

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, March 14, 2022**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair
Teddy Bryan, Director
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director
Josh Skipper, Director
Rick Gonzales, 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 Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

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

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Peterson stated this was the first meeting without masks in two years. Mr. Peterson shared a proclamation about Education Support Professionals week and thanked them for all they do for our district.

Director Skipper stated he was thankful for the descriptions on the agenda for vouchers.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

New Hires: Kyle Rossine, HS JV Baseball Coach; Mercedes Santoy, HS Asst. Boys Soccer Coach; Karlee Langfield, MS Asst. Softball Coach; Mona Van Hollebeke, Asst. Director of Finance/Personnel; Cassandra Spies, Paraeducator

Resignation/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Ken Noel, Head HS Football 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.

AP General Fund- \$190,593.41 Vouchers 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068

ASB- \$1,901.03 Vouchers 1066 1067

Warrants 114741-114770

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

Mr. Peterson read an email from Shirley Myren about an update on microwaves and asked to give an update on that during asset inventory.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Athletics

Mr. Den Boer shared that Friday, March 25, will be a music concert at the high school. Mr. Den Boer gave an update on Spring sports. He stated the rebranding information had been sent out for staff to start using. Mr. Den Boer shared that he had a meeting with the local strength and fitness gym in town and that went well and hopefully the athletes can start working with them. Mr. Den Boer also shared that he has received 4 out of the 5 youth surveys back and will continue to work with that.

Student Support Services

Mr. Castillo stated ECEAP is fully enrolled and thanked the teachers for all their hard work. Mr. Castillo gave an update on the safety and security and that he is working with BCSO for some training. Mr. Castillo stated that 21st Century program is doing well, and the McKinney Vento program has lower numbers right now, which is good. Board Chair Thornton asked if the Heather's Pantry needed some restocking and Mr. Castillo stated he would let him know when he does. Mr. Castillo shared there would be a Family Engagement night on March 26 from 12-1:30 in the MPR at the Elementary.

Maintenance/Transportation

Director of Maintenance and Operations/Transportation, Dan Adamson stated WSP inspections will be coming up on the 28th and the State fully funded transportation, so that will be a big help. He shared that he will be working with the finance director on getting a new bus and working on the depreciation schedule. Mr. Adamson stated that custodial staff is back to a somewhat normal schedule and prepping for Spring Break. He shared that we received an Emergency Improvement grant and have moved forward with receiving quotes for that. Grounds is doing good with all sports fields prepped for the season and fertilizer was put down last fall so they were able to get ahead of things.

Technology

David Rodriguez shared that he has started the interview process for the Software Analyst position and that they have received the access points and will begin programming those. He is currently working on Ivisions conversion and Power School implementation is going well; the technology committee is really getting the hang of it. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he has his technician doing inventory at the buildings and they are working on implementing Cleaver, which is a single sign-on system.

Federal Programs

Mr. Haun shared that the district received the Urgent Repair grant for \$200,000.00 and thanked Mr. Whitman for helping with the information for that. Mr. Haun stated he is still working on the poverty percentages and that should be completed by tomorrow. Mr. Haun is starting paraeducator training each Wednesday until it is complete. Mr. Haun shared he will work with Drew to move forward on budget items.

Special Services

Ms. Zavala handed out her written report and reviewed it. Ms. Zavala also shared that a contract was signed with Columbia Industries for transition skills and there is about 2-3 students that will participate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Power School Update

Mr. Peterson stated the high school is wanting access right away to start working in the system. He shared that several meetings have been had to set up the district by school and the principals have attended. The tech committee is onboard with the switch as well. In the next weeks security levels will be set for staff so they can log in and work in the "sand box". Mr. Peterson stated that once Power School is fully set up, he will present this to the board. Board Chair Thornton asked if parent access will be up next Fall and Mr. Peterson stated it will be.

Asset Inventory Update

Mr. Peterson shared that he debriefed with David today and most classrooms have been inventoried so they are well ahead of schedule. Along with that he has asked Jennifer Long to use her best judgement to order 5 microwaves for the lunchroom. With that, Mr. Adamson is verifying the best places to put them for electrical purposes. After a few months of Mrs. Long monitoring the usage, she will determine if more are needed. Director Rheinschmidt thanked David and his team for taking on the asset inventory.

NEW BUSINESS

Workshop Discussion

Board Chair Thornton stated the workshop that the board just held went well and the board would like to have another. Board Chair Thornton asked if before the meeting on the 28th would work and the board agreed that it would. Mr. Peterson stated he could get some topics out so they know exactly what will be discussed. Mr. Gonzales asked about the Power Point and Mr. Peterson stated he would forward that this evening. Mr. Peterson stated it was a great work session and to have Mr. Garchow attend was nice and appreciated that very much.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Rheinschmidt enjoyed the meeting with Catherine and is excited to get the dual language up and running again.

Director Gonzales asked how the information for the math night gets out to parents and Ms. Zavala stated that they will use the robo call system and flyers during conference time.

Director Skipper stated he enjoyed the reading curriculum meeting last week.

Board Chair Thornton adjourned the meeting due to Mr. Peterson indicating no executive session then rescinded it due to approving the agenda earlier in the meeting.

CONVENED

At 7:26 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.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Josh Skipper, Director

Rick Gonzales, Director

Teddy Bryan, Vice Chair

Pete Peterson, Superintendent