

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, July 24, 2023**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair  
Teddy Bryan, Director  
Josh Skipper, Director  
Rick Gonzales, Director  
Drew Raab, Director of Finance  
Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Members Absent: Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

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 Bryan and seconded by Director Gonzales.**

**A vote to approve the agenda with a 4/0 vote.  
Director Rheinschmidt was absent.**

**Delegations**

None.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

New Hires: Kristi Beckley, Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education Teacher; Abby Sandoval, HS Asst. Girls Soccer Coach; Emma Baumgartner, HS Asst. Volleyball 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 - \$1,765,956.68	Vouchers 1116, 1117
AP General Fund- \$287,079.38	Vouchers 1112, 1114,1115, 1118, 1119, 1120
ASB- \$14,691.18	Vouchers 1113, 1114, 119
Warrants 115788-115809	

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

**Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 4/0 vote.  
Director Rheinschmidt was absent.**

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

Several staff and community members in person expressed their thoughts and concerns related to classified staff wages.

Mr. Peterson read a written comment from Jennifer Kinnison about summer school.

**Board Chair Thornton recessed the regular board meeting at 6:59**

**Public Hearing on the 23-24 Budget**

Mr. Raab shared and reviewed his Power Point. Mr. Raab went over the MSOC disclosure and amounts.

**Board Chair Thornton opened for public comment.**

Questions that were asked by audience members were, what are reporting protocols and how each employee is categorized, and Mr. Raab addressed those. Another question asked was how the F195 was used to build the budget and Mr. Raab explained that process. Multiple audience members asked about ESSER dollars and Mr. Raab addressed and explained. Board Chair Thornton stated that this Power Point would be available online. Director Skipper thanked Drew and Mona for all their hard work.

**Public Hearing closed at 7:24.**

**Resume regular board meeting at 7:24.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Capital Projects Levy Update**

Mr. Peterson shared information about the parking lot area at elementary and middle schools. Mr. Peterson shared that he attended a city council meeting, and this information was well received. Mr. Peterson stated that he will be holding a public information night next week and then make a decision on whether to move forward or not with the levy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Minutes from 6/26/23, Approval**

**A motion was made to approve the minutes from 6/26/23 by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.**

**A vote to approve the minutes from 6/26/23 with a 4/0 vote.**

**Director Rheinschmidt was absent.**

**Resolution 5-2023, 23-24 Budget, Approval**

**A motion was made to approve Resolution 5-2023, 23-24 Budget by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.**

**Roll call:**

**Board Chair Thornton, Yes; Director Skipper, Yes; Director Bryan, Yes; Director Gonzales, Yes**

**A vote to approve Resolution 5-2023, 23-24 Budget with a 4/0 vote.**

**Director Rheinschmidt was absent from the meeting.**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Sipper thanked everyone for attending tonight and said that their time is appreciated.

Board Chair Thornton shared that a professional architect provided the information for the parking lot plan, and it provided a good plan for traffic flow. In the future the district would like to have a bond for the elementary and this project would be a part of those phases. He shared that a two-year capital levy would pay for that and fund it.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Peterson thanked the board for putting up with his jury duty. He shared that the capital levy informational night will be July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 and he is hoping to have one in Spanish also. Mr. Peterson wanted to commend the bargaining units that the district has worked with so far. Mr. Peterson thanked Drew and Mona for the work they have put into the budget.

**CONVENED**

At 7:41 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 8:10 p.m.

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**Dale Thornton, Board Chair**

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**Julie Rheinschmidt, Director**

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**Rick Gonzales, Director**

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