

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, April 26, 2021**

**Members Present:** Dale Thornton, Board Chair  
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director  
Teddy Bryan, Director  
Clark Carlson, Director  
Kim Scott, Executive Director of Finance  
Pete Peterson, Superintendent

**Members Absent:** Jacob Johnson, 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 asked to add two names to letter b) in the consent agenda; Cori Hooper, Lifes kills Paraeducator and Joe Hertz, Psychologist.

Mr. Peterson wanted to acknowledge the high school staff in general for making sure all the high school graduates have yard signs in their yards. Mr. Peterson thanked them for their continued efforts and work.

Board Chair Thornton asked if the district could start planning a live graduation and Mr. Peterson stated information will be going out soon on that.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

New Hires: Guisela Veintimilla, Bilingual Secretary; Jessica Raigoza, HS Migrant Summer Hybrid Pass Program Instructor; Jose Ortiz, HS Migrant Summer Hybrid Pass Program Paraeducator; Shirley Myren, #6 Special Services Paraeducator; Andria Corriell, Non-Continuing Elementary Specialist; Trevor Fields, HS #1 Boys Asst. Basketball Coach

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Charley Berryhill, HS Asst. Track Coach; Mitchell Burke, Custodian; Stephanie Carr, Paraeducator; Jennifer Oppelt, HS Girls Soccer Coach; Shelly Zehnder, HS Math Teacher

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Financials

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 - \$1,384,196.06

Vouchers 1081, 1082

AP General Fund- \$287,288.95

Vouchers 1072, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1079, 1080

ASB- \$8,314.78

Vouchers 1073, 1075, 1078, 1080

Warrants 114090-114153

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

**Vote to approve the amended consent agenda with a 4/0 vote.  
Director Johnson was absent.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)**  
None.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Rheinschmidt wanted to thank everyone for their efforts with all of the adjustments this year has brought. Director Rheinschmidt stated she is really appreciative of everyone and thanked them again.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **Re-Opening Update**

Mr. Peterson stated that all of our kids are back since March 16 of last spring and he was in all of the buildings today multiple times and it was great to see. Mr. Peterson stated that he sent a picture to the board today of a kindergarten class and explained he could describe the enthusiasm, but a picture says it all. Mr. Peterson stated while in the buildings it was as if no one missed a beat and it was great to see. Mr. Peterson stated that there is talk about phase two rolling back and the Department of Health will not revert us back. Mr. Peterson encouraged the board to get a hold of Heidi or himself to do a building visit. Director Bryan stated that she had to turn around and take a picture of the sign out front of the elementary and middle school; she loved it and thought it was incredible. Board Chair Thornton stated that his youngest had an enjoyable day. Director Rheinschmidt asked Mr. Peterson to talk about students wearing masks all day since there have been some concerns about that. Mr. Peterson stated that the kids are better than adults at wearing them, they can take them off at recess and lunch. Mr. Peterson stated that our staff has been incredible about working with the kids for mask breaks.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **RTI Report**

The RTI Team teachers, Kim Cruz, Lisa Stade and Joni Ashley presented a report to the board. Mrs. Cruz thanked the board for allowing time to share with them what they do and the program they are passionate about. Mrs. Cruz stated that the program is called Response to Intervention (RTI); RTI is focused and intentional instruction everyday with first through fifth grade one on one. Mrs. Ashley stated that Lisa and Kim are the teachers and she is the district testing coordinator so she gets to talk about the data. Mrs. Ashley stated that teachers were intensely trained on CORE reading supplemental program in the Summer of 2020. Mrs. Ashley stated that individual intervention began once the students attended school in-person starting in October; all K-5 students were DIBELS tested and grades 2-5 were also tested in STAR reading. Mrs. Ashley stated that with that data collected students were recommended and then ranked by most intensive need so a schedule could be set. Mrs. Ashley passed out the survey that is given. Mrs. Stade stated that what makes this program so successful is that they can provide one on one instruction with students in their specific area of reading daily for 20 minutes. Mrs. Stade shared some of the skills that are practiced and reinforced during intervention time. Mrs. Ashley stated that from mid-November until January, with 6 weeks of CORE instruction, 11 students gained the skills they needed to exit the reading program. Mrs. Ashley stated that they continued working with 81 students who still needed more time, but added that 11 of the students were on the waiting list for the program. Mrs. Ashley stated in the first week of March, the students were assessed again using the CORE reading survey and 10 additional students were able to exit and 10 students who were returning to school full time were added. Mrs. Ashley stated the most recent update after 5 weeks of instruction, 14 students gained the skills and confidence they needed to exit the reading intervention program. Mrs. Ashley stated that during the students CORE assessment period, each student showed growth. Mrs. Stade stated that they had the opportunity to provide extensive training to 6 paraeducators. Mrs. Stade stated that they wouldn't be able to serve the 92 students each day without them; she also stated that they received guidance from a former Ki-Be teacher, Jeff Smith, and former principal, Jennifer Behrends. Mrs. Cruz stated they all wanted to thank the administrators for their support, time and people necessary to help the program meet its goal of providing specific, individualized, interventional instruction to meet the needs of students to provide foundational skills early on. Mrs. Cruz stated the number one thing is to build that relationship with the students and instill the mindset of I can and I will. Mrs. Cruz stated that so much can be done in 20 minutes with building the confidence of each student. Mrs. Stade

