

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, February 26, 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

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Peterson introduced Coach Lucatero. Coach Lucatero introduced his coach Brittnee Serna and 3 wrestlers. Each of the wrestlers read a statement about their season and how it has impacted them to be a part of the wrestling program.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 2/12/24

New Hires: Kerri Bird, Non-Continuing HS Leadership/Activity Advisor; Kevin Brady, HS Asst. Softball Coach (.5); Madison Wheeler, HS Asst. Boys Soccer Coach; Graci Brady, HS Asst. Softball Coach (.5)

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Alyse Pivovarnik, Senior Class Advisor and Knowledge Bowl Advisor; Chris Howell, MS Baseball Coach; Don Zorn, MS Baseball Coach

Financials

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 - \$1,602,384.24

Vouchers 8, 9, 1056, 1057

AP General Fund- \$122,378.68

Vouchers 1052, 1054

ASB- \$10,1448.36

Vouchers 1053, 1054, 1055

Warrants 116264-116303

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

Board Chair Skipper read Heid Rodgers electronic comment. Board Chair Skipper stated he would work with Mr. Peterson on responding to Ms. Rodgers questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy 6022 Fund Balance, Revision

Mr. Raab explained the changes and asked if the board had questions. Board Chair Skipper stated this is a step in the right direction and he looks forward to increasing the fund balance as well as the reserve.

A motion was made to revise Policy 6022, Fund Balance by Director Gonzales and seconded by Director Warner.

A vote to approve the revision of Policy 6022, Fund Balance with a 4/0 vote.

RSD Transportation Cooperative Agreement, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated he sent the questions to the board that Mr. Craig had and is asking for the board to approve this agreement.

A motion was made to approve the RSD Transportation Cooperative Agreement by Director Warner and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the RSD Transportation Cooperative Agreement with a 4/0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bus Financing

Mr. Raab explained the financing options for the buses and stated that the interest rates would be finalized once we receive the buses. Board Chair Skipper asked if it would be 5 or 7 and Mr. Raab stated it would depend on if we go with one or two buses. Board Chair Skipper asked if there was a prepayment penalty and Mr. Raab said no.

23-24 District Calendar, Revision

Mr. Peterson stated that this is the revised version with the snow day being made up on June 7th. With that, it gives our 6th graders a full week at Camp Wooten and allows the district to keep the PD day on March 8th.

A motion was made to approve the revision of the 23-24 District Calendar by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Gina.

A vote to approve the revision of the 23-24 District Calendar with a 4/0 vote.

GEAR UP Out of State Travel, Approval

Mr. Peterson explained the two trips and Board Chair Skipper stated this is a great opportunity for our students. Director Bryan asked about the joint trip statement and Mr. Peterson clarified it is between WSU TC and KiBe School District.

A motion was made to approve GEAR Up out of State travel by Director Warner and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve GEAR UP out of State travel with a 4/0 vote.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Gonzales shared he appreciated the coaches and wrestlers coming tonight to share this evening.

Board Chair Skipper stated lessons from sports are vast and it is something to be proud of.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Peterson shared that with the resignations that were approved this evening the district will post for an ES and MS counselor positions. Mr. Peterson shared that a summer school meeting will be held soon with the anticipation of having information out before Spring break. Mr. Peterson shared the current survey results on the voting district for board members. Board Chair Skipper thanked Mr. Peterson for following up on that and he thanked the community for participating in the survey, the board appreciates the responses.

CONVENED

At 6:52 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. Executive Session was extended.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Josh Skipper, Board Chair

Gina Warner, Director

Rick Gonzales, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Teddy Bryan, Director