

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, January 8, 2024**

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

Members Absent: Drew Raab, Director of Finance

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. Elementary kindergarten students participated.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Board Chair Skipper asked for a moment of silence for previous student, Gage Mercado.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Delegations

Mr. Peterson read the State proclamation in appreciation of board members and thanked current seated members as well as previous board members for their service to the District and community.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 12/11/23

New Hires: Grace Friedrich, Temp. Non-Continuing ES Counselor; Jaime Crowe, HS ASB Bookkeeper.
Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Virginia Nagel, Elementary Paraeducator; Agustin Tovar, HS Head Tennis Coach.

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- \$1,905,267.76 Vouchers 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1042,
1043

ASB - \$25,289.57 Vouchers 1039, 1041, 1042, 1043

Warrants 116128-116158, 116161-116181

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

None.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Elementary School

Vice Principal Erin Kerr presented the report on behalf of Principal Upton that was absent. She shared with the board a report and highlighted the areas of elementary events. Vice Principal Kerr explained in detail the Santa assembly, Character Strong Assemblies, Heather's Pantry, and the Bear Boutique, their ASB sponsored food drive, and winter testing update.

Middle School

Principal Chuck Feth thanked the board for their service. He shared that section 2 of winter sports as started with 30 girls turning out for basketball and 20 boys for wrestling. Principal Feth shared that they were working on mid-year data assessments and process of improvements for a February report. He also shared that they were reassessing second chance breakfast and its impact on 2nd period at the MS and looking at possibly providing breakfast after the bell and confident they can make it work. Principal Feth indicated that 60 plus students participated in the All In Party and that 20% of the student body had their work turned in. Board Chair Skipper asked when the change would happen with breakfast and Principal Feth indicated that it would happen at the start of next quarter.

High School

Principal Clay Henry thanked the Board for the moment of silence and to Daniel Sonderland, Jennifer Kinnison, and several others during this time of loss. He indicated that there was basketball tomorrow evening and shared of upcoming weekly events. Principal Henry also shared with the board that FAFSA is a mess, so they are scheduling a parent meeting to assist.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Workshop

Board Chair Skipper opened discussion regarding the dual language workshop and the Board agreed that to schedule it for February 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Policy 2415, Elective Credit for Paid Work Experience, Second Reading

Superintendent Peterson shared more detail regarding the policy and clarified preapproval language that was in question.

NEW BUSINESS

Director District 1 Application Process, Discussion

Superintendent Peterson shared that there have been no applicants to date. The District will be accepting applications through 4:00 p.m. on January 14, 2024 and the information is posted on the districts website. He also explained that at the 90-day mark, a letter would be sent to the ESD 123 Superintendent.

Policy 3424, Opioid Related Overdose Reversal, First Reading

Superintendent Peterson shared with the board that there was a strong recommendation from the ESD and site nurses to have this policy so that Narcan can be available in case of a suspected overdose. The Narcan can be placed with the AED's and it was confirmed that there was no side effects if administered to non-overdosed recipients.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board Chair Skipper stated he was able to visit the elementary and middle school this morning and that he and Superintendent Peterson were able to attend the legislative session update held at the ESD.

CONVENED

At 6:59 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 7:18 p.m.

Josh Skipper, Board Chair

Gina Warner, Director

Rick Gonzales, Director

Teddy Bryan, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent