

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, January 26, 2015**

Members Present: Tim Cook, Chairman
Ivan Howard, Director
Wayne Elston, Director
Leslie Johnson, Director
Tawny Garrett, Director
Wade Haun, Superintendent
Kim Scott, Executive Director of Finance
Joe Lloyd, Assistant Superintendent

Members Absent: None

Visitors: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

(Chairman Cook requested to add approval of policy 2161P, 2162, 2162P under New Business B) as well as Out of District travel as C))

DELEGATIONS:

Mary and Roni Smith presented the Board with a plaque from the Polar Plunge. Mrs. Smith stated that Ki-Be was the top school to bring in the most money and only had 8 team members. Roni Smith was also the top youth fundraiser. Mrs. Smith wanted to congratulate everyone and invite anyone that would like to be a part of the team next year.

Tallin King approached the Board about an Eagle project that he would like to do and handed flyers out to all the Board members. Tallin indicated that he would like to redo the High School football field, all the details that go into it are located on his flyer. Chairman Cook asked if he was just going to do the bad spots on the field only, and Tallin indicated that he would like to do the entire field because it would be more cost efficient. Chairman Cook stated that Mr. Haun would set up a meeting with him to discuss his plans in detail more.

Elementary Principal Mr. Castillo stated that a 4th grade choir at the elementary has been getting some great reviews and they just finished singing at the Pasco and Richland basketball games, Ki-Be basketball game, and will also be singing at the Fever football game in May. Mr. Castillo is very pleased with all of the hard work they have put in and looks forward to what they are continuing to do.

Superintendent Haun stated that it was Board appreciation month and handed out certificates to all Board members and thanked them for all of their hard work.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mrs Scott presented the financial report and indicated that the balances are as followed for December; General- \$1,469,464.53, Debt Service- \$99,453.70, ASB- \$264,332.52, Transportation- \$96,139.40, Pilt-\$49,994.42.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 1/12/15

New Hires: Jose Ortiz, Bilingual Migrant Service Para #20; Lisa John, Primary Para #23; Dove Johnson, Temp Primary Para #24; Anastasiya Stupak, Elem. Para #28; Kami Taylor-Brooks, Special Services Para #29; Shannah Davidian, Emergency Fill ESL Teacher; Troy Kiltthau, Fleet Mechanic; Inna Lavrentiev, Special Services Para #27.

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 - \$ 1,035,030.32	Vouchers 7, 1036, 1037
AP General Fund- \$ 98,336.30	Vouchers 1034, 1035, 1038
AP ASB Fund - \$ 8,928.63	Vouchers 1034, 1035, 1038
Warrants 107651-107724	

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

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

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

a. KB Middle School

Principal Chuck Feth informed the Board that he had emailed them his principal report and they could follow along if they wish. Mr. Feth indicated that semester report cards went out Friday and that the school communicated this via school messenger and the Middle School Facebook page to ensure that parents were aware. Mr. Feth also indicated that the staff has started student growth conferences. Mr. Feth stated that the semester 1 survey had gone out and that the results were attached in his email for review and that the feedback was mostly positive. Mr. Feth stated that the math committee was able to meet and discuss curriculum and has narrowed it down to 3 different ones. The group consisted of a few teachers from each grade K-7. Mr. Feth also stated that the group of teachers was in favor 16/2 of a specific curriculum and will get it finalized before they present the information. They hope to have it ready by the middle of April so it can be ordered and here in time for the next school year. Chairman Cook stated that he would like to know about the curriculum that has been ordered and Mr. Feth stated a few that had been purchased, including some before his time of being in charge of curriculum. Audience member Teddy Rouse indicated that she would like to know if the curriculum included the textbook or not and Mr. Feth stated that Social Studies books were purchased and they are available for the students to check out.

b. KB Elementary School

Mr. Castillo wanted to thank Mr. Feth and the curriculum team for allowing this process to be a "team effort"; it was extremely helpful that the elementary staff invited had time to talk and ask questions. Mr. Castillo indicated that the counselor at the Elementary, Mrs. Dabney, has been doing a wonderful job of presenting in classrooms about bullying and doing parent classes on Monday nights in the library. He will ask Mrs. Dabney to present at a Board Meeting on the status of those classes. Mr. Castillo also wanted to thank the School Board and Superintendent for the support of the ECEAP program in the district. The staff is doing a great job the facilities and students are terrific and he likes to visit when he can. Mr. Castillo stated that two different programs would be holding after school tutoring. The first one being ESD123 which will be conducting tutoring as part of the No Child Left Behind requirement. This tutoring is not run by the District; they will only be using our facilities and some staff. The second program is the Elementary tutoring program that is still in the works and the focus would be on reading. Director Johnson asked Mr. Castillo how many parents are attending the parenting classes and Mr. Castillo stated that it's not a large group but a consistent group.

