

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, July 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 presented board members with Gear-Up t-shirts, which were given to the Board by Becky Wilson, of the WSU Gear-Up program.

FINANCIAL REPORT – None.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

The Board Minutes from June 25, 2012

New Hires: Rachel Groth, HS English; Laura McClanahan, MS Language Arts; Michelle King, HomeLink/On-line Mentor

Leave Request: Chandra Markel, Counselor (Added per request by Superintendent Castilleja)

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.

AP General Fund- \$82,982.98 Voucher 1065, 1067, 1068, two (2) Manual Vouchers to expedite payment.

AP ASB Fund - \$12,690.90 Voucher 1067, and two (2) Manual Vouchers to expedite payment.

AP Capital Fund - \$4,512.15 Voucher 1067

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Chandra Markel's leave request by Director Raap and seconded by Director Cook.

There was discussion regarding the request for reduction in contract for Chandra Markel to a .8 FTE. As well there were questions regarding the new hires, their experience and the interview/hiring process. Superintendent Castilleja explained the process. Clarifying questions were also asked of various vouchers submitted for payment. Chairman Gray also requested a correction to a typo that was in the meeting minutes.

Vote to approve consent agenda with the addition of Chandra Markel's leave request and correction to minutes with a 3/2 vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Gray asked to add the topic of the wrestling room wall removal to unfinished business. Superintendent Castilleja was asked where the project stood. He indicated that he would again try to make an appointment with Dax Lagsdon to come speak to the Board regarding such a project.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Teaching & Learning/Athletics

Vance Wing – Excused.

b. Grants Manager

Joe Lloyd – Excused.

c. Technology

Troy Jamieson indicated that he and his COE students are knocking out lots of items on the summer work schedule, including getting ready for a surplus sale the first week of August. Director Raap asked if letters had been sent out to area organizations and Mr. Jamieson explained that no letters had been sent, however the paper would be running two (2) separate notices regarding the sale.

d. Special Services

Heather Franklin – Excused.

e. Maintenance & Operations

Mark Noyes shared with the Board that the middle school office area has the carpet in and the asbestos abatement was completed and they were waiting on the final clearance from the lab company. Mr. Noyes indicated that the field house was on standby as the contractor was tied up with another project, which will postpone our start date. He also indicated that there are issues with the elementary playground and equipment, and it has come to his attention that items such as the swings will have to be removed as they do not meet standards. Principal Behrends is aware of this issue and is checking into options. Transportation completed another review of the one (1) mile walk zone and per OSPI, another area has been determined a safe walk zone in the area of Kendall Road/Chris Ave. Children on OIE will still be picked up as well as another area where there has been a large number of pedophiles residing. The District will be working with the City to add cross walks. They will be donating man hours towards the project as well as Joe Lloyd will assistance the City with the submitting of a grant for the project. Mr. Noyes indicated that the freezer went out this past weekend and needed work; as well the water pump went down over the holiday, which caused some areas of grass to die out. The pump was mended for now so the watering schedule could resume, but will need additional work. The Board had questions regarding the irrigation system and the work going on throughout the city. Mr. Noyes did confirm that there would not be enough pressure to supply all 37 stations the school has. There was further discussion regarding the pond, spigot location at transportation, and the new pressurized

system. Director Elston asked Mr. Noyes to get something in writing from the engineers working on the pressurized system.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

Superintendent Castilleja reminded the Board of the numerous trainings available for staff during the summer to include the AVID workshop, Common Core Standards workshop, and many others. As well, there is information out there about the TPEP grant and starting work on that. Superintendent Castilleja indicated that the teachers were opting to wait so this leaves the District in limbo. He also indicated that if the District is not part of the grant, they cannot participate at any level. Superintendent Castilleja indicated that it would be beneficial to participate as the format selection is driven by new law and will need to be fully implemented by 2015. The Superintendent also reminded the Board of an upcoming workshop they can attend and will send them a reminder regarding the date and location.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Chairman Gray requested that public comments be limited to 3 minutes, no names be used, and to not ask about personnel issues (keep within policy).*

Connie Meredith thanked the Board for the weeding that was completed around the District Office. She asked about the watering of the trees that were planted by the middle school. Mark Noyes indicated that the watering for them was by the area sprinklers only. Mrs. Meredith again asked about a list of students and reasons for transferring, as well as a copy of a contract for the District arbitrator. She also asked about getting the meeting notice on the reader board. Mr. Noyes apologized and indicated that he had forgotten to have that completed.

Kimm Minkler asked about the waiver the state received in regards to the No Child Left Behind Act and will there be a question/answer time regarding this. She asked how this changes the face of how things work. Superintendent Castilleja confirmed that the change does touch upon staff development and that he will share with staff when more information is available.

Vic Englehart asked about the movement of administrative staff, specifically the Middle School principal and the Athletic/Curriculum Director. He asked if the District would be saving money by making this switch or was there more expense. It was confirmed by the Superintendent that the District would be paying a minimal amount more due to the switch, part of which is due to more days worked in the Athletic/Curriculum Director position.

CONVENED

At 7:41 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 20 minutes. Chairman Gray extended the meeting for an additional 20 minutes at 8:10 p.m. No matters were addressed after executive session.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Wayne Elston, Director

Jill Renz-Whitman, Director

Dan Raap, Vice Chairman

Tim Cook, Director

Charles T. Gray, Chairman

Rom Castilleja, Superintendent