

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, September 10, 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 High School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

DELEGATIONS – None.

FINANCIAL REPORT – None.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

The Board Minutes from August 27, 2012 and August 30, 2012

New Hire: Jessie Labrie, MS Language Arts Teacher

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- \$294,346.50 Voucher 24, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1083, 1084

AP ASB Fund - \$10,929.20 Voucher 1004, 1009

AP Capital Fund - \$20,539.58 Voucher 1004

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Director Cook and seconded by Director Raap.

There was discussion regarding the Ted Brown expenditures and it was explained that the funds being spent were from the large donation received at the end of the 2011-12 school year. There were also questions regarding the large p-card bill and Kim Scott explained that technology purchases for the school year were made with the p-card. The Board expressed concerns about the credit limits on the cards and she clarified that the only card with that much capacity was the District card in which purchases were preapproved through the District Office. It was also explained that by using the p-cards more, the

District would be receiving a rebate based on the overall purchases. There were a few more questions regarding various invoices and reimbursements, which were clarified for the Board.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Elementary Portables

Superintendent Castilleja and Mark Noyes, Director of Maintenance, Operations & Transportation updated the Board on the status of the portables. The visual estimated amount for cost to repair the portables was in the range of \$300,000. They indicated that costs for removal/demolition of the portables were being researched. Director Elston asked about the possibility of selling the portables as long as a full disclosure was made in regards to the mold. Director Raap requested more information to clarify the possibility of selling as well as what input Canfield would have regarding the project.

Wrestling Wall

Superintendent Castilleja and Mark Noyes also updated the Board on the status of the wrestling wall project. The approximate cost is looking close to \$30,000 with an extra \$15,000 for panels. Mr. Noyes explained all the aspects of things that need to be addressed if the wall was removed to include a support beam, moving of electrical wires/switches, the need for 360 degree vision/horn strokes, and the possibility of having to add sprinklers. The Board asked that a walk-through of the area be scheduled and to please include Rich Cunningham. It was also asked if the wall panels could wait and just address the wall removal at this time. Director Cook asked what company supplied the bid and Mark Noyes indicated that Northwest Restoration / Engineering was the company. He did indicate that it was an initial quote to get an idea of cost and that the bid process if the project is approved. The Board also asked about the use of volunteers to do some of the work. Director Renz-Whitman expressed concerns about the spending for such a project and was it really needed. The Superintendent indicated that they would still schedule the walk through and go from there.

NEW BUSINESS - None

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Teaching & Learning/Athletics

Vance Wing was unavailable as he was assisting at the JV football game.

b. Grants Manager

Joe Lloyd shared with the Board updates on the Grants in process. He indicated that the RTI grant was extended one more year in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Lloyd also expressed that he has not heard yet on the science grant; however he believes this is a positive sign. He indicated that there were at least 50 students enrolled in a least one online class. This is a good sign as he indicated that the District ended with 44 students last year and have started out with more for this year. Mr. Lloyd indicated that Tri-City schools are further along in building their program; however we are doing well and have even received calls from Prosser School District and they are a little behind us. We also have students that are taking classes such as German, which is a subject not available at our District. He explained that the course is taught by a certified teacher and it does affect the District's FTE funding. Mr. Lloyd expressed that he and the Superintendent would be attending the online school planning committee meeting coming up and the Superintendent will report back to the Board with information from the meeting. Mr. Lloyd also explained that HomeLink is for K-6th grade students which spend the bulk of the day at home with the parent(s) and the District supports with materials. He indicated that auto calls have been made and trying to get the word out to get more students involved. The Board asked about funding that would be available with the science grant and purchase of I Pads that would assist with infrastructure and

Mr. Lloyd explained that the grant was specific and funding for infrastructure was not part of the grant.

c. Technology

Troy Jamieson indicated that his department has been really busy with the start of school. He indicated that if online school was to expand, more infrastructures would be needed to make the program effective; wireless in particular. This of course requires funding. If 30 I Pads in just one classroom, wireless service would have to be addressed. The Board asked about how much it would cost to do this, and Mr. Jamieson indicated that for all three (3) buildings, it would cost a total of approximately \$150,000, \$50,000 per year if one (1) building was upgraded each year. He further explained High Density points and wiring is already in place; and currently there is the capability of 8-10 devices on the access points now. The Board asked about any grants that may be available for infrastructure only as the science grant would only allow for the purchase of I Pads.

d. Special Services

Heather Franklin shared with the Board that Special Services was working on compliance issues and adjusting the Para educator schedules. She indicated that preschool started today and is now located in the old District Office. Preschool currently has 10 students in the morning and four (4) students in the afternoon, with Friday screenings scheduled. Ms. Franklins also shared that she and Mr. Wing were working together on providing training to the Para's as well new substitute Para's were attending an orientation with a job shadow component before they are assigned to cover a position. Chairman Gray asked about the assignment of the RIF Para's and Ms. Franklin indicated that they were the first called in to work. She also went on to explain that they are still working on finding a new substitute dispatcher, but until then she and Jean Jones have been covering the position. She indicated that teachers have been contacted about using Subfinder. She also indicated that she was working on bringing in more outside agencies and work on more community involvement. She also shared many of the things that she plans to attend, projects to complete for the year. Chairman Gray asked about her ability to meet with parents and she indicated that if she is available she stops and assists the parents.

e. Maintenance & Operations

Mark Noyes indicated that most of the information he had to share was done so in old business. Director Elston did ask for clarification on how much bark was purchased for the playground areas and Mr. Noyes indicated 45 yards. Chairman Gray asked about the swing area and if anything was being done with that. Superintendent Castilleja did indicate that Principal Behrends was tasked to work with the PTO regarding this.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

Superintendent Castilleja again indicated that he had been appointed to the State Online Committee and would be attending a committee meeting, in which he would be bringing back information from for the Board. He also wanted to remind the Board about the upcoming WSSDA conference and if they planned on attending to please let Louise know so arrangements could be made. Director Elston confirmed that he would be attending.

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 asked the Board about a “greeter” position and how much was the position change costing the District. There was some discussion regarding what was meant by a “greeter” and it was clarified that it was the Office Manager position in the District Office. She then asked about if the new position assignment and if more money was being made for assisting Eric Nordlof with grievances. It was clarified that if extra hours were worked, payment for work would be made.

Joni Ashley addressed the Board and expressed that instead of spending money on the wrestling wall, to think of the kids that could benefit by using the money for the elementary playground area.

Barb Thomas expressed concerns about the teachers using Subfinder. She indicated that the information in the system was not up to date. The Superintendent indicated that this would be checked into.

Jesus Alvarado indicated that the Tri-City Herald article from September 3, told of teachers getting extra pay, arbitrations costing money. He is concerned that information is not getting to the Board about what is going on. The District is spending money on legal services, lost suits and again arbitrations. Another concern he had was why a National Board Certified math teacher was only teaching two (2) math classes and four (4) PE classes. He asked the Board why the teacher was not used more in the math class scheduling.

CONVENED

At 7:55 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 40 minutes. No matters were addressed after executive session.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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