

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, February 14, 2022**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Director Skipper thanked Mr. Peterson for adding the description to the agenda for the vouchers; he feels it is a benefit to the public.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 1/24/2022

New Hires: Daniel Sonderland, Head HS Track Coach; Maci Deaton, Head HS Volleyball Coach; Sara Vannoy, HS ASB Bookkeeper; Tyler Earley, Emergency Fill Elementary PE Teacher; Ryan Smith, HS Head Boys Soccer Coach; Keith Hopper, HS English Teacher

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Torrie Munday, HS Asst. Softball Coach and Application Support Analyst; Christina Salinas, Paraeducator; Lori Hinger, 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- \$169,577.93 Vouchers 1054, 1056, 1057, 1058

ASB- \$7,430.46 Vouchers 1055,1057

Warrants 114666 -114700

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audience member, Kyle Kurth, read a statement.

Audience member, Magan Daymon, stated the public should be allowed to comment online and Board Chair Thornton stated those need to be submitted prior to the meeting. Ms. Daymon stated she would have been better prepared and she feels the community doesn't know enough about the process. She feels the information is limited to the parents.

Mr. Peterson read two comments from Ryan Beem and Mary Lettau that were submitted electronically.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Skipper stated he appreciated the comments on masks and he looks forward to the day these decisions can be made locally. Director Skipper urged others to contact the Governor's office with those concerns as well.

Director Gonzales thanked Mr. Kurth for the way he presented himself and that he agrees with what Director Skipper said.

Director Rheinschmidt agreed with Director Skipper and Gonzales on their statements. She stated that as soon as the State gives the green light, she is ready to get rid of the masks, but it does put the district at risk if we don't follow the mandate. She also wanted to thank Mr. Peterson and Deputy Klippert for voicing the district concerns.

An audience member asked why the district is waiting for the green light and Mr. Peterson stated those questions could be sent to him directly and he will get a response out.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

a. KB Primary School

Principal Kris Hanson shared some information on testing and asked for the community's help again around the crosswalk areas. Mrs. Hanson shared who our district Crystal Apple award winners are and read a statement about them.

b. KB Intermediate School

Principal Corey Williams shared information on MAP testing and that the curriculum for the reading adoption just arrived and he will be setting up the meetings for that committee soon. Mr. Williams shared that he and Ms. Hanson are still working on the lunch schedule and would prefer to change it one time rather than multiple. Director Skipper stated he would like to participate in the curriculum committee.

c. KB Middle School

Principal Chuck Feth was excused from the meeting.

d. KB High School

Principal Clay Henry commented on the art that was displayed around the room and thanked Mrs. Baumgartner for that. Mr. Henry recognized some FFA students and a state wrestling athlete. Mr. Henry shared that the high school has a new GEAR Up person and he continues to send his phone call/email every week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy 3246 and Procedure 3246P, Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force, Revision
Mr. Peterson stated the changes are highlighted in yellow and it is just language change.

A motion was made to approve the revision to Policy 3246, Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the revision of Policy 3246, Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force with a 5/0 vote.

School Lunch Discussion/Covid Update

Mr. Peterson stated he appreciates some of the conversations around these subjects and thanked Ms. Daymon for attending a meeting with the elementary school principals. Mr. Peterson shared that with Mr. Adamson and custodians the MPR can double in seating and have received the clearance from the DOH. Mr. Williams stated that the RTI team is most impacted and that they should be ready to go with a new schedule by Monday. Audience member asked if they would be facing each other, and Board Chair Thornton explained that conversations back and forth with the audience and the board don't typically happen. Mr. Peterson stated this topic can be put on the agenda again.

Certified Substitute Pay, Discussion

Mr. Peterson stated that the current pay is \$135.00 and the district has always stayed close to others in the region, until now. Other districts around the region are at \$150.00, which Mr. Peterson proposed the district move to. Director Rheinschmidt stated she is in support of it and Director Skipper asked what the monthly impact on the budget would be. Mr. Peterson stated there wouldn't be any impact because it would be ESSER dollars and that we are currently paying our teachers to cover class due to lack of subs. Mr. Peterson stated conversations will need to be had with the union about long-term subs.

A motion was made to raise the certificated substitute pay to \$150.00 through 2024 by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve the increase the certificated substitute pay to \$150.00 through 2024 with a 3/1 vote. Director Skipper voted no. Board Chair Thornton abstained from the vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Out of State Travel, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated this is for Diann Zavala and it will be paid out of a grant not BEA. Mr. Peterson stated he would recommend approving this and it will be during Spring break, which means no time out of the district.

A motion was made to approve the out of state travel for Diann Zavala by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the out of state travel for Diann Zavala with a 5/0 vote.

5254 Social Media Policy and Forms, First Reading

Mr. Peterson stated this isn't a WSSDA draft and it was created by Molly the communications director at the ESD123. Mr. Peterson stated the issue we are trying to contain is the lack of accountability, due to having to retain records for multiple years. Mr. Peterson stated that no action is required as it is the first reading. Director Bryan asked about who this applies to and Mr. Peterson gave a few examples. Board Chair Thornton stated he would have some other IT people look this over.

District Calendar Update, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated he would like to push the make-up snow day to June 10th and keep March 11 as a professional day. Mr. Peterson stated that Camp Wooten will be going until June 10 also. Board Chair Thornton stated that instead of ending on a Thursday we would end on Friday and Mr. Peterson stated that is correct. Director Skipper asked if this is a typical process and Mr. Peterson stated the district has typically had more snow days, so it was never an issue. Director Rheinschmidt asked if all units are aware of this and agree and Mr. Peterson stated that all units have been made aware of this twice and he has had zero responses. Mr. Williams stated his staff has indicated to not take that March day away from them and Mrs. Baumgartner asked how many parents are going to have their kids be out that last day. Mr. Peterson stated that the last day is an 11:00 release. Some statements were made from the audience and Board Chair Thornton stated the concerns will be taken into consideration for next year.

A motion to approve the revised district calendar was made by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the revised district calendar with a 4/1 vote. Director Skipper voted no.

Board Workshop Discussion

Board Chair Thornton stated this would be open to the public and no business would be done. Due to the two new board members, it would be good for them to get caught up on things. The board discussed times and dates. Mr. Peterson stated March 4th from 9-12 would be a good time. A few board members will check their calendars to make sure that works.

CONVENED

At 7:52 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 60 minutes with no business to follow.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Rick Gonzales, Director

Josh Skipper, Director

Teddy Bryan, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent