

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

**Board Minutes of
Monday, March 25, 2013**

Members Present: Charles T. Gray, Chairman
Tim Cook, Vice Chairman
Wayne Elston, Director
Dan Raap, Director
Jill Renz-Whitman, 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 – None.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Scott presented the financial numbers of all fund activity to the Board indicating that the year was 49% complete, with the school year 65% complete. Ending fund balance numbers were reviewed and shared. The General Fund balance is \$576,904.48, Capital Projects \$20,687.92, Debt Service \$69,197.77, ASB \$305,198.62, Transportation \$41,869.00, and PILT \$50,379.43. Mrs. Scott also updated the Board on enrollment numbers, the status of the federal-level Special Services audit as well as the entrance conference scheduled for the state audit. The Board questioned when more information would be provided in regards to the federal audit and she indicated that a little information could be provided during the entrance meeting scheduled for Friday. Director Raap specifically asked about the ALE audit and OSPI involvement. Mrs. Scott explained that she had seen the audit information and that ALE was a concern statewide.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from March 11, 2013

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 \$948,442.32 Warrants total \$303,544.94, Direct Deposits total \$644,897.38.
Warrants 104838-104872. Vouchers 20, 1060, 1061

AP General Fund- \$90,279.97
AP ASB Fund - \$6,189.68

Vouchers 1062, 1063 – Warrants 104873-104919
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A motion was made to vote on Voucher 1062 separate from the Consent Agenda by Director Elston and seconded by Director Cook.

There was discussion regarding some invoices inclusive in Voucher 1062.

Vote to approve separating Voucher 1062 from the Consent Agenda with a 3/2 vote.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as amended (exclusive of Voucher 1062) by Director Raap and seconded by Director Renz-Whitman.

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

A motion was made to approve Voucher 1062 be Director Raap and seconded by Director Renz-Whitman.

Vote to approve Voucher 1062 with a 3/2 vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Graduation Requirements

Superintendent Castilleja presented the Board with current graduation requirement information that was provided from other area schools per the Boards request. There was discussion about the credit requirements currently at the District as well as discussion about other area districts in comparison. The Board expressed concern about the number of credits needed to graduate and this placing students in danger of failing. As well, the State does not have funding in place for Core 24. Superintendent Castilleja suggested that the Board wait to make any possible graduation credit changes until state funding information became available. Principal Wayne Barrett was also present and warned the Board about cutting credits. There was additional talk about increasing classes per day by one (1) so students continued to have options for electives. Director Elston stated that E2020 was the biggest concern with students not graduating and Principal Barrett stated that EOC testing would have a bigger impact. The credits being implemented at the District provides for students to receive curriculum that is needed in passing the EOC tests.

NEW BUSINESS

Alternative High School Enrollment Policy Discussion

Superintendent Castilleja explained to the Board that they had been provided with information at the request of Director Cook. He has asked that there be discussion regarding consistency in students being enrolled in the District to include the alternative high school. The Superintendent indicated that the information was a good reference/resource and that the District already had a consistent process for enrollment and School Master, the District's student information system, was used at every student location as a tool to ensure consistency. There was further discussion regarding diplomas received from Sunset View High School and their acceptance by the military. It has been found that regular high school diplomas have more access than those from the alternative high school. There was also further discussion regarding the policy for placement at the alternative high school. As Principal Barrett explained, that the students that participate at the alternative high school have all the access as regular high school students and confirmed that almost all the alternative students are provided an alternative learning "environment" and are not segregated from the high school. Principal Barrett also explained that participation is open; students' choice and limitations were only if there was a disciplinary issue to address.

Board Requirement/TPEP Implementation Plan

Superintendent Castilleja provided the Board with information regarding TPEP and the implementation plan. He explained that it only made sense to plan implementation prior to completion of the school year. There was discussion regarding impact and bargaining. The Superintendent explained to the Board that it would be

beneficial to come up with a cooperative plan with the union. There is a meeting scheduled with the TPEP Steering Committee and the hope is to progress far enough with that meeting to be able to have a better idea of how and when the implementation should take place.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

a. KB High School

Principal Wayne Barrett allowed Holli Prior to present on behalf of the High School. Mrs. Prior shared with the Board about her process and progress as a teacher that is implementing "Flip the Classroom". She shared a video and Power Point describing what the flip entailed. She stated she has seen marked improvement since flipping the class. Director Renz-Whitman shared that she has seen the process first hand as a parent and indicates that students are able to keep focused; it makes it exciting for the student and that students do learn this way.

b. KB Middle School

Principal Chuck Feth indicated that the middle school had just completed MAP testing and Language Arts finished a persuasive writing project. He indicated that March 15 was a building day where they explored avenues and evaluated where they were. They discussed personalizing their school environment. He explained that the staff felt they were on the right track, but can get better. They watched video's from the PEAK Institute regarding direct instruction, goals, and assuming leadership.

c. KB Elementary School

Principal Jennifer Behrends shared with the Board that the Elementary had collected over \$4,200 for the Leukemia fundraiser, with over \$1,900 of that collected the first day. She also shared their work regarding LIT; breaking down the walls and barriers. She indicated that they are trying to mix it up a bit. She also shared the status of events scheduled at the Elementary to preparation of Ready for Kindergarten scheduled for April 25.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

Superintendent Castilleja addressed the Board and indicated that staff members have been partaking in TPEP RIGS training with the cost to the District being substitute coverage for teachers attending and meals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Elston expressed concern about his ability to make comments in response to public comments.

Maria Thornton shared with the Board that she had a child in Mrs. Prior's class and found it to be very positive and would like to see the whole program expand.

Steve McGhan shared with the Board that at first he thought that flipping the class was a joke. He explained his daughter corrected him and see's nothing but positive coming from the program, and wishes there were more classes were like it.

Wayne Barrett expressed congratulations to Holli Prior and Kimm Minkler for their efforts is assisting the Kiona-Benton City School District High School Knowledge Bowl team in obtaining 9th place at State competition.

CONVENED

At 7:55 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 20 minutes. No matters were addressed after executive session.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Wayne Elston, Director

Jill Renz-Whitman, Director

Dan Raap, Director

Tim Cook, Director

Charles T. Gray, Chairman

Rom Castilleja, Superintendent