

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, January 10, 2022**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair  
Teddy Bryan, Director  
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director  
Josh Skipper, Director  
Rick Gonzales, Director  
Kurt Beckley, Executive Director of Finance  
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. in the District Board Room and to view via Zoom.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. Peterson gave the oath of office to Rick Gonzales.

**DELEGATIONS**

None.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

New Hires: Catherine Desgranges, #14 Special Services Life Skills; Christopher Howell, MS Asst. Wrestling Coach; Pedro Paniagua, #2 Bus Driver  
Resignation/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Veronica Ortiz, HS ASB Bookkeeper; Jose Ortiz, HS Bilingual Paraeducator; Allen Wahlstrom, HS Head Track 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.

Payroll- \$1,548,891.85	Vouchers 1041, 1042
AP General Fund- \$222,719.37	Vouchers 1043, 1045, 1046, 1047
ASB- \$6,042.49	Vouchers 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047
Warrants 114588-114628	
Financials	

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)**

Mr. Peterson read a comment that was submitted electronically by Michell Bragg.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

None.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

### **Athletics**

Mr. Den Boer shared the band/choir concert went well and everyone was excited about it. Mr. Den Boer stated that he and a few others are in the middle of working on rebranding for the high school. Mr. Den Boer shared that the athletes are testing three times a week and the coaches are doing an excellent job facilitating that process. He shared that almost all the winter coaches are new and are establishing a culture and foundation.

### **Student Support Services**

Mr. Castillo stated ECEAP is fully enrolled and thanked the teachers for all their hard work during the holidays for working with the Chamber on providing meals for 11 families. Mr. Castillo shared that the threat assessment training is completed for all personnel that needs it. He stated that lockdown drills were held in conjunction with the Benton County Sheriff's Office and the feed back great with areas for improvement as well. SIRT training in the building went well with Benton County Sheriff's Office in attendance and they were impressed with the team. 21<sup>st</sup> Century has about 21 kids enrolled and is doing well. Mr. Castillo stated that Mrs. Long continues to do a great job to provide snacks for the program and we are looking at extending it for next year to K-8.

### **Maintenance/Transportation**

Director of Maintenance and Operations/Transportation, Dan Adamson welcomed the new board member. Mr. Adamson stated that the employees that work in his departments are doing a great job. Mr. Adamson stated that some employees are doing double duty and he appreciates all the hard work. Mr. Adamson shared that he has an open-door policy and if anyone would like to talk, they are welcome to.

### **Technology**

David Rodriguez stated winter break went well and projects were finished thanks to Dan's team. Mr. Rodriguez shared that testing started and will continue through the rest of the year. Tech committee meetings have been going great and they have discussed Power School and they are excited about it. Mr. Rodriguez is working on the web version of iVisions and hopes to have that completed mid Spring. Erate is coming along and we have not received the access points from last year yet, they are sitting in a container somewhere. Board Chair Thornton asked how the security cameras and system is doing and Mr. Rodriguez stated they are good and his team has been working with buildings on the correct positionings.

### **Federal Programs**

Mr. Haun thanked the board and welcomed the new board member. Mr. Haun shared that he has been working through the Civil Rights report and is hoping to be done by the end of the week. Mr. Haun stated he has a new grant pending approval for the fire suppression system at the elementary and middle school. Mr. Haun thanked Rob for his help on getting the information for the grant. Mr. Haun shared that he has asked the administrators to review their school improvement plans by this Spring. Director Rheinschmidt asked Mr. Haun about the Bright Ideas on the voucher and Mr. Haun stated he would find out what it is.

### **Special Services**

Ms. Zavala handed out her written report and reviewed it. Ms. Zavala shared that she would need a board member for the Dual Language Advisory Council and to email Pete if they are interested.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Student Information System, Discussion**

Mr. Peterson stated he sent some information to the board about Power School and the staff that has had a chance to view it has liked it. Mr. Peterson stated a formal board approval isn't needed, but he would recommend the board to approve it. Director Rheinschmidt asked if it will work well with other programs and Mr. Rodriguez stated that it would. Director Rheinschmidt also asked about Final Forms and Mr. Rodriguez indicated that would be a conversation across the district to become uniform. Director Skipper asked when

the current contract ended, and Mr. Peterson stated August 1<sup>st</sup>. Board Chair Thornton asked if Kurt was good with it and he said yes; it's creating a cost savings.

**A motion was made to approve the Power School contract by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.**

**A vote to approve the Power School contract with a 5/0 vote.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Minutes from 12/13/2021, Approval**

**A motion was made to approve the minutes from 12/13/2021 by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.**

**A vote to approve the minutes from 12/13/2021 with a 3/0 vote.**

**Minutes from 12/21/21, Approval**

**A motion was made to approve the minutes from 12/21/21 by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Bryan.**

**A vote to approve the special meeting minutes from 12/21/21 with a 4/0 vote.**

**CONVENED**

At 7:20 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 30 minutes. No business to follow. Executive session was extended.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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**Dale Thornton, Board Chair**

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