

**KINGSBURG ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

September 14, 2021

**Kingsburg Elementary Professional Development Building
1310 Stroud Avenue
Kingsburg, California 93631**

3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Board President, Shane Murray, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Shane Murray, President
Karyll Smith Quinn, Clerk
Brad Bergstrom, Member
Constance Lunde, Member
Frank Yanes, Member

District Office Administrators Present:

Wesley Sever, Ed.D., Superintendent
Melanie Sembritzki, Assistant Superintendent
Bobby Rodriguez, Chief Business Official
Carol Bray, Director, Human Resources
Joy Bratton, Director of Special Education and Student Services

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Contemplative Silence
4. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mrs. Lunde, to approve the September 14, 2021, Board agenda as submitted:

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes
Motion Carried: 5-0

DISCUSSION

5. Superintendent's Report
 - 5.1. Communications/Recognitions
 - 5.1.1. Fresno Bee Article- Three Fresno County school districts rank among the Top 10 best reading scores in California. A recognition/ranking like this does not happen by accident. Our preparation and dedication to students are clearly making a HUGE difference. Kingsburg Elementary Charter (No. 3), Clovis Unified (No. 4), and Firebaugh-

Las Deltas Unified (No. 8) were in the state's Top 10, the CRC report said. "The clear message is that it is not the students themselves, or the level of resources, that drive student reading achievement - the primary drivers are district focus on reading, management practices, and curriculum and instruction choices," the report said. "The Top 30 Districts come in all types: urban, rural, and suburban, across 10 different counties, with high-need students' levels ranging from 39% to 96%. Any district can succeed at teaching reading."

- 5.1.2. Homework Hotline and Help- New law, AB 130, includes new requirements we need to meet for independent study. Currently, we have one-day independent study contracts that keep us at 99.5% positive attendance. This new law requires that after a student has missed 15 days of instruction, they need to have synchronous learning offered after the 15th day. We have been working with our auditors and have consulted with legal regarding this new requirement and the clarifications received from the state. One option is to provide an extra incentive for teachers to do synchronous learning for their class, and another option would be a homework helpline. We will probably go for the hotline, and it would be a stipend of \$100/day per teacher, per grade level. We will meet with Sounding Board groups on Monday and get input to decide in the next 2-3 weeks.
- 5.1.3. COVID Update- Thank you to our staff, especially our health aides, our nurse, and Joy, for all their hard work. We have had 46 students COVID-19 positive. We have 13 currently active. Some of these students have been sick for more than 15 days. We have released 560 out of isolation or quarantine. The most absent in one day were 340 students, and we are now at 228 today. 90% of absences are due to quarantine. We usually average 30-40 students absent district-wide per day.
- 5.1.4. ESSR Funds and New Positions- We will be hiring five office clerks to support our health aides. This funding is temporary, but we may need them to assist with ongoing COVID testing as well.
- 5.1.5. The District will be supporting our intervention programs by hiring Teaching Fellows. The Board will see some contracts on future consent agendas.

ADJOURN FOR NEW EMPLOYEE RECEPTION

Fifty-three new employees were welcomed to the Kingsburg Elementary family. Each principal or director introduced their employees, and there was a brief reception that followed. We are glad to have these employees in our schools. THANK YOU for choosing KINGSBURG!

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6. Assistant Superintendent's Report

- 6.1. LCAP Federal Addendum- The LCAP Federal Addendum describes the district's plan for making the best use of federal ESEA resources in alignment with other federal, state, and local programs as described in the LCAP. We have revised and updated the description for the Title I, Part A, Educator Equity provision to reflect California's new definitions of "ineffective" and "out-of-field" teachers.
- 6.2. Mrs. Sembritzki presented a CAASPP Two-Year Comparison Report, Pre-COVID and 2021.
- 6.3. Principals attend Stanford Math Leadership Summit 2021- Jo Boaler (Stanford) is one of the proposed new mathematics framework writers for California. Jo Boaler and Cathy Williams (Former Director of Curriculum and Instruction, San Diego County) reflected on their collaboration as writers of the proposed new math framework. Both were asked to prioritize mathematics standards, which they raised to the level of "big ideas" highlighting mathematical connections through network maps. During the summit, we were introduced to these key points and other highlights. The need for students to learn about data science was also discussed, and the ability to work with, understand and use data as an essential life skill and requirement

for an ever-expanding range of jobs and careers. We were introduced to what data science might look like at all levels of school and began the discussion of the need to build a common understanding and definition of what data science in our TK-8 schools is and what should be taught. One of the big issues and an area of controversy centers around how many educators believe students are systematically excluded from higher level content through tracking in lower level classes. More to come on this topic.

