, 000.00	Est. Amount
AP General Fund- \$209,059.33	Vouchers 1031, 1033, 1034 1035
ASB- \$6,091.40	Vouchers 1032, 1033
Warrants 116106-116127	

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

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

**Director Julie Rheinschmidt resignation, Approval**

Mr. Peterson stated this could've gone in the consent agenda, but he wanted to thank Julie for the past 8 years and that she decided not to run for reelection. Mr. Peterson stated that Director Rheinschmidt's resignation would be effective at 9:00 PM this evening. Director Skipper thanked Julie for her passion and wisdom and everything she has done for the district. Director Rheinschmidt stated it has been a pleasure and honor to serve with everyone. Mr. Peterson read all the accomplishments that Director Rheinschmidt and Thornton had been a part of. He thanked each of them for their years of service and presented them with a plaque.

A motion was made to accept Director Rheinschmidt's resignation effective at 9:00 PM on 12/11/23 by Director Thornton and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve Director Rheinschmidt's resignation with a 4/0 vote.

**SWEARING IN BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Peterson swore in Gina Warner.

**BOARD ELECTIONS**

**Director Gonzales nominated Director Skipper for Board Chair and Director Bryan seconded it.**

**Roll call for Director Skipper as Board Chair**

**Director Warner, Yes; Director Gonzales, Yes; Director Bryan, Yes; Director Skipper, Abstained; Director Rheinschmidt, Yes**

**Vote 4/1, Director Skipper abstained.**

**Director Gonzales nominated Director Bryan for Vice Chair and Director Warner seconded it.**

**Roll Call for Director Bryan as Vice Chair**

**Director Warner, Yes; Director Skipper, Yes; Director Gonzales, Yes; Director Bryan, Abstained; Director Rheinschmidt, Yes.**

**Vote 4/1, Director Bryan abstained.**

Mr. Peterson explained the Legislative position and Board Chair Skipper asked if this position interested anyone. Director Gonzales asked how many meetings are involved and Director Rheinschmidt explained the position a bit more in depth.

**Board Chair Skipper nominated Director Warner and Director Bryan seconded it.**

**Roll call for Director Warner as Legislative Representative**

**Director Warner, Yes; Board Chair Skipper, Yes; Director Gonzales, Yes; Director Bryan, Yes; Director Rheinschmidt, Yes.**

**Vote 5/0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)**

Board Chair Skipper read the statement for public comments.

Audience member Alex Braumbaugh shared with the board the need for software that monitors student computers from a teacher's desk. Board Chair Skipper thanked her for her comment. Mr. Peterson asked if he was allowed to inform the board on that topic and he stated that the purchase of this software is already in the process. Director Gonzales asked if it would go into effect this year and Mr. Peterson said yes.

Mr. Peterson read an electronic comment from Heidi Rogers. Board Chair Skipper stated that with the agenda amendments this was answered but asked Mr. Peterson to follow up with an email.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Board Workshop**

Mr. Peterson shared two new dates for the board workshop, February 9<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. The board had no issues with either date. Mr. Peterson stated then he would give the presenter the choice.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Minutes from 11/27/23, Approval**

Director Rheinschmidt would like to amend a part of the minutes to read, Director Rheinschmidt shared that 80% is a huge goal but she would want any growth no matter what it was to be acknowledged and celebrated and so that we continue to encourage the teachers through the process. Mr. Peterson reiterated this isn't a quick fix and it will take time, but it is achievable.

**A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.**

**A vote to approve the minutes as amended with a 3/0 vote.  
Director Skipper was absent from the 11/27/23 meeting.**

### **Early Notification of Retirement, Approval**

Mr. Peterson stated this is the same as last year and the amounts have not changed, \$3,000.00 for certified and \$1,000.00 for classified.

**A motion to approve the Early Notification of Retirement for certificated and classified by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Gonzales.**

**A vote to approve the Early Notification of Retirement for certificated and classified with a 5/0 vote.**

### **Policy 2415, Elective Credit for Paid Work Experience, First Reading**

Mr. Peterson explained what the policy entails and a few questions were asked regarding the process. Board Chair Skipper stated he is highly supportive of jobs for young people because it's a great way to learn. Mr. Peterson stated that the students' High School and Beyond plan would be adjusted to fit this process.

### **Director District 1 Application Process, Discussion**

Mr. Peterson shared the tentative timeline for the application process. Board Chair Skipper asked what happens if it is still vacant after 90 days and Mr. Peterson stated that he will have that conversation with the ESD Superintendent if it comes to that. Board Chair Skipper asked others to spread the word.

### **Board Meeting Calendar, Approval**

Mr. Peterson stated that the calendar is the same with a few exceptions due to holidays.

**A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Calendar by Director Gonzales and seconded by Director Bryan.**

**A vote to approve the Board Meeting Calendar with a 5/0 vote.**

### **Year End Financial Report, FY23**

Mr. Raab reviewed his Power Point with the board, and it was shared via Zoom. Board Chair Skipper asked if this could be shared on the website and Mr. Raab said yes.

Mr. Peterson wanted to commend Drew and Mona for their diligence and accomplishing what the board asked for.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Board Chair Skipper thanked Mr. Thornton for his time and service and that it has been great sitting next to him. He also welcomed Director Warner.

Director Gonzales shared that he enjoyed participating as a judge for the door decorating contest at the elementary.

Director Rheinschmidt shared that it has been an honor to serve on the board and thanked Mr. Thornton. She encouraged the board to keep its academic focus as that's why she joined that board, she hopes that the staff and board will embrace the 80% academic goal that was set.

**CONVENED**

At 7:24 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.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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**Josh Skipper, Board Chair**

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**Gina Warner, Director**

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**Rick Gonzales, Director**

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**Teddy Bryan, Director**

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**Pete Peterson, Superintendent**

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