

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

**June 6, 2022**

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

**4:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call  
Board President, Karyll Smith Quinn, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**District Office Administrators Present:**

Wesley Sever, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Melanie Sembritzki, Assistant Superintendent  
Bobby Rodriguez, Chief Business Official  
Erin Pasillas, Director of Special Education and Student Services

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

Moved: Mrs. Lunde; Seconded: Mr. Yanes, to approve the June 6, 2022, 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. The Rafer Promotion ceremony was one of the best we have ever had. The weather was pleasant, the students were excited and Mrs. Betsy Johnson did an excellent job speaking to the promoting class of 2022. It was a memorable evening. Thank you to Mrs. Melody Lee and her team at Rafer Johnson for a wonderful night!

- 5.1.2. The Fresno County School Trustees Association recently awarded certificates of appreciation to Board members who have served 16 or more years in our District. Mr. Frank Yanes was first elected in 2004, and Mrs. Constance Lunde in 1988.
- 5.1.3. Mrs. Sembritzki and "Kingsburg Reads One Book" received first place in the Swedish Festival Parade for the "Swedish Theme" category. Special thank you to all the parents and students who helped put the float together and participated on parade day. Thank you to Dr. Sever and the many other employees who rode motorcycles, bicycles, and unicycles during the parade.
- 5.1.4. Last week, Dr. Sever had the opportunity to hear poems from students at Island Community Day School and bring the 8th graders to lunch to celebrate as they prepare to go to Kingsburg High School. The poems were impressive and touched the hearts of staff members.
- 5.1.5. Every year a few former KECSD students come back to visit and talk to their past teachers. This seems to always happen during the last few weeks of school. Mrs. Spitzer had one of her former kindergarten students stop by and say hello. Tanner Rosales, currently a KHS Senior, stopped by her room carrying a bucket he received in Mrs. Spitzer's classroom signed by all of his classmates in kindergarten.
- 5.1.6. Mr. Chad Bennet called Dr. Sever Thursday night after a doctor's appointment. Before seeing his doctor that afternoon, he was interviewed by a graduate of UCSF School of Medicine. She was doing her residency hours required before becoming a doctor and asked him if he was a science teacher from RJJH. He said yes, and she then began to talk to him about how he and Mrs. Walls made a difference in her life as science teachers. She told him they are one of the reasons why she is becoming a doctor. That student is Inderpreet Ball. She was a student in his class during his first year of teaching in 2008. Thank you for sharing, Mr. Bennett!
- 5.1.7. Kingsburg High School participated in Grad Walk at Lincoln School last week. We are thankful for KHS and their partnership. Our students loved seeing the older students, and there were many high-fives and smiles in the hallways.
- 5.1.8. The Northern California Regional Liability Excess Fund recently conducted a drawing for any District that had 50% or more of their employees take the "Email and Messaging Safety" and "Password Security Basics" courses. Our District was awarded \$2,500 to be used towards any risk management efforts. We will use towards additional security cameras.
- 5.1.9. Following the devastating school violence recently in Texas, the following memo to officers was shared with us from Chief Neil Dadian, Kingsburg Police Department:

*Like all of you, I am sickened by the events in Uvalde, Texas this week when a lone gunman murdered innocent children and their teachers. This is one of the worst events I can imagine, and my heart breaks for the victims' families. It also strengthens my long-held philosophy on law enforcement response to active shooters. So that there is no question on your part about my expectation, please understand the following:*

*It is the responsibility of every Kingsburg police officer to immediately and unequivocally move to stop the threat from an active shooter. In plain language, if you are confronted with an active shooter situation, you will immediately act to engage the shooter(s) with gunfire and stop the threat. You will continue to engage with gunfire until the threat is ended. Nothing else shall deter you. If this means you must do it alone, without backup, so be it. At minimum, you will interrupt the shooter(s) plan and if nothing else, draw fire to you and away from innocent civilians.*

*You are trained, equipped with ballistic body armor, and well-armed. Your advantage is speed, mobility, purpose, and determination. This is my expectation and the expectation of our community. This is our duty as a guardian.*

5.1.10. Every 3-4 years, we work with the Kingsburg Police Department to provide Active Shooter Training, and again, all staff will receive Active Shooter Training at the beginning of next year through the KPD.

5.1.11. Our District will begin a program called WATCH D.O.G.S. ® (Dads Of Great Students) in August. WATCH D.O.G.S. ® is a family and community engagement educational initiative. There are two primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. ® program.

1) To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.

2) To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

WATCH D.O.G.S.® began in 1998 in a single school in Springdale, Arkansas and has since grown into a nationally recognized program that has brought hundreds of thousands of fathers and father figures into the school classrooms and hallways across the country, creating millions of hours of "in school" volunteer time and having a tremendously positive impact on the educational process.

## 6. Assistant Superintendent's Report

6.1. Mrs. Sembritzki and Mr. Stovall recently attended a conference to learn more about the Community Schools Planning Grant the District received. The California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) supports schools' efforts to partner with community agencies and local government to align community resources to improve student outcomes. These partnerships provide an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement.

Community school strategies can be an effective approach to mitigate the academic and social impacts of emergencies that affect local communities, improve school responsiveness to student and family needs, and to organize school and community resources to address barriers to learning. Community schools often include four evidence-informed programmatic features, which are aligned and integrated into high-quality, rigorous teaching and learning practices and environments:

- o Integrated support services;
- o Family and community engagement;
- o Collaborative leadership and practices for educators and administrators; and
- o Extended learning time and opportunities.

