

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, December 12, 2022**

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

Members Absent: Rick Gonzales, 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.

Mr. Peterson asked the board to remove executive session and add letter c under new business as Director District update.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A vote to approve the amended agenda with a 4/0 vote.

Director Gonzales was absent.

DELEGATIONS

None.

Director Skipper asked if the payroll was estimated because of year end and Mr. Peterson stated it is because there is only one meeting in December.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 11/28/22

2021-2022 Year-End Financial Summary

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- Est. \$1,700,000.00

AP General Fund- \$284,864.27

ASB- \$9,405.70

Warrants 115309-115342

Vouchers 1039, 1041, 1042, 1043

Vouchers 1040, 1041, 1042

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

**Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 4/0 vote.
Director Gonzales was absent.**

Board Elections

Mr. Peterson stated since this is the first meeting in December board elections will need to be held for President and Vice President.

Director Skipper nominated Dale Thornton for President

A motion was made to nominate Dale Thornton as President by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.

Roll Call

Director Rheinschmidt, yes; Director Bryan, yes; Director Skipper, yes; Director Thornton, yes

**A vote to approve Director Thornton as President with a 4/0 vote.
Director Gonzales was absent.**

Director Bryan nominated Director Skipper for Vice President

A motion was made to nominate Josh Skipper as Vice President by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.

Roll Call

Director Rheinschmidt, yes; Director Bryan, yes; Director Skipper, yes; Director Thornton, yes

**A vote to approve Director Skipper as Vice President with a 4/0 vote.
Director Gonzales was absent.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Athletics

Mr. Henry gave a recap on Fall sports and Winter sports. Mr. Henry shared that they are doing dress up days and doing a punch card for students that attend games. Mr. Henry thanked Heidi and his interim vice principal for all of their help. He handed out his phone call home for the next few weeks. Director Skipper thanked Mr. Henry for doing all the extra duties.

Student Support Services

Mr. Castillo was absent but sent a written report.

Maintenance/Transportation

Director of Maintenance and Operations/Transportation, Dan Adamson was absent.

Technology

Mr. Rodriguez handed out his written report and reviewed it.

Federal Programs

Mr. Haun shared that there is a new grant management system and he and Ms. Zavala have been working through that. Mr. Haun stated that all 5 grants have been approved and it's around \$840,000.00. Mr. Haun shared that he has a possible grant for the breakfast program and would like to look into the Farm to School grant more. He has been working on teacher qualification letters and going over paraeducator qualifications. Mr. Haun share that he will have to do a Civil Rights data collection for 21-22 starting in January and he attended the middle school concert last week and it was very enjoyable. Board Chair Thornton asked if the para testing location was figured out and Mr. Haun stated that had been extended until later in the Spring

and he is giving a test on Wednesday. Director Rheinschmidt asked if Mr. Haun had all the data he needed for the Civil Rights collection and he stated yes, it's just a matter of putting it together and submitting it. Board Chair Thornton asked what they are wanting and Mr. Haun stated mostly demographic information.

Special Services

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy 3117, Students in or Released from an Institutional Education Facility, Second Reading

Director Rheinschmidt shared the one issue she had was that it sounded like it was promising that these students will graduate on time and the more she read, it she feels like she is getting a different look and better clarification. Board Chair Thornton shared it states "may" not "will". Mr. Peterson stated that the important thing is that we have a process and procedure for a student exiting from a juvenile system and that our local requirements don't stand in their way.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 7-2022, Educational Programs and Operation Replacement Levy

Mr. Peterson read the levy statement and shared that Mr. Raab was in constant contact with Jim McNeil at Foster and Garvey to get this completed. Mr. Peterson stated the established levy rate is \$1.50 of assessed value and feels this is the best fit for the community. Director Rheinschmidt asked if he had an idea of the LEA appropriation and Mr. Raab stated he could find out. Board Chair Thornton asked what was used for the estimation and Mr. Raab said projections and prior trends. Mr. Peterson shared that Corey is insistent on taking the average. Director Rheinschmidt asked Mr. Petersons to speak about what the levy dollars will fund. Mr. Peterson shared some of the things the levy dollars support such as, athletics and transportation or athletics, field trips, band, debate, music, P.E. and Special Education Program. Camp Wooten will be funded through a grant that the district received. Mr. Peterson thanked the local voters for passing the last time and we shared there is detailed accounting done by Drew and Mona and always available to view. Mr. Peterson shared that the last time the levy failed the district was able to fund athletics, but not transportation. This year our participation in all athletics and activities are through the roof. Board Chair Thornton shared that he knows a lot of students that have appreciated a full time counselor. Mr. Peterson stated we can always do more and we are very fortunate to have an elementary counselor back and we could probably bring another into each building and they would all be busy. Director Rheinschmidt shared that safety programs are included in that list. Mr. Peterson agreed and stated the district has a very high level trainer and it is an exceptional program and he is very glad that the district has it because it is a valuable asset.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 7-2022, Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.

Roll Call

Director Rheinschmidt, Yes; Director Bryan, yes; Director Skipper, Yes; Board Chair Thornton, Yes

A vote to approve Resolution 7-2022, Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy with a 4/0 vote.

Director Gonzales was absent.

2023 Board Meeting Calendar

A motion was made to approve the 2023 Board meeting calendar by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve the 2023 Board meeting calendar with a 4/0 vote.

Director Gonzales was absent.

Director District Update

Mr. Peterson explained what the redistricting is and the attempt to make the districts equal. From initial conversations it didn't seem that anything needed redistricting, but now Amanda has forwarded this to GIS to have it formalized on Wednesday and has asked that the board review it. Board Chair Thornton asked if the

red arrows are the county's doing and Mr. Peterson said yes and the full view map is the one that came from the county. Director Skipper asked if there has been history of not having director districts and Mr. Peterson explained the statute as to why districts are used rather than at large. Mr. Peterson then described the process to have at large positions and stated that city and county positions can do things different than director positions. Director Skipper stated he was just curious because a few members have run unopposed many times. Director Rheinschmidt shared that she wouldn't want to go at large unless there is a continued issue with filling a position. Mr. Peterson shared that he knows the amount of work is intense, but it is rewarding. Board Chair Thornton asked if this affects any current board members and Mr. Peterson said no. Board Chair Thornton said that it smooths out the district Rick is in. Mr. Peterson asked the board to begin the process to divide the districts. Director Skipper asked what the cost would be and Mr. Peterson stated the initial is \$600.00. Board Chair Thornton asked if Sammamish takes care of the legal definitions and Mr. Peterson stated that they submit to the county and the county takes care of the verifications.

A motion was made to approve the Director Redistricting by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.

**A vote to approve the Director Redistricting with a 4/0 vote.
Director Gonzales was absent.**

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Rheinschmidt wanted to thank the maintenance department for clearing all the snow on the grounds.

Director Bryan shared it was nice to see all of the activities for Winter Fest back and enjoyed the Winter music concert.

Board Chair Thornton shared it was fun to watch the music concert and shared that the district needs to find a way to get more smart boards or work towards a Capital Levy. Mr. Peterson said he could ask staff how many would want to use a smart board. Board Chair Thornton asked how many projectors are still in use and Mr. Rodriguez stated about 40%, but wanted to share those that didn't want the smart boards and have projectors; those could be replaced by TV's which have better longevity than a projector.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Josh Skipper, Vice Chair

Rick Gonzales, Director

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