

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, February 12, 2024**

Members Present: Josh Skipper, Board Chair
Teddy Bryan, Director
Gina Warner, Director
Rick Gonzales, Director
Drew Raab, Director of Finance
Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Members Absent: None.

Visitors: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Skipper 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 by the second grade classrooms.

A motion was made to move item g in the consent agenda to new business b by Board Chair Skipper and seconded by Director Warner.

A vote to approve moving item g in the consent agenda to new business b with a 4/0 vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Henry introduced FBLA members and Mrs. Bird. FBLA members shared what they accomplished at their last competition. Board Chair Skipper thanked them for sharing and congratulated them on their success.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 1/22/24

New Hires: Keaton Covington, MS Asst. Boys Wrestling Coach; Sarah Kurth, HS Junior Class Advisor; Karlee Langfield, MS Head Softball Coach; Fermin Sanchez, #3 Custodian.Bus Driver; Miriam Vargas, #2 Paraeducator; Jennifer Kinnison, HS Head Tennis Coach; Jaky Turner, HS #1 Asst. Tennis Coach
Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Dana Henderson, Intervention Teacher; Tony Vo, MS Counselor; Terri Landoe, Paraeducator; Irene Alvarado, TK Teacher; Shannon Schliep, ES Counselor; Joe Powers, HS Head Football Coach; Brenda Otonicar, Life Skills Paraeducator

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- \$381,812.42	Vouchers 1049, 1051, Manual Warrant
ASB- \$15,246.61	Vouchers 1050, 1051
Warrants 116216-116263	

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Director Gonzales and seconded by Director Warner.

Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 4/0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

Board Chair Skipper read the statement of instructions for public comment.

Sheila Arnn asked who is doing the grants and how are they being paid. Ms. Arnn also asked the board to not approve the extension of the superintendent contract.

Dale Thornton suggested a financial education class for next year and shared that during financial aid nights he would like to see them teach students how to look for scholarships not just loans.

Board Chair Skipper read electronic comments from Lorie Haun, Heidi Rodgers, Jamie Hintz and Jodie Elston.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Athletics

Mr. Hansen was absent and Mr. Henry reported. Mr. Henry explained the art pieces along the wall. He shared that it was a great Winter season and thanked the community for coming out and supporting our student athletes. Mr. Henry shared that Mr. Hansen will hold our first all sports banquet this week and then each team will split off into individual groups. He shared that Thursday at 11:00 would be the State walkout for our wrestlers and February 26th is the first day of Spring sports.

Student Support Services

Mr. Castillo was absent but emailed his report to the board.

Maintenance/Transportation

Director of Maintenance and Operations/Transportation, Reid Craigo shared that his team is prepping for Spring sports and working on preventative maintenance. He also shared that two new buses will be arriving soon. Board Chair Skipper thanked Mr. Craigo and welcomed him.

Food Service

Jenny Swiger shared that she has started on the Farm to School grant and is looking forward to getting more local items soon. The administrative review will take place next week and the first webinar is next week for summer lunch.

Technology

Mr. Rodriguez handed out his written report and reviewed it. Director Gonzales asked about the monitoring system and Mr. Rodriguez stated that he would like 95% of student laptops online before he starts the teacher training which will be mid March.

Special Services

Ms. Zavala handed out her report and reviewed it with the board. Ms. Zavala thanked the board for spending the morning with Catherine during the latest workshop and that it was very helpful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy 3424, Opioid Related Overdose Reversal, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated everything has been distributed at the schools and a second set has been recommended for the middle school. Director Bryan asked if they are with the AED and Mr. Peterson shared that no they are not. The decision was made to put them with other medications that are secure.

A motion was made to approve Policy 3424, Opioid Related Overdose Reversal by Director Gonzales and seconded by Director Warner.

A vote to approve Policy 3424, Opioid Related Overdose Reversal with a 4/0 vote.

Policy 6115, Fund Balance, Discussion/Revision

Mr. Raab stated that three options were included in the board packet for review and his suggestion is to have a 6% fund balance and then move to increase in the following years. Board Chair Skipper asked if the district is on track to be at that percentage this year and Mr. Raab said yes that's attainable. Mr. Peterson asked the board to bring forward any suggestions and then he will bring it back to the next meeting for revision. Mr. Raab wanted to note that the policy number had changed to align with WSSDA. Board Chair Skipper stated he appreciated Mr. Raab bringing that suggestion as it has been a focus the last year and he is pleased that we are looking at increasing that in the future as well.

NEW BUSINESS

RSD Transportation Cooperative Agreement, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated he wasn't asking the board for approval on this item tonight due to some revisions needing to be made. He asked the board to send him any questions they had on this item. Mr. Peterson said that this has been proposed up and down the valley. Director Bryan asked why RSD would cover that much money for any district and Mr. Peterson explained the funds that come from having a cooperative. Mr. Peterson shared that we would pay for their services if we were ever in the position of not having a district mechanic.

Superintendent Contract Extension

Board Chair Skipper stated that by February the board has to decide if they are going to extend the superintendents contract another year.

A motion was made to approve the superintendents contract extension by Board Chair Skipper and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve the superintendents contract extension with a 3/1 vote.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Bryan wanted to thank Mrs. Alvarado, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Vo and Mrs. Landoe for their time and years of service to the district.

Board Chair Skipper thanked everyone for their public comments and for coming because it is important. He also thanked Barb for inviting him to run the scoreboard at the middle school basketball game.

CONVENED

At 7:24 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Sections (1) (g) performance of a public employee, for approximately 30 minutes with no business to follow.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Josh Skipper, Board Chair

Rick Gonzales, Director

Gina Warner, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Teddy Bryan, Director