7. Chief Business Official's Report

7.1. Around the District

- 7.1.1. The new Roosevelt mural that will be in the front of the school will be completed September 27-28.
- 7.1.2. There was a broken tree branch at Reagan along Kern St. Koala Tree Service will be trimming up the trees in that area.
- 7.1.3. Rafer has had some issues with fiber connection affecting rooms 16, 17, 19. Jason and his team are working on getting the problem diagnosed and fixed. Art, Woodshop, and one math class are affected.
- 7.1.4. Food delivery and procurement of food from our vendors have been difficult. Our menu is subject to change, and Kristy and her team are working hard each day to make what we receive work. Thank you, parents and students, for your patience and understanding.
- 7.1.5. CVHS has hung their beautiful new banners, and they look great.
- 7.1.6. MOT, Food Service, and Technology are doing an excellent job keeping our district running.

8. Board Member Reports

- 8.1. Mr. Yanes inquired about the Brown Act flexibility with attending Board meetings remotely amidst this new COVID wave. Dr. Sever will find out if the flexibility will be extending and let the Board know next week. We have not heard of an extension as of this meeting.

9. First Reading: Board Policies/Administrative Regulations/Exhibits

- 9.1. BP 3110: Transfer of Funds
- 9.2. BP/AR 3230: Federal Grant Funds
- 9.3. AR 3311.3: Design Build Contracts
- 9.4. E 3512: Equipment Loan Form
- 9.5. BP 3600: Consultants
- 9.6. BP/AR 5111: Admission
- 9.7. BP 6170.1: Transitional Kindergarten
- 9.8. BP 7210: Facilities Financing
- 9.9. BB 9012: Board Member Electronic Communication
- 9.10. BB 9320: Meetings and Notices

No changes were made to the policies and regulations as submitted. They will be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.

ACTION

10. Consent Agenda

- 10.1. Consider Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2021 Board Meeting
- 10.2. Consider Approval of Cash Balances
- 10.3. Consider Approval of Budget Report
- 10.4. Consider Approval of Accounts Payable Report
- 10.5. Consider Approval of Request to Surplus Equipment
- 10.6. Consider Acceptance PPE Student Face Shields Donated by Lance Garrett

- 10.7. Consider Approval of Renewal Quote from BrainPop
- 10.8. Consider Approval of Agreement with Goodfellow Therapy for Student Occupational Therapy Services
- 10.9. Consider Approval of Renewal Plan with Remind
- 10.10. Consider Approval of MOU with AIMS Center for Making Spaces
- 10.11. Consider Approval of Revised 2021-2022 Stipend Schedule

Items 10.1. – 10.11.:

Moved: Mrs. Lunde; Seconded: Mrs. Smith Quinn

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes

Motion Carried: 5-0

BUSINESS SERVICES

- 11. Consider Approval of 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mrs. Smith Quinn

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes

Motion Carried: 5-0

- 12. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 22-02: GANN Amendment

Moved: Mrs. Smith Quinn; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes

Motion Carried: 5-0

- 13. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 22-05: Reduction of Capacity of the District’s Preschool Classroom

Moved: Mrs. Lunde; Seconded: Mr. Yanes

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes

Motion Carried: 5-0

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- 14. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 22-03: Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mrs. Smith Quinn

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes

Motion Carried: 5-0

- 15. Consider Approval of Agreement with Finalsight for District Website Redesign

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mrs. Lunde

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes
Motion Carried: 5-0

HUMAN RESOURCES

16. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 22-04: In the Matter of Designating Unsalaries Persons Specifically Authorized to Perform Volunteer Services Without Pay for the School District as Employees for the Limited Purpose of Qualifying for Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mrs. Lunde

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes
Motion Carried: 5-0

17. Consider Approval of Extending Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Beyond September 30, 2021- The Board extended the deadline for employees to use the remaining balance of the 10 days of SPSL through December 31, 2021. The Board will revisit at that time. No Additional hours will be added to employee leave.

