

**KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52  
1107 GRACE AVENUE  
BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON 99320**

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, January 13, 2014**

Members Present: Tim Cook, Chairman  
Wade Haun, Director  
Ivan Howard, Director  
Wayne Elston, Director  
Leslie Johnson, Director  
Kimberly Scott, Executive Director of Financial Services

Members Absent: Rom Castilleja, Secretary to the Board.

Visitors: See attached.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cook called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. the District Office.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

**DELEGATIONS** – Elementary ASB Advisor, Joni Ashley and Elementary ASB Treasurer, Kylara Jackson presented the Board with thank you cards that the ASB made and all elementary students signed, thanking the Board for the new playground equipment. They also presented thank you cards to Joe Lloyd and Robin Frost for their part in making the playground project happen.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from December 16, 2013

Hires: Josue Lucatero, MS Asst. Wrestling Coach; Jennifer Swiger, Kitchen Helper.

Resignations: Beth Skeen, Bus Attendant; Caren Wheeler, 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- \$242,368.50	Vouchers 1027, 1028, Manual Warrant
AP ASB Fund - \$13,184.56	Vouchers 1027, 1028
AP Debt Services - \$473.50	Vouchers 1027
AP Capital Projects - \$2,509.00	Vouchers 1027

Warrants 106093-106155

**A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Director Elston and seconded by Director Howard.**

Director Haun had a question regarding purchases that had a description of capital outlay. It was clarified that this funding code is being used as a tracking mechanism for expenditures related to the server damage incident for insurance purposes.

**Unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda with a 5/0 vote.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Servers**

Troy Jamieson updated the Board regarding the server damage issue. He indicated that the servers were up and going. There continues to be a spam problem so Mr. Jamieson indicated that the District would be replacing their current vendor. He indicated that he has tried several times to contact them for service and assistance with the problem and not getting the support he needs. The new vendor will meet the Districts needs and is the same cost. Mr. Jamieson indicated the new vendor would be arriving on Wednesday for installation. He indicated it would have new features, new tracking, and a great upgrade for the District. Management tools still need to be completed, as well as he and staff have been working on help desk items and on old equipment issues. He also shared that he has a company coming in this week to help recover file data, which he hoped to confirm an exact day and time tomorrow. Director Johnson asked who the new spam vendor was. Mr. Jamieson indicated that it was IBoss. He stated that they are very reputable and other area Districts are using their services. He indicated he was excited for the change and new features will make it easier for staff use, including the ability to request through Troy to unblock. Chairman Cook asked if all equipment was in and Mr. Jamieson confirmed that it was all in place and that currently they are working on configurations. As well they have re-established a dual site backup with a tape drive system. Mrs. Scott indicated that financial information was now being backed up off-site.

### **1620-P – Date for Workshop**

Chairman Cook suggested that the Board table this issue. There was Board consensus to table addressing this until the next Board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Technology Position**

Mrs. Scott indicated that this item was placed on the agenda for follow-up. Chairman Cook confirmed that the Board had received the draft posting for the position and there had been some discussion regarding the rate of pay. Chairman Cook also asked if we would be filling the position internally as he had been approached about it. Mr. Jamieson indicated that he too was aware that some had expressed interest.

**A motion was made to approve the posting of the technology technician position by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Haun.**

**Unanimous vote to approve the posting of the technology technician position with a 5/0 vote.**

### **Policy 3270 – First Reading**

Chairman Cook indicated that there was a draft of the Harassment, Bullying and Intimidation policy in the Board packet for review. He indicated that the old one seemed to have too many holes and that with this new language, the Board could review as first reading and submit any suggestions for next meeting. Chairman Cook also indicated that the Board would be using the existing District policy number and inserting the new language within that same policy.

### **Art Club Presentation**

Donna Baumgartner presented the Board with a packet of information and asked the Board for their approval to participate in another international art trip. This trip includes traveling to Ireland, Wales, and Paris France. She indicated that this trip is scheduled for Spring Break of 2015. It would be for 11 days and the intention is to also travel again as a group, including Richland and Connell. Mr. Baumgartner indicated that \$3,100 would take care of most everything for the trip except for one meal a day. Director Johnson asked how many students could attend and Mr. Baumgartner confirmed that 12 students this time. There would be three (3) teachers also attending as chaperones and it was not required that the students be members of the art club, although club members are encouraged to go. The Board asked if there were any age restrictions for

students and Mrs. Baumgartner indicated that students could not be over 18. She also indicated that the art club would be working on some fundraising up until the trip to help cover some of the costs.

