

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

Board Minutes of
Monday, January 26, 2009

Members Present: Dan Raap, Chairman
Joe Schroeder, Director
Jill Renz-Whitman, Director

Charles T Gray, Director
Rom Castilleja, Secretary to the Board
Kimberly Scott, Executive Director of Financial Services, Recorder

Members Absent: Cole Gunter, Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

DELEGATIONS

Rom presented both Barb Barnes and Bill Reed with a Washington State Patrol Certificate of Achievement for bus Inspections. They had zero percent of the buses out of service last year.

He then read a letter from Desert Rose Terraces to the board that thanked our 7th grade choir for singing Christmas carols. It was well appreciated and they felt this young group did a wonderful job.

January is school board appreciation month. Supt. Castilleja expressed the appreciation that all students, staff, and administration had for all the board members hard work and efforts to make this a school district of choice. He then presented each with a certificate of appreciation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Scott went over budget reports with a focus on ending fund balances.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

The Board:

Minutes 1/12/2009

Retirement Notifications – Darlene Mowery, HS Art
Linda Johnson, Elem, ELL

Leave Requests – Myrla Paxton, Para

AP Vouchers-

a. General Fund Vouchers	33838-33959	Totaling	\$177,084.35
b. Capital Projects Vouchers	229-238	Totaling	\$727,262.67
c. Debt Service	9	Totaling	\$171.75
d. ASB Fund	3213-3227	Totaling	\$14586.64
e. Manual Warrants – fund #1	33836-33837	Totaling	\$4,397.06
f. Manual Warrants –fund #4	3212	Totaling	\$237.35
g. Payroll Distribution	Certificated = \$709,837.72	Classified = \$284,683.08	
	a. Total = \$994,514.69	Warrant # 33960-34073	

NEW HIRES – None

LEAVE REQUESTS - None

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Director Schroeder and seconded by Director Gray.

Unanimous vote to approve consent agenda with a 4/0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- No public comments were made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. PSE of KB Contract ratification

Director Gray recused himself from the vote on this contract.

Motion was made by Director Schroder to ratify the 2008-2011 PSE contract, a second was made by Director Renz-Whitman.

Unanimous vote to ratify the contract. 3-0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Electronic Routing System

Barb Barnes presented to the board information regarding investing into an electronic routing system for transportation. It was determined that both systems reviewed had almost exactly the same services the differences lied with costs. The board asked if the system would save money and if so how much. Barb will review the system a little further and determined the cost advantages to the District with utilizing this software.

Principal's Reports

a. Kevin Perl – KB EL.

They are starting a new program at the K-2 grade level. It is called “Here on Time”. This program is to help reduce the tardiness found at these grade levels.

They are also doing a math facts program at the 3rd-5th grade level. This is a way to help kids have fun learning their math facts.

The canned food drive at the elementary was a big success.

b. Vance Wing – KBMS

Staff at the Middle school are having weekly meeting on Response to Intervention. They are seeing how this can help our struggling student population become more successful.

Kim Mahaffey is leading a group of staff in the review of Make Your Day Program.” Staff can see how this is a positive program to implement in our District.

We started MAPP testing today so we can compare information on our students from the fall testing.

Zac Carpenter shared his wrestling coach experience. Our program has grown and our kids won several matches in their last completion. He can see this is going to be a growing program. As of right now, we have 64 kids in the little guy wrestling program in town.

The participation in both girls and boys basketball is healthy. We have 35 boys signed up and 32 girls.

c. Wayne Barrett – KBHS

This next year we will have a student driven schedule of classes for the 6th period day. The schedule will also allow students to receive extra help before lunch.

At the next meeting, Wayne will show the board attendance and disciplines reports. He is pleased with the students and staff. Issues with these two areas are down.

We have 70 freshmen wanting to take the 10th grade WASL.

Wednesday at 6 p.m. there will be a dedication to the remodel of the High School. There will also be another opening February 9 & 12 which our leadership kids will be giving the tours to the public.

d. Joe Lloyd- Grant Coordinator

The District has been awarded \$4000 grant for research materials on classroom based assessment.

This Wednesday Joe is going to Spokane to work on partnering with WSU, Finley and Prosser on a math & science partnership. This could result in 250,000 every year for 3 years for contract knowledge of math and science.

Superintendent’s Report

Supt. Castilleja shared his experience of traveling to Olympia with other superintendents in our area to all express their concern of budget cuts to school and the need to consider alternate sources of revenue rather than further cuts to schools.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:19 p.m.

Joe Schroeder, Director

Jill Renz-Whitman, Director

Charles T. Gray, Director

Cole Gunter, Director-Absent

Dan Raap, Chairman

Rom Castilleja, Superintendent