

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, January 9, 2012**

Members Present: Charles T. Gray, Chairman  
Dan Raap, Director  
Tim Cook, Director  
Jill Renz-Whitman, Director  
Wayne Elston, Director  
Rom Castilleja, Secretary to the Board  
Kimberly Scott, Executive Director of Financial Services

Members Absent: None.

Visitors: See Attached.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

**DELEGATIONS**

Superintendent Castilleja requested additions to the proposed consent agenda, unfinished business, and department updates. He then read the National School Board Appreciation Month proclamation to the Board and thanked them for their time spent carrying out the duties of a Board member.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – None.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board Minutes from December 19, 2011  
Leave Request – Bonnie Hagins, Para Educator  
Leave Request – Rose Anna Magana, Special Services Office Manager  
AP General Fund- \$91,403.92 Warrants inclusive in 102594-102638  
AP ASB Fund - \$13,357.24 Warrants inclusive in 102594-102638

**Motion was made to approve the consent agenda as amended by Director Raap and seconded by Director Renz-Whitman.**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Credit Transition**

Principal Wayne Barrett presented the Board with information regarding credit transition and the graduation requirements of Kiona-Benton City High School vs. Sunset View Alternative High School. There was discussion about new requirements as well as the ability of Sunset View students to enter Kiona-Benton City High School to complete requirements available there. Principal Barrett confirmed that

alternative students were attending classes in regular high school as well as participating in Tri-Tech classes. There was further discussion regarding the difference in District credit requirements; which are higher than State credit requirements and the requirement of 24 credits by 2016. Principal Barrett indicated that this 24 credit requirement was based on full funding.

### **Report of News Protocol**

Superintendent Castilleja shared with the Board what was found to be the most efficient form of contacting staff as needed in regards to an incident that happened this past month. For future incidences, the Superintendent indicated he would send a District wide email, then contact made with parents through the school messenger phone calling system. He indicated that he was currently in contact with the Benton County Sheriff's office regarding another incident that happened a few evenings back near the High School and that once information was available; he would use these resources to share the information. The Superintendent also indicated that they would also continue to work closely with the SRO.

### **Field House**

Superintendent Castilleja updated the Board on where the Field House project was at. He indicated that they found that there was building requirements regarding a 10' slope from the building, and that they were now only 8'. He indicated that they would be requesting a variance. Worst case would be that the siting would have to be moved back 3'. The Superintendent indicated that volunteers worked hard this last weekend and they are currently working on sewer lines and electrical needs. Director Cook questioned the quality of the volunteers, wondering who was doing the work. There was also discussion regarding the funding of the work being done. There were some comments from the audience. Chairman Gray asked that they be held until meeting was opened for public comment or continue the conversation outside of the meeting room.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

#### **a. Teaching & Learning/Athletics**

Chuck Feth updated the Board on the writing curriculum. He indicated that the elementary and middle schools were coming up on the 24<sup>th</sup> week. They are hoping to solidify the curriculum for progression in writing. Mr. Feth also indicated that the Math Benchmark teachers completed training regarding building formal assessments. The next round of tests are scheduled for February 9. This is the same timeframe as MSP computer testing. Taking both tests in a similar manner should help the student. The Middle School is working on science curriculum adoption.

On the athletic side, Mr. Feth shared the Middle School has great numbers. They are just wrapping up boys basketball and working into wrestling and girl's basketball. The HS also has good numbers with 30-40 wrestlers and three (3) teams each of girls and boys. The teams are within reach of going the distance. They will be playing Connell on Tuesday, but he did not foresee any problems.

#### **b. Grants Manager**

Joe Lloyd indicated that the Kiona-Benton School District was working on a Honda Corporation Grant in the amount of \$45,000, which would assist with the purchase of a milling and routing machine. With this equipment, the Kiona-Benton City High School instructors Dave Lake and Micah Wilson would be able to provide more services to the students in relation to projects as well as be able to possibly work in supplying other Districts with kits, which would help sustain their current programs. Mr. Lloyd indicated that there were approximately 38 students enrolled in the HomeLink/On-Line programs with a total of 18 FTE's. He indicated that his goal for this year was to reach 20 FTE's. He also indicated that there was a possibility of a National Science Foundation grant and that he would be meeting with WSU staff this coming Thursday to learn more.

**c. Technology**

Troy Jamieson shared with the Board that he picked up the 20 computers on December 15 that were donated to the District by Hapo and Windermere. He indicated how appreciative he was to receive such a donation on behalf of the District. They are working the program processes in an effort to create more consistency and flow from building to building.

**d. Special Services**

Heather Franklin presented the Board with a brief overview of the Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program (TBIP) and Title III, and what three (3) target areas the students must meet called Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO).

**e. Maintenance & Operations**

Mark Noyes updated the Board on the Middle School renovations. The office will be done within the next week and a half. Chairman Gray asked about some carpet issues that were a safety concern at the library. Mr. Noyes indicated that he was working with Principal Vance Wing to get this fixed.

**SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT**

Superintendent Castilleja indicated that the Strategic Plan Summit was scheduled from January 21, with the intent to review the plan and where we are at now and compile suggestions on any needed adjustments or modifications in moving forward. Although he will be attending a WIAA conference, the Superintendent indicated that he would be joining the summit via Skype.

Superintendent Castilleja as previously indicated will be attending the WIAA conference and asked the Board for input and questions that he can present. The conference is being held in Renton.

The Superintendent indicated that the legislative regular session began today. The question being addressed is in regards to full funding for schools. This is a critical discussion point. The cuts would be so deep that everyone would feel it. There was also discussion in regards to the legality of the legislature cutting LEA funds. As well, there was discussion about the restructure of the allocation model and its effect on the District.

Superintendent Castilleja reminded the Board members of the ESD Board Workshop scheduled for Thursday. He also shared that Dr. Fox of Richland approached the District about donating an AED machine. In addition, other funds were available through our vocational program so two (2) AED machines will be made available to the District.

Superintendent Castilleja identified the students that were selected as School Board Representatives as Emily Leist and Caitlyn Sweeney.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *Chairman Gray requested that public comments be limited to 3 minutes.*

An audience member questioned the sewer flooding issue of the Middle School. It was shared with them that the cabinets were going in this week and that the insurance did pay directly after some checking was done by the District Office. The audience member went on to say that he did not think it was right to pay and wait for an insurance reimbursement, and that he did not want to be mocked after suggesting a concern at the last meeting.

An audience member asked about our public relations protocol. She did indicate that the phone system was more efficient than notes, letter, etc... but she felt that the communication piece was the problem in regards to the recent issue at the school with a trespasser.

Kim Scott addressed the audience member in regards to the insurance issue and indicated at no time was she trying to mock him. It was normal protocol to wait on insurance reimbursements, but due to these unique circumstances the insurance company paid directly. She indicated at no time was she trying to offend him.

Two high school students addressed the Board in regards to no Junior students being allowed to be counselors at Camp Wooten this year. Conflicts with testing were a concern; however these students indicated that this was not the case in their individual circumstances and asked to be considered. The Board asked the Superintendent to check with Principal Wing and Principal Barrett for clarification.

Connie Meredith referenced the issue regarding the communication problem in regards to the recent incident and how it was handled. She wanted to clarify that it was not only a communication problem, but also a safety issue.

Tina Cook asked the Board about the garbage issue at the High School. She indicated that it again was blowing all over and looks awful – what can be done about it.

**CONVENED**

At 8:13 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 40 minutes. Mr. Gray extended the meeting for an additional 20 minutes at 8:52. No matters were addressed after executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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