

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

**Board Minutes of  
Monday, October 26, 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.

Board Chair Thornton asked if there were any questions on the proposed consent agenda. Board Chair Thornton asked if we would be back filling these positions. Mr. Peterson stated that some of these positions would be filled as we need them.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from 10/12/2020

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Charley Berryhill, Paraeducator; Taylor Gemmill, Paraeducator; Andrew Pearce, Bus Driver; Shawn Jones, Custodial

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.

Payroll General Fund- \$1,303,714.68      Vouchers 1019, 1020  
AP General Fund- \$62,984.28              Vouchers 1016, 1017, 1018  
Warrants 113762-113787

**A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Director Johnson 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 read 3 comments. Mr. Peterson stated that Board Chair Thornton and he will draft responses together before they are sent out.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Bryan wanted to thank Mr. Peterson for sending the pictures today of students back in school; it was great to see and she appreciated it. Board Chair Thornton stated he drove by and could tell there were excited little kids lining up for school.

## **PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

### **a. KB Primary School**

Principal Kris Hanson stated that today was a great day and it finally felt like a little bit of normal. Mrs. Hanson stated that the day went smooth, the kids lined up on the bear paws outside and the parents did the attestation. Mrs. Hanson stated the attestation note pads went home with kids today so that will make it easier on parents from now on. Mrs. Hanson stated that kids and parents were so excited today. Mrs. Hanson stated that there were a couple concerns about when students didn't have masks on and Mrs. Hanson stated that was when students were eating breakfast or lunch. Mrs. Hanson stated that teachers stated how great the kids did for being 5 years old. Mrs. Hanson stated she appreciated the support across the district on this first day. Mrs. Hanson stated we want to keep students in the building so we are following all safety guidelines to make that happen. Mrs. Hanson stated the first graders will be in Wednesday and the second graders will follow on Thursday. Mrs. Hanson thanked the board.

### **b. KB Intermediate School**

Principal Corey Williams wanted to thank all of his teachers that went and helped with kindergarten today, it was great to see the team work. Mr. Williams wanted to thank the maintenance staff that has worked very hard getting the building and facilities ready to welcome our students back into the building. Mr. Williams stated the Intermediate and Primary are combining with each other to continue to work on the safety plan. Mr. Williams stated he can't wait to get students back in the building.

### **c. KB Middle School**

Principal Chuck Feth stated that the teachers are doing a tremendous amount of work with synchronous and asynchronous videos. Mr. Feth stated all language arts classes have been doing inclusion work and they are working really hard to improve the co-teaching. Mr. Feth wanted to thank Mr. Kantman and Mr. Vo for leading SLOT (School, Life and Other Things). Mr. Feth wanted to remind the board that we are coming up on the end of the quarter and the staff will be looking at data and refining some things.

### **d. KB High School**

Principal Clay Henry stated that his word for the year is wonky. Mr. Henry stated that the Character Strong training at the beginning of the month was great and they have also had training in our updated student information system Qumlativ. Mr. Henry stated he is keeping his Zoom parent informational meetings every two weeks on Wednesday so that if families have questions they can ask at those times. Mr. Henry stated that Mr. Tovar has been doing home visits and making great strides with that. Mr. Henry stated that his building has stated the co-teaching as well and he had his first sit in on a class and they did a great job.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Re-Opening Update**

Mr. Peterson stated we could've left it at Mrs. Hanson because that has been the most important thing that has happened in a long time. Mr. Peterson stated it was a breath of fresh air to see faces in the building and the smiles even through the masks. Mr. Peterson stated he had a few housekeeping items, with the new AM/PM schedule we will need to publish an updated calendar for this temporary schedule with no CRT on Wednesday. Mr. Peterson stated that this model will give the parents that consistency. Mr. Peterson asked the board if they would like the new changes to the calendar to be a line item and acted on or just given to them for information. The board stated it could just be information at this time. Mr. Peterson shared the results of the parent survey that was online and will also post those results on the website. Mr. Peterson stated that another survey will be going live tomorrow around High School athletics and knowledge of the levy. Mr. Peterson stated that on Friday we decided to go ahead with the Summer 2.0 model for athletics, this means that coaches would be acting under summer rules. Mr. Peterson stated that he has spoken to the board before on this topic and we have all struggled with this because of the guidelines that have been set around P.E., but we can only control what we can. Mr. Peterson stated he met with Mr. Henry and Mr. Den Boer and they are currently sending home Final Forms information to parents and coaches. Mr. Peterson stated that for our athletes to participate we still have to follow COVID guidelines. Mr. Peterson stated that it

