

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

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

Members Present: Charles T. Gray, Chairman
Dan Raap, Vice Chairman
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 introduced Angela Watts, President of WASBO. She presented Kim Scott with the School Business Administrator professional certificate and stated the Board should be very proud to have Mrs. Scott as an employee. Ms. Watts also indicated that the process was extensive to include an application and portfolio and that Kim had done a great job on her submission.

FINANCIAL REPORT – None.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

The Board Minutes from March 26, 2012

AP General Fund- \$51,173.30 Warrants 103056-103090

AP ASB Fund - \$2,311.33 Warrants 103056-103091

Kim Scott requested that an addition to the consent agenda be made to include voucher #1049, which was for the elementary ASB to send proceeds for the recent penny drive that they had completed.

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda as amended to include voucher #1049 by Director Raap and seconded by Director Renz-Whitman.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy 1620 - Operating Principles

Superintendent Castilleja presented the Board with our current Policy 1620 as well as the second draft of the Operating Principles as procedure. It was discussion about incorporating the procedures into the policy, making them one document. The Superintendent will present requested changes at the next meeting.

Motion was made to update Policy 1620 – Operating Principles to include new procedures by Director Raap and seconded by Director Renz-Whitman.

Unanimous vote to approve updates to Policy 1620 – Operating Principles with a 5/0 vote.

Wrestling Room Wall Removal

Superintendent Castilleja indicated that they were unable to have Dax be present at the meeting to address the Board about the wall removal, but did indicate that after talking with him, that a redesign, permitting, and etc... would be needed for the removal of the wall. As previously indicated, the Superintendent wants to ensure that all proper steps are followed as the health room and wall were actually what allowed for the wrestling room to be established during construction and per OSPI requirements. Superintendent Castilleja also indicated that a more extensive list of total costs would be needed before moving forward. This list would have to include permits, structural checks; any possible costs associated with the change.

NEW BUSINESS

Job Share Requests

Superintendent Castilleja presented the Board with two (2) additional requests for job sharing from staff. They included a) Judy Reid-Elementary secretary, and b) Lisa Schmidt-teacher. He understood that the Board had placed all job share requests on hold until after the Budget was finalized, but wanted to make the Board aware of the requests. The requests will be postponed until the next meeting.

Policy 1310 – Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures First Reading

Superintendent Castilleja presented the Board with a proposed update to Policy 1310 regarding location of policy manuals. The Board agreed to move forward to a second reading.

Policy 1731 – Board Member Expenses & 1731 Procedures

Superintendent Castilleja presented the Board with a proposed update to Policy 1731 and 1731 procedures to align with other policy updates. The Board agreed to move forward to a second reading.

Resolution #5-2012 – Asset Preservation Program / Resolution #6-2012 – Urgent Repair Grant

Superintendent Castilleja presented the Board with Resolution #5-2012 for the purpose of developing an Asset Preservation Program per WAC 392-347-023 and Resolution #6-2012 which authorizes Superintendent Castilleja and Mark Noyes to sign documents relating to the Urgent Repair Grant project(s). There was discussion regarding the asbestos abatement project and Director Cook requested a copy of the grant requirements. Mark Noyes indicated that he would email all the Board members this information.

Motion was made to approve Resolution #5-2012 – Asset Preservation Program and Resolution #6-2012 – Urgent Repair Grant by Director Raap and seconded by Director Renz-Whitman.

Unanimous vote to approve the Policy 1620 – Operating Principles with a 5/0 vote

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Teaching & Learning/Athletics

Chuck Feth discussed the Math Bench Mark assessments and writing assessment dates for this month. As indicated before, a curriculum team will be going to training on the common core state standards this month as well. Mr Feth indicated that two (2) principals and six to seven (6-7) teachers would be attending this training. As the common requirements will be in affect by 2015, our staff are getting a jump start on the process. He also updated the Board on spring sports. There is a track meet tomorrow and the baseball and softball are going strong. Middle school sports have started with the first games scheduled for this week. Director Raap had a question regarding letters of recommendations for students that are graduating. Mr. Feth indicated that they are useful and should be added to the students Bear Book.

b. Grants Manager

Joe Lloyd - Excused

c. Technology

Troy Jamieson indicated Battelle has donated another 54 computers to the District. There are no monitors. The Board asked if there was a possibility any servers were available and Mr. Jamieson indicated that they were probably older and there are not many available. He indicated he would check when he goes to pick up the computers tomorrow.

d. Special Services

Heather Franklin - Excused

e. Maintenance & Operations

Mark Noyes indicated that the field house project was on hold as the plumber had a family emergency. He indicated that they were getting bids on other areas. Mr. Noyes also indicated that he did some checking and the next ironworker group would not be available for volunteer work until this coming fall. Director Cook indicated that he had apologized to the Maintenance staff regarding an issue and wanted to make sure Mr. Noyes was aware of this. Director Cook also stated that if Mr. Noyes had an issue with him to come talk to him directly. There was further discussion; however Superintendent Castilleja indicated that was not meant for a public meeting and could be discussed after the Board meeting adjourned.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

Superintendent Castilleja provided a legislative update and reaffirmed that the budget was still a concern and everyone was waiting to see what will happen. Director Raap asked that the Superintendent email Senator Jerome Delvin to see if there was further information available. The Superintendent also indicated that the High School Achievement Award ceremony was scheduled for the west side and that the RSVP was due this coming Wednesday. He indicated that he was communicating with the ESD office to see about having a local awards ceremony so more people could have the opportunity to attend.

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

Connie Meredith stated that the job share requests were a good thing and could save the District money; every little bit counts. She then asked the Board if the substitutes had been reinstated; there was no due process and it was not a disciplinary issue. Chairman Gray indicated that it was a personnel issue and could not be discussed and if discussed, it would only be during executive session. Mrs. Meredith stated that there was no investigation and appreciated if the Board would follow through.

ASB President, Dakota Renz addressed the Board and expressed as a voice of the student body that he was appalled at the behavior of staff and public during the board meeting. He indicated that the AVID

program had worked hard on their presentation for the Board and public at the last meeting, and to have less than 1/3 of the staff leave the gym to attend the presentation was showing lack of support of the students. He also expressed that there needs to be a level of respect, even if there is conflict and not everyone is in agreement on issues. Dakota indicated that it is upsetting to hear vulgar and attacking statements being made at the meetings that he has attended.

Tina Cook addressed the Board about their behavior and did not think it appropriate to giggle and sneer during the meeting. The Board needs to show respect too.

Nicole DeRousie apologized on behalf of some teachers regarding the attendance of the AVID presentation, indicating that they did not want to pack the District Office and make the students uncomfortable.

Cindy Cook addressed the Board about respect and of a personnel/personal issue. She said staff should not be paid to mess with her family.

CONVENED

At 7:50 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 40 minutes. Chairman Gray extended the meeting for an additional 40 minutes at 8:29 p.m. No matters were addressed after executive session.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Wayne Elston, Director

Jill Renz-Whitman, Director

Dan Raap, Director

Tim Cook, Director

Charles T. Gray, Chairman

Rom Castilleja, Superintendent