

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, October 10, 2022**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair  
Teddy Bryan, Director  
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director  
Josh Skipper, Director (via Zoom)  
Rick Gonzales, Director  
Drew Raab, 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. in the District Board Room and to view via Zoom.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Mr. Peterson asked the board to remove letter b under new business. Mr. Henry is ok with the policy as it is.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**Director Skipper was on Zoom and not able to vote.**

**DELEGATIONS**

Mr. Peterson shared that he would like to recognize Mr. Adamson and Mr. Castillo for going above and beyond in taking care of a bus situation last week.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

New Hires: Jessica Didesidero, Temp. Kitchen Helper; Courtney Berg, #1 Paraeducator; Jessica Raigoza, Non-Continuing HS Migrant After School Math Tutor; Stephen Kelley, HS Drama Advisor; Gabriela Valdez Palencia, #1 ECEAP Bil. Teacher

Resignation/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Angelica Smith, ECEAP Bil Preschool Teacher; Meagan Rickert, Kitchen Helper

Minutes from 9/26/22

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- \$287,280.28

Vouchers 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020

ASB- \$6,519.37

Vouchers 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020

Warrants 115173-115205

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

**Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 4/0 vote.**  
**Director Skipper was on Zoom and not able to vote.**  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)**  
None.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

### **Athletics**

Mr. Smith was absent.

### **Student Support Services**

Mr. Castillo stated ECEAP is fully enrolled and participating in Benton City Daze event helped start the school year off being fully enrolled. Mr. Castillo shared that upgrades has been done to the HVAC system and he is waiting for the rubber to be installed on the playground. Mr. Castillo thanked the board for attending GAP training and shared that the next field training would be October 28<sup>th</sup>. He shared that 20-60 clock hours were available during the trainings on August 18-29. 21<sup>st</sup> Century has about 54 students and he thanked Mr. C and Ms. Wolfe for allowing them to use their classrooms. Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> is the Family Engagement night at the Community Center.

### **Maintenance/Transportation**

Director of Maintenance and Operations/Transportation, Dan Adamson shared that buses are in good shape and fuel prices are high so only the minimum is being purchased right now. He shared that we currently have a few drivers in training and that Richland School District is interested in a Co-Op with us. Mr. Adamson shared that grounds is currently in mid-season of Fall sports and keeping playing fields ready. Custodial staff is hitting their stride and learning their new areas.

Board Chair Thornton asked if we had a sub-contractor on hand in case Rob needs help and Mr. Adamson stated yes, but it saves the district money if we can handle it ourselves.

### **Technology**

Mr. Rodriguez was absent.

### **Federal Programs**

Mr. Haun shared that four grants pay for his salary and one of those is the Crime Prevention Grant that he and Mr. Tovar presented last year, and the district was awarded \$89,000.00, that will also help pay for Mr. Tovar's salary. The Highly Capable Plan will be on the next agenda for approval, and he is working with Ms. Zavala applying for Title grants. Director Rheinschmidt thanked Mr. Haun for finding funds to help with curriculum and asked him if the move to Power School impacted his work with pulling reports and Mr. Haun stated it is easier and the reports are good.

### **Special Services**

Ms. Zavala handed out her written report and reviewed it with the board. She shared that this is the last year for the Dual Language grant and the goal is to have it going next year in preschool. Director Rheinschmidt asked if Walk to Read is RTI and Ms. Zavala stated it is a form of RTI and the students are grouped by levels. Director Rheinschmidt stated she is glad to see that kindergarten gets to participate in that.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Facility Use, Update**

Mr. Raab stated that the board received a breakdown of numbers and asked if anyone had questions on it. Board Chair Thornton stated he felt AAU is taking a big hit and Mr. Raab shared that practice rates are still \$1.00, so it is only the tournament dates that they are collecting money. Mr. Raab reiterated that the district is just trying to cover the cost it takes to operate. Director Rheinschmidt stated she is concerned what this will do to our clubs because they just aren't getting high enough numbers of our kids. She suggested doing a case by case situation because our families are paying levy dollars. Mr. Raab shared that our district is significantly lower than others in our area. Director Rheinschmidt stated that this is a huge impact to Club KB practices. Mr. Peterson stated it would be easy to develop a sliding scale, but would propose a revision of

policy 4260. Director Rheinschmidt asked if anything was needed from the board tonight on this topic and Mr. Peterson said no.

**Workshop Date and Time, Update**

Mr. Peterson shared that October 28 will be the board workshop for curriculum adoption process and levy rate and length. It will be held from 12:00-3:00 in the board room.

**Levy Update**

Mr. Peterson shared that he held Community Council last Tuesday and another one tomorrow night that will be in Spanish. Mr. Peterson stated that in the meeting there was favor in both of a 4 year and 2 year levy, but to keep the rate at \$1.50 max., so that can be discussed at the workshop on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Board Chair Thornton asked if there was capital levy talk and Mr. Peterson share not at that point.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Policy 4040P, Update**

Mr. Peterson shared that we have been using titles in policies/procedures and will continue to do that. Mr. Raab found on this procedure a change was needed and that was made. Mr. Peterson stated it had to do with a public records request and we were in compliance.

**Enrollment Update**

Mr. Peterson shared that we are at 1408 students right now and that matches up with were we ended up last year. He stated once the count is done, he will be able to submit the D1 form.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Rheinschmidt thanked Board Chair Thornton for taking over the voting at the WSSDA general assembly it was very much appreciated.

**CONVENED**

At 7:16 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 60 minutes. No business to follow. Executive session was extended.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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