6.2. The next steps moving forward will be to survey the staff and community and community assets. The District has up to 2 years to write and submit the plan to the state. There could be up to \$500,000 in grants for 5 years if the plan is approved.

6.3. Mrs. Sembritzki shared information about the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the educational partners who helped develop the plan. She discussed reflections of success, greatest needs, and the goals and actions of the LCAP. The LCAP will be recommended for approval at the June 20, 2022, board meeting, along with the 2022-23 Proposed Budget.

## 7. Chief Business Official's Report

7.1. Mr. Rodriguez shared a presentation of recent projects and news from around the District.

7.1.1. Pictures of the Washington last day of school decorations

7.1.2. Roosevelt assembly with Magician Wayne Houchin

7.1.3. RJJH Promotion Ceremony- The weather, planning, and student behavior were amazing.

7.1.4. Three new offices will be constructed at Rafer in Room 30 for counseling needs. The project is supposed to be done by the first week in July.

7.1.5. The CVHS shade structure project will begin tomorrow. Mrs. Regier has done a great job re-branding CVHS. The Rafer shade structure project will start after summer school. It will be 30x50 and should take about 21 days to complete.

- 7.1.6. KHS Food Vending- We will be working with KHS on their universal meals requirement by assisting with breakfast. They will pay our cost, and our district will provide dry meals/pre-packaged bags, around 50 meals per day.
  - 7.1.7. Budget- On June 1, the legislators and assembly sent their joint proposal to Governor Newsom. He has until the end of the month to sign his 2022-23 budget.
- 8. Director of Special Education and Student Services
    - 8.1. Mrs. Pasillas discussed the Threat Assessment process for students, and possible improvements learned at recent trainings which could be more effective in real-life situations. She will review the changes, if any, with Rafer and Reagan administrators to implement beginning in August.
  - 9. Board Member Reports
    - 9.1. Each of the Board members commented on how well the Rafer Promotion was conducted and what a phenomenal job Mrs. Betsy Johnson did speaking at the ceremony.
    - 9.2. Mrs. Smith Quinn visited Island Community Day School recently and enjoyed observing the students, reading some of the writing they had been working on, and connecting with them.

**ADJOURN FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

2022-23 Proposed Budget

No Comments were received from the public.

**RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

**ACTION**

- 10. Consent Agenda
  - 10.1. Consider Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2022 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 Surplus Equipment
  - 10.6. Consider Approval of Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Mail and Delivery Agreement for 2022-2023
  - 10.7. Consider Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Atkinson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
  - 10.8. Consider Approval of Quote from California Teaching Fellows for EL Summer School Program
  - 10.9. Consider Approval of Quote from California Teaching Fellows for Central Valley Home School
  - 10.10. Consider Approval of Revised 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Stipend Schedule
  - 10.11. Consider Approval of Purchase from Imagine Learning (Edgenuity) for Supplements to Core Curriculum for Central Valley Home School

Items 10.1. – 10.11.:

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### 11. Public Comment on Agendized and Non-Agendized Items

11.1. District parent Anthony Sondergaard addressed the Board regarding student safety.

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

### 12. Consider Approval of Purchase from G.A. Systems, Inc. for Food Sharing Stations

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

### 13. Consider Approval of Contract with EMCOR Services to Provide One-Time Coil Cleaning on all AC Units

Moved: Mr. Bergstrom; Seconded: Mrs. Lunde

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

### 14. Consider Approval of Proposal from Anderson Striping & Construction, Inc. for Rafer Johnson Jr. High Parking Lot Striping

Moved: Mr. Murray; 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**

### 15. Consider Approval of Agreement with Regents of the University of Minnesota for PRESS Intervention Training for Professional Development

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### 16. Consider Approval of Board Policies/Administrative Regulations/Exhibits

16.1. AR 5141.21: Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

Moved: Mr. Bergstrom; Seconded: Mr. Murray; to approve the regulation as presented.

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

17. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: Monday, June 20, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Professional Development Building

### **CLOSED SESSION**

18. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelection (Government Code Section 54957)
19. Public Employee Employment
- 19.1. Certificated Personnel
- 19.1.1. Consider Acceptance of Resignation: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
- 19.1.2. Consider Acceptance of Resignation: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Reagan Elementary School
- 19.1.3. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School
- 19.2. Classified Personnel
- 19.2.1. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional, Washington State Preschool
- 19.2.2. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Custodian, Lincoln Elementary School
- 19.2.3. Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Part-time Custodian, Central Valley Home School and Washington State Preschool

### **RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

#### **ACTION**

20. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Action taken on agenda item 19.1.1 – 19.1.3.:

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

- Accepted Resignation: Natalie Werner, 8th Grade Math Teacher, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
- Accepted Resignation: Rachelle Patterson, 5th Grade Teacher, Reagan Elementary School
- Approved Request to Hire: Megan Witters, 3rd Grade Teacher, Lincoln Elementary 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 19.2.1 – 19.2.3.:

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

- Approved Request to Hire: Daisy Ortiz, Paraprofessional, Washington State Preschool
- Approved Request to Hire: Tommy Uribe, Custodian, Lincoln Elementary School
- Approved Request to Hire: Karina Ramirez, Part-time Custodian, Central Valley Home School and Washington State Preschool

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

21. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.