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes
Motion Carried: 5-0

18. Consider Approval of Increasing the 2021-22 Certificated Substitute Classroom Teacher Regular Day Rate from \$125/Day to \$175/Day; from \$65/Half Day to \$90/Half Day; and \$135/Day to \$185/Day for Long Term- This increase is in effect from September 15, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Moved: Mr. Bergstrom; Seconded: Mr. Yanes

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes
Motion Carried: 5-0

19. Consider Approval of New/Revised Job Descriptions
19.1. New: Systems Developer and Integration Specialist
19.2. Revised: Elementary Music Instructor

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes
Motion Carried: 5-0

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

20. Consider Approval of Board Policies/Administrative Regulations/Exhibits

- 20.1. BP 6157: Distance Learning- Policy Deleted
- 20.2. BP/AR 6158: Independent Study

Moved: Mrs. Smith Quinn; Seconded: Mr. Yanes

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes;
Mr. Yanes – Yes
Motion Carried: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 21. Public Comment on Agendized and Non-Agendized Items
No comments were received from the public.
- 22. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 4:00 p.m., Professional Development Building

CLOSED SESSION

- 23. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Government Code Section 54957)
- 24. Public Employee Employment
 - 24.1. Certificated Personnel
 - 24.1.1. Consider Approval of Student Teachers/Interns for the 2021-2022 Fall Semester
 - 24.1.2. Consider Acceptance of Resignation: Elementary Music Teacher, Lincoln and Reagan Elementary
 - 24.1.3. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: K-8 Teacher, Central Valley Home School
 - 24.1.4. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: K-8 Teacher, .5 FTE, Central Valley Home School
 - 24.1.5. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: K-8 Teacher, .5 FTE, Central Valley Home School
 - 24.2. Classified Personnel
 - 24.2.1. Consider Acceptance of Resignation: Paraprofessional- RSP, Reagan Elementary
 - 24.2.2. Consider Acceptance of Resignation: Paraprofessional- RSP, Reagan Elementary
 - 24.2.3. Consider Acceptance of Resignation: Health Aide, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
 - 24.2.4. Consider Acceptance of Resignation: Behavior Support Assistant, Student Services
 - 24.2.5. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- EL, Reagan Elementary
 - 24.2.6. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- RSP, Reagan Elementary
 - 24.2.7. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- RSP, Reagan Elementary
 - 24.2.8. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Health Aide, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
- 25. Pupil Personnel
 - 25.1. Consider Interdistrict Transfer Requests (Pursuant to Education Code 48204, 35146)
 - 25.1.1. Consider Approval of 2021-22 New Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program
 - 25.1.2. Consider Approval of 2021-22 New Attendance Requests – Central Valley Home School

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ACTION

- 26. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Action taken on agenda items 24.1.1. – 24.1.5.:

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom, to take the following action:

- Approved Student Teachers/Interns for the 2021-2022 Fall Semester
- Accepted Resignation Pending Hiring of Replacement: Stephanie Assisi, Elementary Music Teacher, Lincoln and Reagan Elementary
- Approved Request to Hire: Brandi Brandon, K-8 Teacher, Central Valley Home School
- Approved Request to Hire: Rebecca Peters, K-8 Teacher, .5 FTE, Central Valley Home School
- Approved Request to Hire: Kaylee Merritt, K-8 Teacher, .5 FTE, Central Valley Home School

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes; Mr. Yanes – Yes

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda item 24.2.1. – 24.2.8.:

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mrs. Lunde, to take the following action:

- Accepted Resignation: Tama Scott, Paraprofessional- RSP, Reagan Elementary
- Accepted Resignation: Jordann Kesting, Paraprofessional- RSP, Reagan Elementary
- Accepted Resignation: Patricia Olson, Health Aide, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
- Accepted Resignation: Cayella Rodriguez, Behavior Support Assistant, Student Services
- Approved Request to Hire: Karla Gonzalez, Paraprofessional- EL, Reagan Elementary
- Approved Request to Hire: Manjit Brar, Paraprofessional- RSP, Reagan Elementary
- Approved Request to Hire: Matthew Duffy, Paraprofessional- RSP, Reagan Elementary
- Approved Request to Hire: Sandra Gregory, Health Aide, Rafer Johnson Jr. High

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes; Mr. Yanes – Yes

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda items 25.1.1. – 25.1.2.:

Moved: Mrs. Lunde; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom, to take the following action:

- 2021-22 New Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program – Approved all requests.
- 2021-22 New Attendance Requests – Central Valley Home School – Denied request #18, approved all other requests.

Approved: Mr. Bergstrom – Yes; Mrs. Lunde – Yes; Mr. Murray – Yes; Mrs. Smith Quinn – Yes; Mr. Yanes – Yes

Motion Carried: 5-0

27. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.