



## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

### **Primary School**

Principal Kris Hanson shared with the board that the Primary certified staff had completed Language Acquisition training the previous Friday. This training was in the morning then staff completed a Character Strong session in the afternoon. She said the RTI team is working hard testing kids and Joni Ashley is organizing the data. Principal Hanson indicated that transitional kindergarten is up and running with 12 students in one class and 13 in the other.

### **High School**

Principal Clay Henry shared that the HS staff had training as well related to Language Acquisition and Character Strong. He indicated he sent out the weekly flyer/call informing folks of Financial Aid night coming up, picture retakes tomorrow, and he shared with the Board the athletic schedule for the week and Home Coming plans for the upcoming weekend.

### **Middle School**

Principal Chuck Feth shared that MAP testing was about complete, with makeup tests being complete by the end of the week. He indicated that the Healthy Youth Survey was sent out. He stated that a person can opt out of completing it and it is not personally identifiable. Principal Feth shared that his staff as well completed Language Acquisition and Character Strong training the previous Friday and they are also working on Smarter Balance assessments.

### **Intermediate School**

Principal CD Williams was happy to share that 5<sup>th</sup> grade band has started up and there are 36 students enrolled. He indicated that they were working on Core testing and organizing paraeducators to assist, including with Dibels testing, MAP testing, and making final touches for ESBAC that starts tomorrow.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Minutes from 9/27/2021, Approval**

**A motion was made to approve minutes from 9/27/2021 by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.**

**A vote to approve minutes from 8/9/2021 with a 4/0 vote.  
Director Carlson was absent.**

### **Highly Capable Grant**

Superintendent Peterson explained that the grant is virtually the same as previously; consistent with the plan that was presented to the Board the previous meeting.

**A motion was made to approve the Highly Capable Grant by Director Bryan and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.**

**A vote to approve the Highly Capable Grant with a 4/0 vote.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Peterson indicated that the principals are continuing to do a great job. He shared that the District hosted the monthly BMSSC the previous Thursday. Nine (9) superintends and ESD staff were in

attendance and another five (5) joined via Zoom. Superintendent Peterson stated that is a 3 ½ hour meeting where they can go over common issues. He indicated that he and Director Castillo attended a meeting last Friday related to student threat assessment and ongoing legislation. This information is being brought back and shared with directors and principals. Superintendent Peterson stated that he attended an Education Board meeting at WSU of Tri-Cities and enjoyed being able to represent Benton City and be a voice towards moving to college-level courses; to put practice in place. Superintendent Peterson updated the board regarding the state mandate and indicated that he continues to be amazed at staff compliance. He mentioned to the Board about researching the possibility of hiring substitutes to be contracted for the entire year; will be exploring options. Superintendent shared that the HS paving project is coming a long way. He indicated that Mr. Adamson is convinced it will be done by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Superintendent Peterson wanted to especially thank Deputy/Representative Brad Klippert in helping with this and his continued support. He also shared with the board that we have a successful assessment team and would like for them to do a MAP testing presentation for the Board at the next meeting or first meeting of November. Superintendent Peterson stated he feels that this is a great way to see where are kids are at and work on the school improvement plan based on the results. Director Rheinschmidt stated that she is excited to see the results.

**CONVENED**

No executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. with no further business.

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**Dale Thornton, Board Chair**

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**Julie Rheinschmidt, Director**

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**Jacob Johnson, Director**

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**Clark Carlson, Director**

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**Teddy Bryan, Director**

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**Pete Peterson, Superintendent**