

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, January 23, 2023**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A vote to approve the agenda with a 5/0 vote.

Delegations

Mr. Peterson read the proclamation for School Board Appreciation month and thanked the board members. Leadership students Austyn and Quinten presented the board with gifts and thanked them for their work.

Mr. Peterson thanked the retirees for the many years they have put in and they will be missed.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 1/9/23

New Hires: Alyssa Maher, Color Guard Instructor; Noah Peck, MS Asst. Boys Soccer Coach

Resignations/Separations/Retirements/Termination: Janet Dobbins, Custodial; Stacey Stearns, Teacher; Kim Cruz, Teacher

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 - \$1,606,851.25	Vouchers 1059, 1060
AP General Fund- \$230,017.70	Vouchers 1055, 1057, 1058
ASB- \$480.00	Vouchers 1056
Warrants 115402-115436	

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Assessment Update for Spring

Mrs. Ashley thanked the board for their work and stated that testing has hit the ground running. Mrs. Ashley shared the dates of when testing will take place in each building. Mr. Peterson shared that Mrs. Ashley will be back in May to give an update on testing.

Legislative Update

Mr. Peterson shared some important points and updates on legislative issues coming up. Director Rheinschmidt asked if Mr. Peterson would share with our representatives the amount the district is spending on Special Services out of levy dollars. Mr. Peterson stated he would share that in his next emails he sends.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board Chair Thornton shared that a parent contacted him about our students at a recent event and that they were the best to interact with. Board Chair Thornton stated that was good news. Board Chair Thornton asked if the district is utilizing Skyward still and Mr. Peterson stated that the district had to open a one month contract to get the data we needed then cancelled it.

Director Skipper stated that the WASA dinner was great to go to and appreciated the update tonight as well. Mr. Peterson stated he is forwarding all legislative updates he receives and encourages the board to reach out to Dan Steele as well.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Peterson shared some district goals. Mr. Peterson stated that the increase of the fund balance for the district and at the February 13th meeting it can be discussed on how to make that happen. He shared that 5% is the goal but he isn't sure that is enough and would recommend 6 or 7% and within two years the district would be at 7%. Overall fiscal responsibility has been reviewed by looking at transportation costs, outside contracts for services and staffing models. Mr. Peterson wanted to thank Drew and Mona for getting down to day-to-day costs. He shared that he will be working with bargaining members to discuss the staffing models K-12 and with TK possibly shifting. Mr. Peterson shared that improvements made with SEL and the CEE surveys gave the district a baseline with parents and students. Erich Boltz will be back in February to work on one approach across the district. He shared that leadership has been great, good progress and enthusiastic progress has happened. Mr. Peterson asked for questions or comments. The board had none.

Recessed

At 7:06 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 30 minutes. Business to follow.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:35

Superintendent Contract Extension

A motion was made to approve the Superintendent Contract Extension for one year by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

Roll Call

Director Rheinschmidt, No; Director Bryan, Yes; Director Gonzales, No; Director Skipper, Yes; Board Chair Thornton, Yes.

A vote to approve the Superintendent Contract Extension for one year with a 3/2 vote.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Rick Gonzales, Director

Josh Skipper, Director

Teddy Bryan, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent