

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, September 25, 2023**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair
Teddy Bryan, Director
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director
Josh Skipper, Director
Drew Raab, Director of Finance
Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Members Absent: Rick Gonzales, 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

**A vote to approve the agenda with a 4/0 vote.
Director Gonzales was absent.**

Delegations

Mr. Peterson read the GEAR UP proclamation.

Talyn Sandifer, WSHRA Queen, introduced herself and shared with the board all the events that she has attended this year. The board thanked Talyn for presenting.

Director Rheinschmidt asked if the payroll included overload and Mr. Peterson stated no.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 9/11/23

New Hires: Jennifer Thomas, #1 Emergency Fill Kindergarten Teacher; Mandy Pena, #1 Temp. Kitchen Helper

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 - \$1,808,407.52	Vouchers 1005, 1006
AP General Fund- \$264,950.99	Vouchers 1007, 1008,1010
ASB- \$2,230.39	Vouchers 1009
Warrants 115915-115966	

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

Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 4/0 vote.

Director Gonzales was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

Lorie Haun asked how long it takes for a board response. Mr. Peterson shared that he sent it before the meeting this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Workshop, Discussion

Mr. Peterson shared that the tentative date is October 20th, Director Skipper shared that he will be traveling during that time. Mr. Peterson stated that it does not have to be on a Friday if that doesn't work for everyone. Director Rheinschmidt stated that Friday might be the best day for staff. The board decided that October 20th at 9:00 would work.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy 3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying of Students, Revision

Mr. Peterson stated that this past July this policy was altered with one sentence.

A motion was made to approve the revision to Policy 3207 by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve the revision to Policy 3207 with a 4/0 vote.

Director Gonzales was absent.

21st Century, Discussion

Mr. Peterson shared with the board that the ESD did not receive the funding for this this year, but the ESD is hoping they will receive it next year. Mr. Peterson stated the discussion to be had is if the board would want the district to proceed in finding ways to make this work. Mr. Peterson stated that elementary education builds the foundation for our students. Mr. Peterson had Mr. Raab run some numbers that he shared. Mr. Peterson stated that 21st Century had a very successful program with the middle school kids and mentoring and would like to add the high school students to that. Director Skipper stated it is worth considering options and if any feedback has come from parents or community members. Mr. Peterson stated that it is missed in the community especially because there are not a lot of daycare options in our community. Director Rheinschmidt asked if this was a 4 or 5 day a week program and Mr. Peterson stated it was run as a 4 day a week program. Board Chair Thornton stated that the board is going to support this and would like to see some hard numbers.

Apportionment Payment Information, Discussion

Mr. Raab reviewed the document that was shared with the board.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Sipper shared that he visited the elementary and the middle school and thanked the staff for their time. He will be visiting the high school next week also.

Director Rheinschmidt thanked everyone that attended the workshop and for their enthusiasm. She loved hearing about the new curriculum.

Board Chair Thornton shared he enjoyed hearing all that was shared at the workshop.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Peterson shared that he attended the Faith Council on Saturday and it was great to prepare the food for everyone. Mr. Peterson shared some upcoming dates on his calendar.

CONVENED

At 7:07 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (1) (g) performance of a public employee, for approximately 60 minutes with no business to follow.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Rick Gonzales, Director

Josh Skipper, Director

Teddy Bryan, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent