

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, February 23, 2008**

Members Present: Dan Raap, Chairman
Joe Schroeder, Director
Jill Renz-Whitman, Director
Cole Gunter, Director
Charles T Gray, Director
Rom Castilleja, Secretary to the Board
Kimberly Scott, Executive Director of Financial Services, Recorder

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Barb Thomas, Donna Baumgartner, Barb Barnes, Wayne Barrett, Kevin Pearl, Joe Lloyd, Vance Wing, Troy Jamieson, Craig Bailey, Kathy Heavener, Melina Callaghan, Eleanor Poirier, Andrew Dodson

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

DELEGATIONS

Vicki Butler shared with the board her concern that the lower senior drivers were not getting information on the union contract and there was a grievance going to the board which could result in the lower senior drivers getting their hours cut to the point of not getting benefits.

The board listened to the concern and expressed to her that it was within the members' right to receive a copy of their contract through the union and we could also provide them with a copy.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes 2/9/2009

Retirement Notifications – None

AP Vouchers –

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| a. General Fund Vouchers | #34075-34190 & 34306-34307 | Totaling | \$327,270.81 + \$7098.78 |
| b. Capital Projects Vouchers | #239-242 | Totaling | \$247,924.91 |
| c. ASB Fund | #3229-3247 | Totaling | \$16,506.12 + 260.15 |
| d. Payroll Distribution | Certificated = \$702,707390 | Classified = | \$300,832.80 |
| | a. Total = \$1,003,540.70 | Warrant 34191 – 34305 | \$400,385.06 |
| | | Direct Deposits | \$427,272.68 |

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 5/0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Andrew Dodson asked the board if the high school could start serving healthier lunches. He thought that some food is either over or under cooked and that the salad Bar only half the students have an opportunity to get any good food. Supt. Castilleja shared we had just had a meeting with the Food Service Supervisor and we will be looking at ways of re-routing the service line, making it more efficient so food is hot and also ways to ensure the salad bar is maintained so all students can get a good salad.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- PSE Contract there was a motion to ratify the PSE contract as presented by Director Schroeder and a second was made by Director Raap. Both Directors Charles Gray and Jill Renz-Whitman recused themselves from the vote. Vote was 3/0 in favor of the contract.
- Wayne Barrett asked that the Consumer Economics class be removed as a graduation requirement. The information will be still covered in the Digital lab class which is required by the freshmen class to take.

Motion to drop Consumer Economics class from the course offering and the one credit requirement was made by Director Gunter and was seconded by Director Gray.

Unanimous vote to drop the Consumer Economics course and the credit requirement with a 5/0 vote.

- Electronic Transportation routing software – Versa Tran.
We looked at 4 other districts of like size and found we are the 2nd most efficient based on student load on the bus. The schools that saved money using the system found it saved them time by requiring less people to do the routing. We are within 3 kids from being the most efficient. At this time, it does not make sense to purchase the electronic software.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

- **Kevin Pearl –KBES**
 - Kevin shared with the board the Math Olympic program to help the kids get excited about math.
 - The results of both the parent and student surveys were shared with the board.
 - The staff is doing a book study on the book “Whatever it takes”. This book is on how professional learning communities respond when kids don’t learn.
 - A building math plan has been implemented.
- **Vance Wing – KB MS**
 - Vance provided the board with information on the increased participation of kids involved in extra-curricular activities. Currently about 44% of the students at the middle school are participating in some form of enrichment or extra-curricular activity
 - Vance also shared the teaching and learning opportunities for teachers at the middle school.

- **Wayne Barrett – KBHS**
 - Mr. Barrett shared a few of the events that have happened recently like the State wrestling results. We had a few of our students place and Sheridan McDonald is a State Champion.
 - A few staff members attended the National Gear Up conference.
 - No WASL testing for the 9th grade.
 - Crystal Apple Award Nominee’s Stacey Stearns and Tanya Tyrell.
 - Mr. Perry is working with the freshman, since this intervention we have had a lower number of 9th grade suspensions.
 - Staff is trying to get out and talk with the students this is making them feel more welcome up at the high school.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Superintendent Castilleja shared with the board the experience of Donna Baumgartner, Barb Thomas, Kim Scott and himself going to Olympia and speaking the various legislators. This week the PTA, board members that would like to attend and Supt. Castilleja will go back up to Olympia to rally for schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to RCS 42.30.110, Sections (g) Personnel matters, negotiations the board will recess for 20 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 p.m.

Joe Schroeder, Director

Jill Renz-Whitman, Director

Charles T. Gray, Director

Cole Gunter, Director

Dan Raap, - Chairman

Rom Castilleja, Superintendent