

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

Board Minutes of
Monday, May 26, 2008

Members Present: Dan Raap, Chairman
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: Joe Schroeder, Director

Visitors: Linda Johnson, Donna Baumgartner, Vikki Butler, Maria Thornton, Breanna Scott, Misty Ferrell, Jennifer Behrends, Sarah Hammond, Ben Hill, Zac Carpenter, Kim Mahaffey, Vance Wing, Kevin Pearl, Jan DeFord, Barb Barnes, and Margaret Haugland

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

Lincoln Hammond shared his Gear up power point presentation on his career path. Lincoln's plans are "In the path of Hemmingway" in being a great writer. He shared his plan and what he has already done to accomplish this career.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Scott presented the financial reports with focus on ending fund balances.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from April 27, May 6, May 26, 2009

Retirement Notifications - None

Leave of Absence – Karen McCue, MS

New Hires – None

AP Vouchers –

a. General Fund Vouchers#34778-34888	Totaling	\$ 27,112.57
#34994-34995		\$ 7,996.61
b. ASB Fund #3290-3310	Totaling	\$ 11,130.69
#3311-3312		\$ 1,494.59
c. Payroll Distribution Warrants 34889-34993	Totaling	\$392,412.59
Direct deposits	Totaling	\$568,905.98

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Director Gray and seconded by Director Renz-Whitman.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Linda Johnson spoke to the board on what she felt was a wonderful program. This program is the Ready for Kindergarten program. She has observed around 150 parents in the program which is targeted to ages 1-4 to help parents work with their children. She expressed the benefits she felt was gained from having the program in place and her concern of this program no longer being offered with the budget cuts for next year.

Ben Hill updated the board on the highlight of events at Camp Wooten. The students this year wrote in journal about what they were learning while up at camp. The top 6 samples were brought in for the board to review. Also, we brought in a paddle that was carved by John Fisher. The students had an opportunity to meet and listen to John's stories while at camp.

Beck Wilson let the board know that 5 of our students will be going up to WSU Pullman to present a Green Dormitory in a GEAR-Up competition. This is the first year of Kiona-Benton City student attending this competition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Calendar Change 2009-10

The Calendar that was voted on the staff was presented to the board. There were questions from the board on how this calendar lined up with 4-H for the fair, WASL and spring break with Tri-cities which affects our Tri-tech students. The board asked that we get numbers of students participating in the fair and students that will miss school to attend the fair if the district starts that week.

CRT Pilot 2009-10

Jennifer Behrends, Zac Carpenter, and Kim Mahaffey all looked at our current schedule of releasing students at 12:10 once a month. They shared that the after school program Bear Club has seen a significant decrease in student participation since the beginning of the year. It appears that parents are making other arrangements for students.

The proposal to the board was to go to an every week format of 1 hour of CRT time. A survey was sent out to the Elementary and Middle School parents to determine if they would support this format. The results were 93% in favor. There was a concern based on the survey not allowing the parent to choice between twice a month at 2.5 hours or every week 1 hour of early release.

This time has allowed teachers to obtain up to 27 clock hours and allowed whole staff to come together to get the same information at the same time. This also has allowed for the first time teachers at the same grade level to be able to collaborate.

Director Raap stated that the program was good but reminded the staff that the program was to remain seamless to parents.

Superintendent Goals Update

Rom Castilleja superintendent went over the status of the goals set by the board. Dan Raap expressed the board's interest in having Rom maintaining working relations with our neighboring districts in being active in Olympia when the state budget is being conducted.

Edu Log

Kim Scott presented some cost saving ideas that the Edu Log vendor's shared if we adopted an electronic routing system. The board was interested in when a breakeven point of such a purchase of software would occur. More information will be gathered.

NEW BUSINESS

Social Studies Adoption

Kim Mahaffey presented the cost proposal for the new social studies adoption and the phase in plan to get the schools aligned with the new adoption. The board approved this plan.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS

a. Kevin Pearl – KB ES

In 09/10, the plan at the elementary is to have more interventions in place for the students that need that extra help to achieve academic success.

There will be a 5th grade band offered next year.

Also, our intermediate students will be served in the lunch room instead of their classrooms.

b. Vance Wing – KB MS

The packets for the “Make your day program” have been mailed out to parents so they will be familiar with the program that will be in place next year. In August we will have an open forum to allow parents and the community to express any concerns they may have on this program.

The gear up summer school program will be engaging for students. Based on current enrollment for these classes, there is a good turnout of students.

c. Wayne Barrett – KBHS

The choir program has picked up a lot of students. They have a performance this week.

Mr. Jones was honored in the Tri-City Herald for his great job that he does every year on the graduation ceremony. His efforts of ensuring a smooth successful graduation ceremony are greatly appreciated.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

a. Superintendent Castilleja- Supt. Presented his strategies to work with the other districts in working with our state legislation

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to RCS 42.30.110, Sections (g) Personnel matters, negotiations

Board retired into executive session at 9:03 P.M. for the purpose of discussion on contract matters. Per RCW 42.30.110 (g) and will concluded at 9:25 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:55P.M. No business will occur after executive session.

Joe Schroeder, Director -Absent

Jill Renz-Whitman, Director

Charles T. Gray, Director

Cole Gunter, Director

Dan Raap, Chairman

Rom Castilleja, Superintendent