stated that while COVID has presented its struggles, we were still able to accomplish these things. Mrs. Stade shared a student example. Director Carlson stated that about a 40% success rate is fantastic and asked is there anything you've picked up on while doing these assessments that would help in other areas to identify qualifying for special services. Mrs. Ashley stated that teachers are also doing the Haggerty program, which has helped as well. Mrs. Stade stated that those students that qualify for special services still receive those services. Mrs. Cruz stated that the test example that was handed out to the board has been done for many years and it helps you determine exactly what they don't know. Mrs. Cruz stated it is like figuring out the correct prescription and then hitting that hard for each student. Board Chair Thornton stated if you fix the reading the other subjects fall into place. Board Chair Thornton asked if this program will be expanding and Mrs. Stade said she hopes they work themselves out of a job; Mrs. Ashley stated they can only serve 71 students right now. Mr. Peterson stated that once the problem is identified then we get after it hard and when an assessment is diagnostic, we can tailor things and the more success that is seen the more we can add to it. Mr. Peterson stated they are making a difference and PK-2 is where the heavy part is. Director Carlson asked if there had been any thought of tracking these students through their school career? Mrs. Ashley stated they have thought about that and every time the students are assessed the exited students are assessed as well to make sure they are retaining things.

**Minutes from 3/22/2021, Approval**

**A motion was made to approve the minutes from 3/22/2021 by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.**

**A vote to approve the Minutes from 3/22/2021 with a 3/0 vote.**

**Director Johnson was absent.**

**Director Carlson was absent from the 3/22/2021 meeting.**

**Policy 2418, Waiver of High School Graduation Credits, Approval**

Mr. Peterson stated that these are the same policies from last year and we will be seeing this one in years to come and I am just asking for the formal adoption now. Director Carlson stated this follows them for the rest of their life, I know we have to do it and I don't see punishing the kids because of it, but I would be concerned about a student saying they didn't get what they needed while at Ki-Be. Mr. Peterson stated that there are 294 other districts across the state that are in the same situation. Mr. Peterson stated that the credits that are being waived are the electives, not the core fundamental classes. Mr. Peterson stated that our staff takes a lot of pride in the delivery of our curriculum and this is for those kids that may have had to get a job to help the family and is based on every individual graduation plan. Mr. Peterson stated that it was used for about 6 students last year and he feels we will be safe.

**A motion was made to approve Policy 2418 & 2418F, Waiver of High School Graduation Credits, Approval and Form by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Carlson.**

**A vote to approve Policy 2418 & 2418F, Waiver of High School Graduation Credits, Approval and Form with a 4/0 vote.**

**Director Johnson was absent.**

**Resolution 3-2021, Emergency Waiver of High School Graduation Credits, Approval**

Mr. Peterson read the waiver into record.

**A motion was made to approve Resolution 3-2021, Emergency Waiver of High School Graduation Credits by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.**

**Roll Call**

**Director Rheinschmidt, yes; Director Bryan, yes; Director Carlson, yes; Board Chair Thornton, yes.**

**A vote to approve Resolution 3-2021, Emergency Waiver of High School Graduation Credits with a 4/0 vote.**

**Director Johnson was absent.**

### **Resolution 2-2021, Modified Educational Program for the 21-22 Fiscal Year, Approval**

Mr. Peterson stated this is just the first step on the check list and gives us the ability to move forward with things. Mr. Peterson read the resolution into record.

**A motion was made to approve Resolution 2-2021, Modified Educational Program for the 21-22 Fiscal Year by Director Carlson and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.**

### **Roll Call**

**Director Rheinschmidt, yes; Director Bryan, yes; Director Carlson, yes; Boars Chair Thornton, yes.**

**A vote to approve Resolution 2-2021, Modified Educational Program for the 21-22 Fiscal Year with a 4/0 vote.**

**Director Johnson was absent.**

### **SUPERINTENDENT's REPORT**

Mr. Peterson stated the communication for Ki-Be Community Council began. Mr. Peterson stated this is for community members interested and the first meeting will be May 13. Mr. Peterson stated this is an informal way to have conversations and open the dialog between the community and the district. Mr. Peterson asked for people to spread the word that the meeting will be held May 13, at 6:30 in the High School commons. Mr. Peterson stated this is a quicker way to get answers as well and stomp things out that might not be factual and in a less formal environment than a formal public comment at the board meeting. Board Chair Thornton asked if donuts and coffee would be provided and Mr. Petersons stated that if this group decides at that first meeting to get together at a different time of the day, that can be done. Director Bryan asked when this information would go out and Mr. Peterson stated it went out today.


Mr. Peterson stated that the district has to produce a Learning Recovery Plan, which is due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Peterson stated it's a 37-page document that he is working on. Board Chair Thornton asked if that will include Summer School and Mr. Peterson stated it will be tied to Summer School and according to the staff survey that went out, we have a lot of interest.

Mr. Peterson stated that Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 3-7 and hopefully we have the official resolution next meeting.

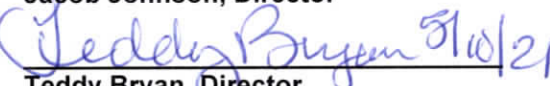
### **CONVENED**

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. No business to follow. Executive session was extended.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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