

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, September 13, 2021**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair
Jacob Johnson, Director
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director
Clark Carlson, Director
Teddy Bryan, Director
Kim Scott, 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. in the District Board Room and to view via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Delegations

Superintendent Peterson introduced Jennifer Gilliland, via Zoom, to present the Board with the 2020-21 HS Yearbook "Just a Glitch", which focused on what they were doing during the pandemic. Mrs. Gilliland also indicated that this is the first yearbook to have graduation in it. Superintendent Peterson and the Board thanked her and her students for their hard work and dedication.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

New Hires: Kurt Beckley, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Gabriela Valdez Palencia, ECEAP Preschool Family Support Specialist; Maci Deaton, #1 HS Asst. Volleyball Coach; Mandy Valdez, #5 Custodian; Tracy Rhoades, #6 Custodian; Katy Trimmerger, Emergency Fill Elementary Computer Technology Specials Teacher; Steve Woods, MS Head Boys Basketball Coach; Steve Woods, #2 MS Asst. Football Coach; Laurel Summers, #2 Paraeducator; Virginia Nagel, #3 Paraeducator; Betty Brooks, #5 Special Services Life Skills Paraeducator; Jennifer Ewer, #6 Special Services Life Skills Paraeducator; Veronica Ortiz, HS ASB Bookkeeper; Leonela Arceo, #1 ECEAP Asst. Preschool Teacher (Bilingual)

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Pamela Austin, Elementary 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.

AP General Fund- \$362,822.13

Vouchers 1000,1001,1003,1004,1005,1006,1007

ASB- \$3,196.77

Vouchers 1002, 1006

Warrants 114375-114398

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

Vote to approve the proposed consent agenda with a 5/0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

None.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board Chair Thornton asked about community social media comments related to locker usage. Superintendent Peterson indicated that this issue has been addressed with the MS and HS.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Federal Programs

Mr. Wade Haun indicated that he has been working on end of year grant reports, a grant for a new water softener for Food Service, letters to go out regarding teacher qualifications, the BEA compliance report and state survey that the HS staff assisted with. He indicated that the ESSER III grant was submitted this week and that he was working on paraeducator schedules and the certification program for paraeducators again this year.

Athletics

Mr. Lance Den Boer stated that athletics are back; glad to see coaches and kids. Also glad to have band and choir back. He indicated that he was also glad to have the busses back this year for transportation. He indicated that they had their first COVID shutdown resulting in no girl soccer games this week. Mr. Den Boer stated they are following all WIAA guidelines as it relates to COVID. He also indicated that the numbers of participants are looking good. Soccer currently has enough for almost two (2) teams, volleyball is up to three (3) teams, football is good with a couple of JV games scheduled, and both cheer and cross country numbers are up as well. Mr. Den Boer thanked the Board for their continued support.

Student Support Services

Mr. Bernardo Castillo indicated they are finishing up ECEAP parent/teacher conferences and will be starting classed on September 16. He also shared that we have a new security contract provider, Justin Mallonee, who provided GAP training for the District on 8/25/21. Mr. Castillo indicated there was a lot of positive feedback after the training. He also indicated that CIRT training was completed in August and they will be meeting this week to schedule out training hopefully for the entire year, including new ideas on training. Mr. Castillo shared that prior to school, they were able to provide 24 hours of training/clock hours for staff. He stated too that 21st Century had a good turn out during summer school and currently has 6 students in the AM and 38 students in their PM program.

Special Services

Ms. Diann Zavala shared with the board a brief summary via Zoom attendance of her report that was submitted electronically. She discussed the UDL book study and shared that last year the District was able to assist three (3) staff in getting their ELL endorsements. Ms. Zavala indicated that there are two (2) teachers this year that the District will be assisting; one (1) at the elementary and one (1) at the HS. She stated that it is a benefit that general education teachers can provide ELL services.

Maintenance/Transportation

Mr. Dan Adamson indicated the District is short on bus drivers, but they do have two (2) possible trainees. He indicated that they have a couple new members of the custodial team and day to day, Rob Whitman has been doing a good job in keeping the maintenance costs down. Mr. Adamson indicated that grounds have been getting at it; even with one (1) staff driving bus part of the day. He shared with the Board that the HS paving project it to get under way on September 27, however it has yet to be surveyed so he will work on getting that pulled together. Mr. Adamson also shared with the Board that the yellow flashing lights are in working order again and that the State has done a pretty good job working with the District. He will continue to keep an eye on them to make sure they are working correctly.

Technology

Mr. David Rodriguez was absent, but sent his report electronically to the Board for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes from 8/23/2021, Approval

A motion was made to approve minutes from 8/23/2021 by Director Carlson and seconded by Director Johnson.

A vote to approve minutes from 8/23/2021 with a 5/0 vote.

Continuity of Operations Plan

Superintendent Peterson indicated that after discussions at his Superintendents meeting today, he realized that the District already has a plan in place regarding the basic education plan and online learning; the return plan is already approved so there is no need for Board approval.

Enrollment Report

Mrs. Kim Scott updated the Board on the current enrollment. She indicated while budgeting that pre-kindergarten numbers may not have been included, so this could possibly mean more revenue. She stated that she has heard that principals are seeing more kids than expected. Mrs. Scott indicated numbers are still changing so the District can revisit enrollment after October's count.

Computer Policy Update

Superintendent Peterson indicated that the policy update was shared with the Board. It indicates the new best practice for password requirements. He also shared that the District would be spending \$15,000 for warranties on all the hardware the District has recently purchased. Board Chair Thornton had questions regarding servers/switches. Superintendent Peterson indicated he would pass this on to IT Director Rodriquez once he returned. Director Rheinschmidt asked about clarification on the lockout guidance.

District V Director Discussion

Superintendent Peterson led the discussion with the Board regarding Director Johnson's soon to be open position. He presented several scenarios of what other districts have experienced and suggested to the Board to see how things play out after the election, and have an application process prepared.

Vaccination Exemption Process Discussion

Superintendent Peterson shared that the District has implemented the COVID state mandate for vaccinations and exemption processes. He indicated that the medical exemption form was revised so that the employee can go directly to their provider with the medical exemption form instead of the District getting a release of information from the employee and the District directly requesting the form be completed by the provider. Superintendent Peterson stated this will take the District out of that part of the process. He indicated that he will be having an interactive dialog with all staff that submit their exemptions. He also indicated that he was not in favor of accommodations such as required testing, but more in the line of masking and social distancing.

Academic Acceleration Policy 2195, Approval

Superintendent Peterson indicated that the content of this policy is already in practice. He indicated that we are pushing our students to the next rigorous course. Superintendent Peterson stated that due to this being in place there is no need for 1st and 2nd readings and the policy presented is WSSDA verbatim language.

A motion was made to approve Academic Acceleration Policy 2195 by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve Academic Acceleration Policy 2195 with a 5/0 vote.

KBEA/PSE Contracts, Approval

Superintendent Peterson indicated that the final Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA's) were not provided to the District prior to the Board meeting and requested that their approval be stricken from New Business until the next meeting. The Board agreed to the request.

CONVENED

At 7:51 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 60 minutes with the possibility of business to follow.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with no further business.

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