**A motion was made to approve international travel for the 2015 art trip by Director Elston and seconded by Director Howard.**

**Unanimous vote to approve international travel for the 2015 art trip with a 5/0 vote.**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

### **Technology**

Mr. Jamieson indicated that there really wasn't much more to add after already discussing the server issues other than working on help desk issues. He indicated that they are finding things that were not reported before and stated that if he doesn't know it is broke, he doesn't know to fix it. As well, he indicated that the phone system was upgraded during winter break and all seemed to be working well with the exception of some voicemail extensions ringing through and button issues; however there are technicians working on these things and he indicated that he would be receiving training on addressing day to day issues. Director Johnson asked Mr. Jamieson if the Board's new numbers were listed on the website. He indicated not at this time, but he could get it posted. She also indicated that she would forward a new Board photo to add to the site as well.

### **Maintenance**

Mr. Frost shared with the Board that they had been busy over winter break due to a water pressure issue. He indicated that the city was doing some work and when bringing back up the water, the pressure was too high which caused the water system to rupture. He indicated that there was \$2,300 in costs to fix mix valves and approximately \$5,000-\$7,000 for the water softener. The Board asked about insurance or was the city going to cover the cost. Mr. Frost indicated that they were currently checking into this. Mr. Frost also indicated that the multipurpose room bathroom at the elementary/middle school was now repaired. He indicated that during the 1969 remodel, the system was tied to the storm line and not the sewer line. Mr. Frost indicated that the playground equipment is a big success. Director Elston asked about water issues in the elementary/middle school and Mr. Frost indicated that the middle school circulation pumps were fixed and the water issues on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade wing were fixed.

### **Special Services**

Ms. Franklin thanked Mr. Jamieson for all his efforts in getting E-COM back up and running. She did indicate that the concern is that getting all IEP information back into the system. She indicated that they are evaluating on how to get IEP's done on time. Also looking at accommodations, IEP meetings with whole team and not individual changes. She indicated that they really need to work on following federal and state mandates and laws in addition to District policies and procedures. Mrs. Scott shared with the Board that Ms. Franklin received special recognition and asked her to share this with the Board. Ms. Franklin indicated that she was being recognized by the Epilepsy Foundation of Seattle for her efforts in addressing the needs of children and adults with epilepsy. Mrs. Scott expressed to the Board that through Ms. Franklin's efforts, the Kiona-Benton City School District was receiving recognition as well. Ms. Franklin felt it was important to make sure that resources are available and support for the students and parents that deal with epilepsy.

### **Grants**

Mr. Lloyd indicated that there wasn't really anything new to report. The District was still waiting on hearing about a federal grant, but no news since the federal government sequester. He indicated that there were some private grants to start working on once he is done compiling information for the compliance report due at the end of the month.

### **T&L/Athletics**

Mr. Wing provided the Board with information on the participation piece of the grading policy as compiled by the Grading Committee from staff input. He asked the Board to look it over when they have time. He also suggested contacting Mr. Barrett and Mr. Feth for their input as principals in the buildings. The biggest concern addressed was how to apply the participation aspect to the different types of classes. The examples

provided included Performing Arts, Fitness and Health, Math, Science, Social Studies/Leadership, and English. The suggested participation is 35% of a grade and is the ceiling. Mr. Wing indicated that the rubrics need to be cleaned up to make sure the expectations are clear. He asked the Board again to review, ask questions, and/or provide input to the committee. Overall, he indicated that they wanted to make it an enjoyable experience for the parents as well as the students.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jesus Alvarado addressed the Board about the content of a report card article from a local paper, The Sentinel. He stated that some scores were up, some down. He also stated from what he read that the District is spending more on students than what is provided by the state. He is not sure about the number; is it expenditures divided by the number of students? Mr. Alvarado expressed concern about the Superintendent not being at the meeting. He then referenced the teacher that was escorted out of the building. He expressed concern about how it was handled; hearing rumors and hoping it does not turn out like a past incident with another teacher. He indicated that the District could possibly be sued. The District needs to be as discreet as possible; teachers' reputation is on the line. Mr. Alvarado did not like how it was handled.

Joni Ashley addressed the Board as a parent and indicated that she has a student in this teachers' class and that her student has not turned in a paper since this teacher left. She expressed concern about the five (5) different teachers that have taught the class since that time. She stated that so many students are lost; substitute working extra to help the students.

**CONVENED**

At 7:40 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 20 minutes with no business to follow.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

  
Wayne Elston, Director

  
Ivan Howard, Director

  
Tim Cook, Chairman

  
Leslie Johnson, Director

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Wade Haun, Director

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Rom Castilleja, Superintendent *Absent*