

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, October 25, 2021**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair  
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director  
Jacob Johnson, Director  
Teddy Bryan, Director  
Kurt Beckley, Executive Director of Finance  
Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Members Absent: Clark Carlson, 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.

**Delegations**

Mr. Peterson read the proclamation for principal's appreciation month. Mr. Peterson and the board thanked all the principals.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

New Hires: Beatriz Alvarez, #10 Special Services/Bilingual Paraeducator; Trevor Fields, #1 MS Asst. Boys Basketball Coach; Juan Bueno, Bilingual Migrant Services Paraeducator; Agustin Tovar, Asst. HS Wrestling Coach; Flavio Sandoval, Asst. HS Wrestling Coach; Andrew Raab, HS Asst. Boys Basketball Coach; Tevonte Harris, HS Asst. Boys Basketball Coach  
Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Jacqueline Pratt, Kitchen Helper; Betty Brooks, Paraeducator

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 General Fund - \$1,540,365.38	Vouchers 1024, 1025
AP General Fund- \$72,774.71	Vouchers 1021, 1022, 1023
ASB- \$529.39	Vouchers 1022, 1023
Warrants 114467-114500	

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

**Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 3/0 vote.**

**Director Carlson was absent.**

**Board Chair Thornton recused himself from the vote.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)**

Mr. Peterson stated the board received a letter and he will address it during his superintendent report.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Rheinschmidt thanked all employees for their hard work and making the boards job easy.

Director Bryan thanked everyone that made homecoming happen and she stated it was great to see the kids be able to enjoy that. Director Bryan also thanked all the employees and appreciates their hard work.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution 7-2021, Tri – Tech Skills Center Interdistrict Cooperative and Membership in the Tri-Cities Area Educational Cooperative, Approval**

Mr. Peterson stated that Prosser has asked to become a member of the cooperative and the superintendents voted and agreed on it last May. This resolution is just a formality Mr. Peterson stated. Board Chair Thornton asked if Tri-Tech has the capacity and Mr. Peterson indicated that they do and offered the board members to go visit Tri-Tech if they would like.

**A motion was made to approve Resolution 7-2021, Tri-Tech Center Interdistrict Cooperative and Membership in the Tri-Cities Area Educational Cooperative by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Bryan.**

**A vote to approve Resolution 7-2021, Tri-Tech Center Interdistrict Cooperative and Membership in the Tri-Cities Area Educational Cooperative with a 4/0 vote. Director Carlson was absent.**

### **Lawn Mower Update**

Mr. Beckley stated that Mr. Adamson has done a great job with his budget. Mr. Beckley shared a cost share analysis with the board on the benefits of purchasing a new lawn mower. Mr. Peterson indicated that one of the recurring themes is increasing expectations through systems and the district is taking the right steps to improve that; the entire maintenance staff has done a great job with the tools they have had. Director Rheinschmidt stated she appreciated the whole break down from Mr. Beckley.

### **Policy 3225 School-Based Threat Assessment, First Reading**

Mr. Peterson stated this policy is so we are in compliance and that this process is something the district has been doing. Mr. Peterson reminded the board about the emergency waiver and that this could be approved this evening. Director Rheinschmidt said since the board is meeting regularly, she suggests going back to the old way of approving these. Board Chair Thornton clarified that this isn't an existing policy and Mr. Peterson stated it is not. Director Rheinschmidt stated she would like another week with it and Mr. Peterson shared that this policy doesn't determine discipline, it's this team's job to determine the supports needed.

### **Enrollment Update**

Mr. Beckley shared an update on enrollment with our number higher that was budgeted for. Mr. Beckley stated there was an issue with iVisions and he will have an updated financial report at the next meeting. He also indicated that there is good synergy at the district office, and it's been a pleasure to be working here. Board Chair Thornton asked if space is the districts next issue and Mr. Peterson indicated those discussions will be happening sooner than anticipated. Mr. Peterson shared that the district will be looking for individuals for a facilities committee.

### **2022 National Youth Tobacco Survey**

Mr. Peterson stated that the middle school was asked to participate in this anonymous youth survey and he wanted the board to have a chance to review it before it goes to the school. Mr. Peterson recommended that a few classrooms at the middle school participate and the parents also have the opportunity to opt out of it. Director Rheinschmidt asked that the last 14 questions be omitted and she felt the district did a great job with the last survey and would like to see the same thing with this one. Board Chair Thornton asked if this was voluntary also and Mr. Peterson stated yes, it is. Board Chair Thornton agreed with Director Rheinschmidt and would like the last 14 questions omitted.

### **Policy 1340, Targeting Student Learning, Discussion**

Mr. Peterson stated this is a discussion for the board as to where they want the priorities to be this is a standard WSSDA policy. Director Rheinschmidt shared she was excited about this policy and it's one of the reasons she wanted to be on the board. She likes to see the reports and celebrate the growth. Mr. Peterson indicated that this process would help define the SIP with buildings and how they are moving toward goals that are set. Board Chair Thornton asked when results of the survey will be available and Mr. Peterson stated it ends the 29<sup>th</sup> so the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting would be a target, but it depends on CEE.

**Minutes from 10/11/21, Approval**

**A motion to approve the minutes from 10/11/21 by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Johnson.**

**A vote to approve the minutes from 10/11/21 with a 4/0 vote.  
Director Carlson was absent.**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Peterson gave a summary of the letter that circulated to the board. He explained the routine of the morning duties and that the elementary sent home a flyer indicating the parking areas and times. Mr. Peterson encouraged the person that wrote the letter to call him if they have any questions. Director Bryan stated that front entrance has been closed for years and Board Chair Thornton explained the turning options on to the highway. Mr. Peterson stated this would be a good topic for the upcoming facilities committee.

Mr. Peterson shared that a letter from food services was posted on the website about the delay of goods currently.

Mr. Peterson stated that all employees have met the governors mandate and that the ESD123 has qualified for a grant that our district will be able to add a covid person and he explained the details along with that position. Director Bryan asked if all districts are getting this person and Mr. Peterson stated that bigger districts already have their own. Board Chair Thornton asked about the requirements for the position and Mr. Peterson stated that this position would be available through the end of June as of now.

Director Rheinschmidt asked Mr. Peterson for an update on the levy rate at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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**Dale Thornton, Board Chair**

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