c. KB High School

Principal Clay Henry stated that the semester was over and assessments are in full swing. Mr. Henry also stated that it would be Seahawks week at the High School to show some spirit for the upcoming Super Bowl. Mr. Henry also indicated that Gear Up is holding quite a few different activities and those can be seen on our website. Mr. Henry indicated that a former Ki-Be graduate, that is now in the music industry, would like to hold an assembly at the High School on February 17, covering topics such as bullying, harassment, raising your personal expectations, dream, hope and never give up. This would promote positive publicity for the school as well. Mr. Henry also wanted to add that at his last meeting over in Seattle for the Washington State Principals Association they voted to decouple state testing from the diploma.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2nd Reading of Firearms Policy

Chairman Cook stated that some changes needed to be made on the Firearms Policy, but the Board could go ahead with the second reading of the policy. Chairman Cook indicated once the policy is closer to being finished that it would be put on the website, as other policies have for the public to view. Chairman Cook asked the Board to again review the policy and to get any changes to Superintendent Haun.

NEW BUSINESS

1st Reading of Policies for Review

Superintendent Haun stated that the Board was given three policies to review (1822, 3120, and 5250) and if any changes needed to be made we would review them at the next Board meeting.

Approval of Policies 2161P, 2162, 2162P

Jan Harlow stated that Policy 2161P was handed out at the last Board meeting and is needing approval so that she can send the current version to OSPI. Mr. Lloyd indicated that during the Consolidated Program Review Policy 2162 and 2162P needed to be reviewed and updated. Mr. Lloyd stated that changes to the policy hadn't been made since 2002 and that he had made all the updates that were needed and would also like the approval from the Board. Director Johnson indicated that items were moved from the policy to the procedure and that was the biggest change.

A motion was made to approve policies 2161P, 2162 and 2162P by Director Garrett and seconded by Director Johnson.

Vote to approve policies with a 5/0 vote.

Out of State Travel

Jan Harlow, Director of Special Services, stated that teachers Jennifer McCloud and Judi Harding would like to attend an Early Childhood conference in New York. Mrs. Harlow stated that it's a wonderful and very informative conference with top notch presenters, along with that it would be a wonderful networking opportunity with Richland and Kennewick because they are also sending a group to the conference. Mrs. Harlow indicated that the amount total for travel would be \$2,329.00 per teacher and that she had spoken with Mr. Lloyd and we have funds for Mrs. McCloud out of ECEAP and funds for Mrs. Harding with Title 1 and 2.

A motion was made to approve out of state travel by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Howard.

Vote to approve out of state travel with a 5/0 vote.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

Superintendent Haun stated that he would like to thank Heather Duncan for holding a public forum last week, Mrs. Scott for filling in for him while he was under the weather and Director Elston and Director Johnson for attending the forum. Mr. Haun stated that he was able to attend a breakfast at Tri-Tech Skills Center in Kennewick and it was a great experience and very informative as to what the students are learning at such a wonderful facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audience member Heather Duncan stated on behalf of the Benton City Chamber of Commerce and EDC she would like to thank Mrs. Scott, Director Elston and Director Johnson for attending the forum. Mrs. Duncan stated that she learned a lot about the Levy that night and that the community is uninformed because most of them have found out about the Levy when they received their ballots. Mrs. Duncan also indicated that a citizens committee was formed and they are working hard to spread the word.

Audience member Teddy Bryan indicated that she had questions about the firearms policy and asked if she will be able to look at it before it is in place and where will the gun be stored. Mrs. Bryan was reassured that the public would get to see the policy and that she can submit a request for records with her questions also.

Audience member Julie Rheinschmidt commented on the firearms policy. She would like to see a performance test and that the person could pass it. She would also like the idea of having locked boxes and a limit to how many people are able to carry.

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 with no business to follow. Executive session was extended.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Wayne Elston, Director

Leslie Johnson, Director

Ivan Howard, Director

Tawny Garrett, Director

Tim Cook, Chairman

Wade Haun, Superintendent