

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, September 12, 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.

Mr. Peterson asked to add under New Hires, Christian Wingle, MS ELA Teacher

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A vote to approve the amended agenda with a 5/0 vote.

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Peterson introduced Kelly Ostler and Megan Daymon and stated the board would hear from them later and thanked them for attending this evening.

Board Chair Thornton asked if the insurance bill was once a year because it made a big jump and Mr. Raab stated yes, it is.

Director Skipper asked Mr. Raab if we finished off the year ok and Mr. Raab stated he is still waiting on the county reports to finalize things.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

New Hires: Monica Zebley, #1 Bus Driver; Daniel Sonderland, #2 HS Asst. Volleyball Coach; Christian Wingle, MS ELA Teacher

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Clarice Swanson, MS ELA Teacher

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- \$454,499.72 Vouchers 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1005

ASB- \$14,206.08 Vouchers 1004,1005

Warrants 115095 -115128

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audience member, Megan Daymon, asked about school supplies on the agenda and if that meant that parents didn't have to pay for them. Mr. Peterson stated that kindergarten supplies were paid for with a grant and Ms. Daymon stated she wasn't aware of that because she was a part of a community outreach that did a school supply drive.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

a. KB Primary School

Principal Kris Hanson shared some of the community outreach things they did within the last month and upcoming topics also.

b. KB Middle School

Principal Chuck Feth introduced Christian Wingle and stated they aren't missing a beat with the quality of hire. Mr. Feth shared that open house and 6th grade orientation went well. Mr. Feth stated that the athletic teams are doing well and there are about 40 volleyball players, two football teams and a soccer team.

c. KB High School

Principal Clay Henry shared some of the community outreach things they have been doing and will continue to do.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Facilities Committee Presentation

Mr. Peterson thanked the individuals that attended the facilities meetings and then shared the Power Point presentation. Board Chair Thornton asked if the members of the committee had any comments. Kelly thanked Mr. Peterson for the opportunity to be involved. Ms. Daymon stated she is happy that the issues are seen, and things are in the process. She also asked if the meeting Friday was open to the public. Mr. Peterson stated it is open to the public. Board Chair Thornton shared that the biggest thing he seen was the main electrical supply for the district is one overload away from not being able to handle it. Mr. Skipper stated that this Power Point didn't include the potential improvements and is there a plan for that. Mr. Peterson stated the discussion will continue especially after the meeting with Corey on Friday about numbers. Mr. Peterson appreciated Megan and Kelly for thinking down the road and now the next phase is financials. Director Rheinschmidt stated that we need to look at State matching funds and get as much support as possible.

Policy 4110, Citizen Advisory Committees and Task Forces, Second Reading

Mr. Peterson stated this is the second reading and with community engagement we should have this policy and it's straight forward.

Policy 4120, School Support Organizations, Second Reading

Mr. Peterson stated this is a similar policy and we have more people wanting to do these types of groups and this would give the principals the ability to identify who is the booster club and or PTO for that school.

Policy 5515, Workforce Secondary Traumatic Stress, Second Reading

Mr. Peterson stated he has asked the principals to have a running agenda item on their Health and Safety Committee meetings of staff wellness. Board Chair Thornton asked if this was an existing committee and Mr. Peterson stated yes, we currently have Safety Committee meetings and now we would be adding the health portion of it since we are a smaller district combining them is a better option. Director Rheinschmidt stated she would like to amend one sentence and have it say supports each staff member and omit includes a focus on diversity and inclusion.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes from 8/22/22, Approval

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

**A vote to approve the minutes with a 4/0 vote.
Director Gonzales was absent from the 8/22/22 meeting.**

New housing development bussing/crossing guard, Discussion

Mr. Peterson stated that a parent had come into the office that is new to the community and purchased a house that is in the new development which is within the one-mile boundary for no bussing. Mr. Peterson stated this family has a kindergarten student and isn't comfortable with them walking to school. Mr. Peterson stated he is going to reach out to the community and ask for parent trains and consider volunteer crossing guards in more areas where the traffic is increasing because of new developments. Director Rheinschmidt agreed that is our students are crossing busy streets we need to be safe. Board Chair Thornton stated that he could reach out to the State about the flashing crossing signs for the crosswalk also. Director Rheinschmidt suggested that we reach out to high school students for community service hours. Mr. Peterson stated that he will also bring it up at Faith Council and see if anyone there has some ideas. Director Bryan asked about cluster stops and Mr. Peterson stated that is a good idea, but we are fairly close to capacity on busses. Board Chair Thornton stated that the one-mile radius was forced on the district by the State.

Public Comment Protocol

Mr. Peterson stated that he would like the same procedure for online public comments as in-person public comments. He stated we need to hold everyone to the same standard. Board Chair Thornton asked if there was a WSSDA policy and Mr. Peterson stated no because this didn't start till COVID. Director Skipper felt it was reasonable and Mr. Peterson shared that it would be just a change on the website of instructions on how to submit a comment.

Curriculum Safeguard Discussion

Board Chair Thornton stated the Kennewick School District attacked the CRT topic by writing a policy and had two to three drafts before they finalized it. He shared this policy with a few co-workers that felt it was well written. Board Chair Thornton stated he would like the board to consider adopting this same policy as they have given us permission to use it. Director Rheinschmidt stated she agreed with the text of it; but would like to discuss it more before deciding. Director Rheinschmidt stated that it would be good for the board to have a work session on it and write our own. She stated that the board approves core curriculum, but not supplemental but wanted to reiterate that she agreed with the text in the one the Board Chair Thornton shared. Board Chair Thornton stated he would've changed the title of it. Director Gonzales stated he would like a work session on it. Director Bryan stated she had received a recommendation by a community member to review that policy. Board Chair Thornton shared that the policy is on Kennewick's website if anyone would like to read it. Mr. Peterson stated that he will send some dates to the board and then a date and time can be set. Director Rheinschmidt reminded others that the WSSDA conference is coming up and that is a good time for a work session as well.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board Chair Thornton stated that he had received one complaint this afternoon from a parent with a student on slot 2. Mr. Peterson stated that he appreciated the information and will follow up with it.

CONVENED

At 7:37 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 8:14 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Rick Gonzales, Director

Teddy Bryan, Director

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Josh Skipper, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent