

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, June 27, 2022**

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

Members Absent: Teddy Bryan, 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 Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Gonzales.

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

Delegations

None.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 6/13/2022

New Hires: Stephen Kelley, HS/MS Music/Choir Teacher; Jose Ortiz, HS Migrant SS Pass Program Paraeducator; Sondra Edwards, HS Math SS Teacher; Amanda McDonough, MS Math/Lang. SS Teacher; Dan Sonderland, HS Special Services SS Teacher; Jennifer Kinnison, HS SS Online Credit Retrieval Instructor; Lisa Upton, Elementary Vice Principal; Irene Alvarado, TK Teacher; Cole Walters, HS Math Teacher

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Lance Den Boer, HS Asst. Principal/Athletic Director; Josh McCarty, MS Asst. Boys Soccer Coach; Tracy Rhoades, Custodial; Mandy Valdez, Custodial; Erika Alpizar, Paraeducator

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 - \$1,587,352.56	Vouchers 1102, 1103
AP General Fund- \$155,615.93	Vouchers 1104, 1106, 1107, 1108
ASB- \$4,197.81	Vouchers 1105
Warrants 114942-114992	
Financials	

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Board Chair Thornton and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)
None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K-5 Reading Curriculum, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated this curriculum is a little more expensive than anticipated, but other districts are running into this issue as well. Mr. Peterson stated that the district would like to work with Prosser and Pasco for professional development opportunities to help with the cost. Director Skipper asked if this would be on display and Mr. Peterson stated it has been on display at the district office for two weeks. Board Chair Thornton asked how long this would be in place and Mr. Peterson stated at least 7 years. Director Rheinschmidt asked how much of the cost will be covered by grants and Mr. Peterson stated that he and Drew would take a look at that, but there was \$200,000.00 ear marked at the high school and they aren't doing an adoption this year.

A motion was made to approve the K-5 Reading Curriculum by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the K-5 Reading Curriculum with a 4/0 vote.
Director Bryan was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

SIP, Approval

Mr. Peterson shared that these plans were done with all administration so that they are consistent across the district. Mr. Peterson stated he is proud of the administration staff for putting the work into these. Mr. Peterson stated one of his major goals was to accomplish this. Board Chair Thornton stated he liked that they were individual, but with the same goals. Mr. Peterson stated the next step is to share this with staff in August and having the buy in. Board Chair Thornton asked if the board approves it now are the principals able to change it later and Mr. Peterson said these plans are solid and will see small changes in the Spring next year. Director Rheinschmidt asked about Achieve 3000 and Mr. Peterson stated it is an online state approved curriculum.

A motion was made to approve the SIP by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Gonzales.

**A vote to approve the SIP with a 4/0 vote.
Director Bryan was absent.**

Classroom Safety, Discussion

Mr. Peterson asked Board Chair Thornton to start this discussion. Board Chair Thornton stated he had community members ask about locked classroom doors. Board Chair Thornton stated he had done a perimeter walk around and we have a pretty robust exterior system. Mr. Peterson stated this a good question for discussion; we have had this practice in place for years with all classroom doors having a magnet in the door which allows for the doors to be locked at all times. Mr. Peterson asked if the board would like Mr. Castillo to give a report on safety process and features and the board indicated they would. Director Skipper asked if the school resource officer visits all the buildings and Mr. Peterson shared he is not on a rotation, but when he is available he goes through the other buildings. Director Rheinschmidt asked if all the exterior doors are locked and Mr. Peterson stated yes they are and we are one of the few schools that each building you have to be buzzed in to enter. Director Rheinschmidt asked if the bullhorns were being used in drills still and Mr. Peterson stated to his knowledge they are. Director Rheinschmidt asked about safety procedures for subs and new employees and Mr. Peterson stated a sub handbook is being made, which will include safety plans.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Rheinschmidt thanked Drew and Mona for the board workshop and stated it was very good.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Peterson shared that the CRT on the district calendar will be changed to PLC on Wednesday’s. Hiring for the district will be done early this year as we only have a few positions left to fill. Mr. Peterson shared the board workshop will be July 22 and still working on a professional development calendar. Board Chair Thornton asked if the professional development for the reading curriculum would be held here or in Prosser and Mr. Peterson stated that this has yet to be determined. Director Skipper asked if the board would receive a copy of the budget before the meeting on the 22nd and Mr. Raab stated yes.

CONVENED

At 7:11 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 7:28 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Rick Gonzales, Director

Josh Skipper, Director

Teddy Bryan, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent