

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

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

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director
Teddy Bryan, Director
Josh Skipper, Director
Rick Gonzales, Director
Drew Raab, Executive 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted. Ki-Be Elementary kindergarten and ASB students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 5/0 vote.

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Peterson thanked all the parents and students for attending to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Peterson shared with the board that the manual warrant on the agenda is an automatic transfer that was denied so a check had to be cut.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

New Hires: Sicily Dixon #2 Kitchen Helper; Elzzy Gonzales, #3 Temp. Special Services Paraeducator; Jenny Careaga, Non-Continuing MS Homework Center

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- \$455,854.33 Vouchers 1028, 1030, 1031

ASB- \$9,891.85 Vouchers 1029,1030, 1031

Warrants 115234 -115273

Manual Warrant

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

Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 4/1 vote.

Director Gonzales abstained from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audience member, Sophia Craven, read a statement about AAU to the board.

Audience member, Celest Pace, shared her concern about raising facilities cost and use of facilities.

Audience member, Angel Mendoza, shared his concern about raising facilities use fees.

Board Chair Thornton thanked everyone for their comments.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

a. KB Primary School

Principal Kris Hanson handed out information to the board and reviewed it. Mrs. Hanson also shared some events happening in the coming future. Mrs. Hanson thanked Shannon and Lisa for all of their help this year.

b. KB Middle School

Principal Chuck Feth shared that he spent time last week at the Outdoor Education training which will help enhance things at Camp Wooten. Winter sports has started and there are over 40 boys basketball players and about 12 girls wrestlers. Mr. Feth shared that they had a Veterans Day assembly that went well, and CAVE classes wrote letters for VFW posts. Student led conferences will be next Monday and Tuesday.

c. KB High School

Principal Clay Henry handed out his call home and reviewed it with the board. He shared that the Veterans Day assembly went well, and it was great to see Mr. Hopper in his uniform. Mr. Henry stated that he had a great meeting with AAU last week and it was nice to collaborate with them. He shared that the SCAC Sportsmanship Camp went well and wanted to thank district administration and Heidi for the support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Facilities Use Fee, Discussion

Mr. Peterson stated that Director Rheinschmidt had some questions, and he would turn that over to Mr. Raab. Mr. Raab stated that Director Rheinschmidt wanted to see a sliding scale and Director Rheinschmidt stated that and factors. Mr. Raab explained the scale that was shared with the board and asked if anyone had questions. Director Rheinschmidt felt this gave coaches more incentive to recruit more Ki-Be kids. Mr. Raab stated that the increase is to simply cover some costs not to make money. Director Gonzales asked if the \$125.00 included custodial and Mr. Raab said no. Mr. Peterson gave an example of a recent facility use fee outside of the district for reference. Director Skipper said he is in favor if it's not putting our local programs at risk and would like to be in a cooperative agreement. Director Rheinschmidt stated she appreciates the comments this evening and Sophia's numbers she shared. Director Rheinschmidt felt that \$8.00-\$10.00 an athlete wasn't a huge increase. Mr. Raab stated the district can not waive the fee especially since the organization charges for some of the events they hold otherwise that would be a gift of public funds. Board Chair Thornton stated he has an issue with doubling costs in one year. Director Rheinschmidt stated that if they have already started their season, it wouldn't be fair to ask them to adjust it now. Director Gonzales agreed and stated to wait until Summer and keep the cost minimal. Mr. Peterson stated that this started with the best intentions of being completed this year, but what if we say; for the 22-23 school year the district will stay status quo and get more input by February to implement a plan for the 23-24 school year. Board Chair Thornton stated he would like to incorporate this into a workshop and Mr. Peterson agreed and stated this should be revisited every 3-5 years.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes from 10/24/22, Approval

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the minutes with a 4/0 vote.

Director Rheinschmidt was absent from the 10/24/22 meeting.

Policy 2020 Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials, Revision

Mr. Peterson stated this is just a revision with the suggestions from the workshop. Director Rheinschmidt echoed that and wanted to make sure things weren't slanted one way. Director Skipper asked if this language covers it and Director Rheinschmidt stated that she did her best.

A motion was made to approve the amended Policy 2020 with revisions by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve the amended Policy 2020 with revisions with a 5/0 vote.

Procedure 2020P Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials, Revision

Mr. Peterson reviewed the revisions.

A motion was made to approve the revisions for Procedure 2020P by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the revisions to Procedure 2020P with a 5/0 vote.

Procedure 2021P Library Media Centers, Revision

Mr. Peterson reviewed the revisions. Director Rheinschmidt shared that there is a way for a citizen to request materials to be reviewed and it puts some safeguards in place as well as not resting on one person for decision making. Board Chair Thornton stated he liked the changes.

A motion was made to approve Procedure 2021P with revisions by Director Gonzales and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve Procedure 2021P with revisions with a 5/0 vote.

Levy Discussion

Mr. Peterson shared that at this point the rate for the levy looks to be \$1.50 for two years and we are looking at the next meeting to finalize things. Director Skipper stated he couldn't make the Thursday meeting and assumed there was a lot of discussion. Mr. Peterson stated there was and with a two-year levy, community members could reevaluate rather than waiting four years. Board Chair Thornton stated that last time it was \$1.50 and only \$1.43 is being collected now. Mr. Peterson stated he would like to sit down with taxpayers and explain what the dollars mean on the statement, so they have some understanding. Director Rheinschmidt wanted to remind everyone that the district will get levy equalization at that amount also.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board Chair Thornton stated that last year an ESD person came into the district office to review things and wanted to know if a report was submitted. Mr. Peterson stated that he had had a follow up conversation on that topic this morning and that the person that came in is now retired but still does some contract work. Board Chair Thornton reiterated that he wanted to see the follow up on that.

CONVENED

At 7:38 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 30 minutes with no business to follow. Executive session was extended.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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