

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, May 8, 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 by Transitional Kindergarten students.

Mr. Peterson asked the board to add under new business a, coaches' ejection and move the rest of the items down one letter.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Director Gonzales and seconded by Director Skipper.**

**A vote to approve the amended agenda with a 4/0 vote.**

**Director Rheinschmidt was absent.**

**DELEGATIONS**

Mr. Peterson thanked the district office staff for stepping in when he was out sick, and he appreciates the continuity.

Director Skipper thanked Kris for all her service and wished her well.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Kris Hanson, ES Principal

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- \$195,323.24                      Vouchers 1092, 1094, 1095

ASB- \$11,924.13                                      Vouchers 1093, 1094

Warrants 115643-115669

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

**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, Emma Baumgartner, addressed her concerns about her child being safe at school and asked about the district hiring more paras for students with angry behaviors.

Mr. Peterson read Heidi Rodgers' email comment.

Mr. Peterson stated he would work with Board Chair Thornton and respond via email.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

### **Athletics**

Mr. Henry handed out his report and reviewed it with the board. Director Skipper asked if the games were home this Saturday and Mr. Henry said yes.

### **Student Support Services**

Mr. Castillo submitted a report via email. Mr. Castillo introduced Sheena McCollum to share an update about 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Ms. McCollum shared a Power Point Presentation to the board. Director Skipper asked what the best way to contact Sheena was and she stated that Mr. Castillo or she will share her business card with the board also.

### **Maintenance/Transportation**

Director of Maintenance and Operations/Transportation, Dan Adamson shared that inspections went good, prepping for Summer projects, and grounds is prepping for sports, weeds and irrigation.

### **Technology**

Mr. Rodriguez handed out his written report and reviewed it. Mr. Peterson asked how long the district printer contract is and Mr. Rodriguez said he thought it would be 5 years but would double check.

### **Federal Programs**

Mr. Haun was absent from the meeting but submitted an email report Tuesday.

### **Special Services**

Ms. Zavala handed out her written report and reviewed it with the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Coaches Ejection**

Mr. Henry introduced Kyle Rossine and he explained that he learned from this, and it wouldn't happen again.

### **Work Session Discussion**

Mr. Peterson stated that the first 45 minutes would be an update about Dual Language and the second half would be an update from BLRB. Mr. Peterson asked if the board is still good with 12:00 still on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> and the board agreed with that time and date.

### **Resolution 3-2023 WIAA, Approval**

Mr. Peterson stated this is a standard approval needed each year for the WIAA.

**A motion was made to approve Resolution 3-2023 by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.**

**A vote to approve Resolution 3-2023 with a 4/0 vote.**

**Director Rheinschmidt was absent.**

### **Attendance and Reengagement Update**

Emily Raab reviewed the one page update she handed out to the board. Board Chair Thornton asked which building she has seen the most improvement and Mrs. Raab stated the Elementary. Mr. Peterson shared

that Emily and Mallory are doing a great job with this program and that it is well known throughout the ESD as other districts are using processes that these two have come up with.

**Gifford Garden, Discussion**

Leadership student Saraily Calderon read a proposal from Tracy King wanting to name the garden in the high school after Julia Gifford. Mr. Henry agreed with the proposal and stated she is incredible and never slows down. Saraily shared that she always greets us with a smile and just loves being at the school. Mr. Peterson shared that the board should consider adopting a policy on naming facilities. He reiterated that this is a fantastic idea but wise to consider having a policy in place before acting on it. Director Skipper asked Mr. Peterson to find some model policies. Mr. Henry asked to include retired numbers as well. Board Chair Thornton stated this would be tabled until the next meeting or until policies are brought to the board.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Board Chair Thornton shared that candidate filing is next week and three positions are open. Mr. Peterson shared that people could look at the county website to confirm what district they are in. Board Chair Thornton stated that the boundaries have changed somewhat, and the election will be in November.

**CONVENED**

At 7:38 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Sections (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 8:15 p.m.

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**Dale Thornton, Board Chair**

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**Julie Rheinschmidt, Director**

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**Josh Skipper, Vice Chair**

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**Rick Gonzales, Director**

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