

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, March 25, 2024**

Members Present: Josh Skipper, Board Chair
Teddy Bryan, Director
Gina Warner, Director
Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Members Absent: Rick Gonzales, Director; Drew Raab, Director of Finance

Visitors: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Skipper 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 Warner and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve the agenda with a 3/0 vote.

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Peterson invited April Bechen to come up and speak. Ms. Bechen shared some of the activities GEAR Up has done and reviewed a Power Point with the board. Multiple student shared their experiences with GEAR Up and how it has impacted their education.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

New Hires: Quinten Harding, MS Asst. Baseball Coach; Krisna Montalvo, MS Counselor
Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Dan Sonderland, HS Head Boys Basketball Coach; Joni Ashley, District Assessment Coordinator
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 - \$1,625,753.57	Vouchers 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065
AP General Fund- \$134,572.51	Vouchers 1066, 1067, 1068
ASB- \$653.00	Vouchers 1067
Warrants 116336 - 116365	

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

Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 3/0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy 6700, Nutrition, Health and Physical Education, Revision

Mr. Raab explained the changes and asked if the board had questions. Board Chair Skipper stated this is a step in the right direction and he looks forward to increasing the fund balance as well as the reserve.

A motion was made to revise Policy 6700, Nutrition Health and Physical Education by Director Warner and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve the revision of Policy 6700, Nutrition, Health and Physical Education with a 3/0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

GEAR Up Out of State Travel, Approval

Mr. Peterson stated this is an overnight trip. Board Chair Skipper stated we have just witnessed this evening what GEAR Up has done for our students and the success it has had.

A motion was made to approve GEAR Up out of State travel by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Warner.

A vote to approve GEAR Up out of State travel with a 3/0 vote.

Minutes from 3/11/24, Approval

The minutes were tabled until the next meeting due to Director Gonzales being absent from the meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Bryan recognized Joni Ashley for her retirement, and she has done a great job and she hopes that she enjoys retirement with family and friends.

Board Chair Skipper shared he was able to participate in Read Across American and read to 7-8 classes at the elementary. He also thanked the staff at each building for allowing him to visit and appreciates all of them.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Peterson shared that middle school principal interviews will be Friday. He did a tour of the middle school with Keeley Gant about the career labs as well as the representative from the company and they had no issues with our spaces for the class. Mr. Peterson stated that would be a part of the 7th grade curriculum next year. Mr. Peterson shared that Mr. Raab and Mr. Wilson are working together to purchase an FFA truck due to receiving a grant. Mr. Peterson shared he has been in three different districts with GEAR Up and April is doing an amazing job here in our district.

CONVENED

At 6:53 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 7:13 p.m.

Josh Skipper, Board Chair

Gina Warner, Director

Rick Gonzales, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Teddy Bryan, Director