is very clear to me that the board is good with our re-opening plan and one of the recommendations is to stagger start so our next opportunity to bring the next wave of students would be November 9<sup>th</sup> which would give us the time to make any adjustments needed. Mr. Peterson stated this date is still tentative. Director Rheinschmidt stated she would like to hear more about our secondary plan such as moving through the hallway and will they be AM/PM? Mr. Peterson stated that doing 40 minutes each class with attending periods 1-3 and then repeat the schedule in the afternoon then the next day would be periods 4-6. Mr. Peterson stated that following the same model as the Elementary will allow the cleaning time in between the AM/PM as well. Mr. Peterson stated this schedule eliminates the stress of trying to remember which day you attend school, now you just know that five days a week I attend at this time. Mr. Peterson stated teachers wouldn't have to do asynchronous or synchronous but he would high encourage teachers to continue to use Teams as a tool so that everyone is on the same page at all times. Mr. Peterson stated that we will have different challenges at the secondary level, but he feels the district can make it happen. Mr. Peterson stated doing the half day schedule eliminates the large group gatherings. Board Chair Thornton asked Mr. Peterson to speak to the bus schedule. Mr. Peterson stated that today was the first day of hybrid and the phone call home that he did was only sent to primary families not all families so not everyone was notified about the time change. Mr. Peterson stated he has scheduled a phone call to go out in the morning to all families about the delay of busses. Mr. Peterson stated our Transportation and Food Service departments have done a great job and as the week goes on things will get easier. Director Rheinschmidt stated along those lines there has been some concerns about transportation funding and breakfast and lunch funding. Mr. Peterson stated that transportation is one of the reasons we went to an AM/PM schedule, from a fiscal stand point it only made sense. Mr. Peterson stated that AM is primarily walking students with three bus routes and PM is primarily bus riders. Director Rheinschmidt asked about the breakfast and lunches. Mr. Peterson stated that the federal government has extended our Summer lunch program through the end of December and today we served breakfast and lunch in the classroom, but from now on it will be sent home with students. Director Rheinschmidt thanked Mr. Peterson. Director Rheinschmidt asked about the calendar again, would making a motion allow you to make the time changes? Mr. Peterson stated no, because we are only asking to remove Wednesday CRT and he doesn't feel that it needs to be a new calendar adoption. Mr. Peterson stated he would go ahead with an informal announcement.

#### **Policy/Procedure 3211 and 3211P, Approval**

Mr. Peterson stated this item was tabled last meeting. Mr. Peterson stated he received some guidance from Mr. Clay that was forwarded to the board. Mr. Peterson stated that big thing was that we would have to take into consideration if this information provided by the student would cause them any physical harm by a parent. This conversation would be had with the student before the parent would be notified. Director Carlson's audio feed had issues during this topic. Director Carlson asked aren't we already required to do this. Board Chair Thornton stated that there is a fine line here with what each parent supports and we have to make sure we can address this for everyone's safety.

**A motion was made to approve the revisions to Policy/Procedure 3211 and 3211P by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Bryan.**

**A vote to approve the revisions to Policy/Procedure 3211 and 3211P with a 5/0 vote.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Athletics Discussion**

Mr. Peterson stated that he is looking for guidance from the board as two of our comments tonight were around athletics and activities. Mr. Peterson stated that in the next month the board will need to decide whether to adopt a levy resolution or not. Mr. Peterson stated he has some costs that he would like to share with our public and have some listening sessions. Mr. Peterson stated that he would like to make sure that others know that the levy pays for 100% of athletics and activities, he feels that there are still some community members that don't realize that. Mr. Peterson asked if the board felt the district is going down the right path. Director Rheinschmidt stated she feels this is a great path and we will need support from our community to make this happen. Director Carlson stated that the Power Point Kim put together would answer a lot of questions, so making that available would be a good source. Director Carlson thanked Kim for doing that. Director Carlson had audio issues. Board Chair Thornton stated that he heard a few times that sports

are cancelled and he wants the community to know that the board wants sports and they are fully supportive, but our funding is limited. Mr. Peterson stated that while all of this is happening our hands are still tied by the DOH, starting Summer 2.0 doesn't mean we will be involved in any competitions until phase 3. Director Bryan asked where we have to be before we can have a band concert and Mr. Peterson stated that will be awhile even for spectators at a sporting event as well. Mr. Peterson stated that things are changing daily and that another contradiction is that OSPI stated we wouldn't have band or choir this year and he personally is struggling with that. Director Rheinschmidt stated Mr. Peterson had her approval to go for it. Board Chair Thornton stated to go for it. Director Carlson agreed. Director Bryan stated that she would like to see a pep band somewhere, but she agrees. Director Johnson agreed as well. Mr. Peterson stated he will add this to the agenda for an update next meeting.

Director Carlson stated that he would like to meet in person next meeting and Mr. Peterson stated that the Resolution expires the day of our meeting so I can't guarantee anything. Board Chair Thornton asked if we could make that presentation Kim did available and Mr. Peterson stated that he will work with Kim on that and he agreed with Director Carlson that it was very well done. Board Chair Thornton stated that a graph is worth a thousand words.

**CONVENED**

At 7:58 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 8:42 p.m.

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