

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, November 23, 2020**

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

Members Absent: Kim Scott, Executive Director of Finance

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

None.

Mr. Peterson stated he had a few changes for the agenda; add letter H under Proposed Contest Agenda Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Moizaya Moron, Paraeducator; add letter I under proposed consent agenda for LOA #B

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes form 11/9/2020

Resignations/Separation/Retirement/Termination: Moizaya Moron, Paraeducator

LOA #B

Financials

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- \$1,371,808.63 Vouchers 1030, 1031

AP General Fund- \$56,164.80 Vouchers 1027, 1028, 1029

Warrants 113826-113857

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

Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 4/0 vote.

Director Carlson arrived at 6:39 to the Zoom meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (limited to prior written or electronic only)

None.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board Chair Thornton wanted to recognize that COVID is everywhere and he is sure that it's something we can overcome.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Athletics

Mr. Den Boer stated that sports were supposed to start December 28th, but the WIAA moved that back. WIAA will be reevaluating things in January as well. Mr. Den Boer stated that football is practicing outside and all indoor sports have been cancelled.

Student Support Services

Mr. Castillo stated there are 34 students enrolled at ECEAP and about 31 that attend regularly. Mr. Castillo stated that his staff are still doing packets for those not attending. Mr. Castillo stated that his staff and parents are happy to be back in person. Mr. Castillo stated that 21st Century is going well with two sessions. Mr. Castillo stated he continues to do home visits and support our families as needed. Mr. Castillo stated that he is working with the needy families grant to provide Thanksgiving boxes. Mr. Castillo is working with the Arturo at the KiBe Market and about 50 families will be served. Board Chair Thornton asked if there was any other help needed and Mr. Castillo stated that the grant has covered it and families are able to pick the boxes up, then he will deliver only a handful of them.

Special Services

Ms. Zavala shared her screen and reviewed her report with the board.

Maintenance/Transportation

Director of Maintenance and Operations/Transportation, Dan Adamson stated they are busy with day to day operations and the custodians have a good daily routine. Mr. Adamson stated that grounds are wrapping up things and getting ready for winter. Mr. Adamson stated that transportation welcomed a few new drivers, which will help. Director Bryan asked if basketball hoops are being put in out front of the high school. Mr. Adamson stated they are basketball hoops with a full size court. Mr. Adamson stated with the grant that was received they are cleaning that area up. Mr. Adamson stated they will also get the electrical done in the back of the school. Director Bryan asked if they are ever going to pave and Mr. Adamson stated eventually. Board Chair Thornton asked if everyone was happy in the elementary with hot water and Mr. Adamson stated we are running the guts out of it so we will see how long it lasts.

Technology

David Rodriguez stated that his department is sitting on about 31 tickets and closing about 5-6 each day. Mr. Rodriguez stated they have two new thermals for the High School and Middle School to install. Mr. Rodriguez stated that Smarter Balance testing starts on the 30th so his department is gearing up for that. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the new Protect Well app will roll out on the 30th for staff to use. Mr. Rodriguez stated he is working on Erate and his goal is to update the access points. Mr. Peterson asked for an update on hiring and Mr. Rodriguez stated that he's completed the first round of interviews and looking at a second round in the next week.

Federal Programs

Mr. Haun stated he has sent about 20 qualification letters to parents. Mr. Haun stated that he created a newsletter to send out each month that can be edited in real time and fit any device. Mr. Haun stated he is working on two grants that are due in the next two weeks and he is continuing to look for more opportunities each day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OPMA (Open Public Meeting Act), Update

Mr. Peterson stated this Resolution about the Open Public Meeting Act is just an extension of the previous one through December 7, 2020. Mr. Peterson stated this may go on for a bit and having Zoom meetings doesn't limit us to how many people can join the meeting.

Re-Opening Update

Mr. Peterson stated the K-5 hybrid model is really hitting a groove and the staff has done a magnificent job with the students and you see a lot of smiling faces. Mr. Peterson stated he can't commend everyone enough for the job they are doing across the board. Mr. Peterson stated the District will have to delay the opening of Middle School and High School per the DOH recommendations. Mr. Peterson stated that when

the time came last time our community really stepped up and our staff has been exemplary in following procedures. Mr. Peterson stated that we will reevaluate at our next board meeting if anything changes. Mr. Peterson stated that the things that are happening now will not be impacted. Mr. Peterson stated this is just a bump in the road for our reopening plan and hopefully after the holidays we can work on getting back. Director Rheinschmidt asked that at the December 14th meeting Mr. Peterson report on the number of students not logging on and she asked what the plan was for assessments. Mr. Peterson stated that assessments are in flux right now. Mr. Peterson stated we are a few months away on hearing what will happen with assessments. Director Rheinschmidt asked if STAR was the only testing we are doing and Mr. Peterson stated that we have had some kids doing it but the reliability isn't going to be the best. Mr. Peterson stated the conversations are happening now as to where the holes are because STAR doesn't have some of that diagnostic ability.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Jacob Johnson, Director

Clark Carlson, Vice Chair

Teddy Bryan, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent