

**KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52
1105 DALE AVENUE
BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON 99320**

**Board Minutes of
Monday October 12, 2020**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director
Clark Carlson, Director
Teddy Bryan, Director
Jacob Johnson, Director
Kim Scott, Executive Director of Finance
Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Members Absent: None.

Visitors: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Thornton called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Peterson invited Mr. Kantman, Middle School vice principal, to speak about the grant he applied for and was awarded. Mr. Kantman stated that the Middle School was awarded a \$3,000.00 grant and they are going to use it to build a dome over the home plate area on the girl's fast pitch field as well as the 7th grade boys baseball backstop. Mr. Kantman stated that if any money is left over they will use it to revamp the tennis courts in the back to batting cages. Director Rheinschmidt thanked Mr. Kantman for taking the time to submit for that grant.

Board Chair Thornton asked if anyone had questions regarding the proposed consent agenda. Director Carlson asked why we had a small purchase at Detloff Auto parts and a large one at a Pasco parts store and Mr. Peterson stated he would ask Mr. Adamson and forward that information to the board.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from 9/28/2020

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- \$94,793.12

Vouchers 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1115

Warrants 113762-113772

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Director Carlson and seconded by Director Rheinschmidt.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (limited to prior written or electronic only)

Mr. Peterson stated that all questions will be answered in an email response. Mr. Peterson read 11 comments. Mr. Peterson stated that Board Chair Thornton and he will draft responses together before they are sent out.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Carlson shared a story about his own children and civics. Director Carlson stated that our teachers do a great job and my children know what they need to because of them and he thanked our teachers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Re-Opening Update

Mr. Peterson stated that he had copied the board on an email he sent to all staff last week about PreK-2 returning on Monday with a tentative AM/PM model. Mr. Peterson stated bargaining still has to be completed and that no more than 50% of the students would be in at one time. Mr. Peterson thanked Dan and Jennifer for coordinating the breakfast and lunch hand-out and deliveries. Director Rheinschmidt asked if there was a cleaning plan for between AM/PM. Mr. Peterson stated that a team of custodians will come in and clean rooms. Mr. Peterson stated that Mr. Adamson ordered 4 electrostatic nebulizers that spray things down and those are being used successfully in other districts and they have seen a decrease in the time it takes to clean. Director Bryan asked what the time frame is between the AM/PM and Mr. Peterson stated an hour and 45 minutes. Board Chair Thornton asked if we are keeping our customary start and stop times and Mr. Peterson said yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy/Procedure 3211 and 3211P, Revision

Mr. Peterson stated that most of the changes are at the State level and this is one of the things that Ms. Zavala has to report each year to OSPI. Director Rheinschmidt stated she was glad to see the revision because it allows any student to request a different bathroom or locker room. Director Rheinschmidt stated she still feels it creates an unfair playing field for our female athletes, but it's a requirement and we have to have it. Board Chair Thornton stated he agrees with Director Rheinschmidt and wishes we had a little more local control with athletics. Director Carlson stated he had concerns about allowing the student to decide if the parent should be contacted or not. Mr. Peterson stated that we are held to HIPA standard, but as a reminder it is in the best interest to keep the communication with parents. Mr. Carlson stated that he agrees, but still feels we need to address it and have something for our own legal protection. Mr. Peterson stated he empathizes with Director Carlson, but reminded him if we have a 14/15-year-old that sees a private counselor we can notify the parents nor can they; many times this comes down to what the law states. Director Carlson stated he would like to assure the public that we take seriously that parent/child relationship and that we will do our best to let parents know and do our due diligence. Ms. Zavala stated that this procedure is more for the protection of the family rather than keeping information from parents. Director Carlson thanked Ms. Zavala for that clarification. Board Chair Thornton stated that he doesn't see how we can go on without legal counsel on this. Mr. Peterson stated he would check with the attorney on this subject, but felt the board should know not much could come out of that discussion. Director Carlson had audio issues throughout this conversation. Director Bryan stated she feels this should be tabled to make sure we have our bases covered before we vote.

A motion to table policy/procedure 3211 & 3211P was made by Director Carlson and seconded by Director Bryan.

A vote to approve tabling policy/procedure 3211 & 3211P with a 5/0 vote.

Enrollment Update

Mrs. Scott stated that our enrollment dropped 2%, which we anticipated but she wasn't sure if all of our Transitional Kindergartners (TK) were included yet and asked Mr. Peterson. Mr. Peterson stated that not all TK students had been entered and with the rollover, it has prevented us from doing so. Mrs. Scott stated that the State average is 2%. Mr. Peterson stated that he hopes this is temporary and once we get TK included an update will be shared.

Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA), Update

Mr. Peterson stated that this has been extended to November 9th. Mr. Peterson stated that it does go against the oath he took, but if board member wanted to meet in person we could do that but would have to create a schedule. Mr. Peterson stated we could still broadcast and use Zoom. Board Chair Thornton asked if the limit was still 5 people and Mr. Peterson stated yes it was. Director Rheinschmidt stated she wouldn't be opposed

to meeting in person, but she would like to have public comment done a different way. Director Rheinschmidt stated she would like the person commenting to be able to speak to the board. Director Rheinschmidt stated with that being said she would hope things could be more secure. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the only risk is the meeting invite is posted publicly and we are going to get to work on that right away. Mr. Peterson stated he would work on that with David and Heidi.

CONVENED

At 7:43 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 8:17 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

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