

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, March 27, 2023**

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

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

Delegations

None.

Director Skipper asked if the election charge of \$17,18.72 was a one-time charge and Mr. Raab stated yes, it is.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Resignations/Separations/Retirements/Termination/Non-Renewal: Leonela Arceo, ECEAP Asst. Teacher;
Tyler Earley, Head MS Fastpitch 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 - \$1,632,030.53	Vouchers 1076, 1077
AP General Fund- \$171,300.16	Vouchers 1078, 1080, 1081
ASB- \$14,801.78	Vouchers 1079, 1081
Warrants 115536-115575	

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)

Audience member, Kelly Wheeler, asked with a negative reserve fund it would be good for the board to address how the district got there and what the plan is to fix it. She suggested reviewing this at a board meeting.

Audience member, Chris Howell, stated he is wondering about everything that is going on and hoping the board could shed some light on it. He asked if it was possible to receive a letter that he was reinstated so that he can plan for things.

Audience member, Alex Kanehl expressed her concern about the bullying that has been happening with her students and would like the board to be aware of what's going on.

Audience member, Emma Baumgartner, expressed that she is concerned about the security at the elementary playground. She would like this topic to be addressed so that parents stop entering the school playground during school hours.

Audience member, Rosa Sanchez, expressed her concern for her student and asked that she be contacted by an adult to know what is happening in her students classroom. She wants to make sure they are safe going to school.

Mr. Peterson read two electronic comments by Heidi Rodgers and Leslie Johnson.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes from 3/13/23, Approval

A motion was made to approve the minutes from 3/13/23 by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the minutes from 3/13/23 with a 3/0 vote.

Director Rheinschmidt was absent.

Director Bryan was absent from the 3/13/23 meeting.

Community Service Discussion

Mr. Peterson invited Mr. Henry and Mr. Feth to talk about what is currently required and recommended. Mr. Feth explained the different things the middle school students do for community service each year. Board Chair Thornton asked if these activities are voluntary or required and Mr. Feth stated that most students don't have an issue and are positive about participating. Board Chair Thornton asked what the participation rate is, and Mr. Feth stated 100% of the ones that are at school.

Mr. Henry explained that high school students need 20 hours over the course of their four years at the high school, but it doesn't stop a student from graduating. Director Skipper asked how the 20 hours is tracked and Mr. Henry stated on a sheet of paper with signatures. Director Skipper asked what the percentage of students that participate and Mr. Henry stated about 80% of the students just help because they enjoy helping others.

Mr. Peterson asked if the board was satisfied with the information or if more was needed. Board Chair Thornton shared that when he was in school it was a requirement. Director Skipper shared that he made the request and is heartened to hear the level of involvement and feels that everyone owes gratitude to the person below them. Mr. Peterson shared that the senior project went away in 2015 and now it is pathways.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Gonzales stated that someone will get back to the audience member that had the safety issue.

Board Chair Thornton shared that he has been in contact with the Washington State DOT and they will pay for one flashing light in front of the skate park and the district will need to provide power for it. Mr. Peterson stated he would let Mr. Adamson know.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Peterson shared the 8th grade transition night went very well. The curriculum process is continuing and a final presentation will be in April. Mr. Peterson shared information about the STEM grant that was received. The district was 2 out of 80 schools that received this grant and Mr. Peterson wanted to thank Deb Bowen and Luanne Stoke for their hard work on this and the first meeting will be April 19th from 8:30-12:00.

CONVENED

At 7:12 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. Executive session was extended.

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

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Rick Gonzales, Director

Josh Skipper, Director

Teddy Bryan, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent