

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, January 24, 2022**

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

Members Absent: Kurt Beckley, Executive Director of Finance

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.

**Delegations**

Mr. Peterson read a declaration for school board appreciation month and thanked all the board members. Two leadership students presented the board members with a sign and thank you notes.

Director Skipper asked for more detail on the agenda for vouchers.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from 1/10/2022

New Hires: Selia Mendoza, 22-23 K-5 ELL Teacher

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Richard Harding, High School Teacher; Lisa Pacsuta, High School English Teacher; Charley Berryhill, HS Asst. Football Coach; Kurt Beckley, Executive Director of Finance

Principal Contract

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 General Fund - \$1,503,485.65	Vouchers 1052, 1053
AP General Fund- \$128,871.89	Vouchers 1048, 1050, 1051
ASB- \$1,298.48	Vouchers 1049
Warrants 114629-114664	

**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 5/0 vote.**

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

Megan Daymon shared her concern about the elementary lunch schedule.

Mr. Peterson shared a comment from Shelly Burt that was submitted via email.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Board Chair Thornton agreed that what he has heard is 9:40 is too early for lunch and stated that it is time to roll class together unless we have a covid issue. Board Chair Thornton stated he didn't see an issue between lunch and recess, and he would like to stop by tomorrow to watch how things go.

Director Gonzales asked if students would be able to eat in classrooms and Mr. Peterson stated that options are open and that is something that will be looked into. Director Skipper stated he appreciated the rescheduling, but agrees that 9:40 is too early for lunch. Mrs. Hanson was asked to say a few things, she shared that she is open to options and explained the inside view of operations. She also agreed that 9:40 was too early. Director Bryan asked if the rule is still 6 feet apart and Mr. Peterson stated yes, as much as possible when unmasked. Mr. Peterson shared that the principals are going to get an update from staff on Wednesday about how they feel the new schedule is going. Director Rheinschmidt stated she is worried that the little kids will be tempted to hurry through lunch to get outside and play. Mrs. Hanson stated that the staff oversees that and reminds the students to finish before they go outside. Board Chair Thornton asked about providing healthy snacks in the classroom and Mr. Peterson stated he asked Mrs. Long to look into options.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Camp Wooten, Discussion**

Mr. Peterson shared that it is that time to reserve Camp Wooten and Mr. Feth is looking into whether it can be carried over to the next year or refunded if it must be canceled. Mr. Peterson stated he feels comfortable with sending the deposit for this year if we have the disclaimer in writing. Director Skipper stated he agrees because that is one of the reasons the district pushed the levy and Board Chair Thornton stated the board supports the decision.

### **Superintendent Contract Extension**

Director Gonzales asked if it was a three-year extension and Director Rheinschmidt stated it would add one year to make it three total. Board Chair Thornton suggested the board move this to executive session and Mr. Peterson stated the board would have to come back with business to follow.

**A motion was made to move the discussion of the Superintendent Contract Extension to executive session with business to follow by Board Chair Thornton and seconded by Director Skipper.**

**A vote to approve moving the discussion of the Superintendent Contract Extension to executive session with business to follow with a 5/0 vote.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Peterson shared that he had sent an email to gauge what emails the board received so they can stay up to date on the absences in the district. Mr. Peterson stated that the impact to staff hasn't been high due to Covid. Mr. Peterson commended the custodial staff for the exceptional job they have done.

Mr. Peterson shared that the Executive Director of Finance is now open and there is internal interest. Mr. Peterson stated this turnaround won't be as long as last time.

Mr. Peterson shared that ESSER dollars are available for Social Emotional Learning with a State grant for around \$112,000.00 and that is to be completed in the next few weeks.

## **CONVENED**

At 7:09 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.

Reconvened at 7:40

**A motion was made to extend Mr. Peterson's contract for one-year by Board Chair Thornton and seconded by Director Skipper.**

**Roll Call: Board Chair Thornton, Yes; Director Skipper, Yes; Director Gonzales, Yes; Director Bryan, Yes; Director Rheinschmidt, No.**

**A vote to approve the one-year contract extension for Mr. Peterson with a 4/1 vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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**Dale Thornton, Board Chair**

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