

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

March 12, 2024

**Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District 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, Frank Yanes, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Frank Yanes, President
Constance Lunde, Clerk
Brad Bergstrom, Member
Reverend Edward Ezaki, Member
Karyll Smith Quinn, Member

District Office Administrators Present:

Wesley Sever, Ed.D., Superintendent
Matt Stovall, Assistant Superintendent
Bobby Rodriguez, Chief Business Official
Carol Bray, Director, Human Resources
Erin Pasillas, Director of Special Education and Student Services

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Contemplative Silence
4. Approval of Agenda with the following addendum:
 - 4.1. Addendum to Closed Session – New Agenda Item 22.1.: Consider Approval of Involuntary Transfer of Student to Island Community Day School

Moved: Mr. Bergstrom; Seconded: Mrs. Lunde

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

DISCUSSION

5. Superintendent's Report
 - 5.1. Rafer Leadership Presentation: Disneyland Youth Education Series, February 2024
Presentation by Jasmyn Gomez, Manreet Kalkat, Abigail Wiest, and Amelia Manley
During their board presentation, these students discussed the focus on key learning objectives, including understanding personal leadership styles, problem-solving through collaboration, the

importance of diversity in teams, the value of a positive attitude, and Disney's 4 Keys of Excellence (Community, Communication, Innovation, and Respect). They emphasized Walt Disney's quote on courage and leadership, highlighting qualities like vision, influence, community, innovation, communication, and active listening. They shared experiences from the trip, such as discussing inspiring leaders, recognizing the importance of community, identifying personal leadership strengths, and writing leadership vision statements. The students learned about different communication styles and listening styles, and they engaged in activities to practice clear and active listening. They also explored leadership styles based on Disneyland Lands (Fantasyland, Adventureland, Tomorrowland, and Frontierland) and worked in groups to create a new attraction for the park.

Finally, they discussed respect, emphasizing the importance of resilience, supporting others, earning trust, showing credibility, and perseverance. They participated in an activity where they observed and recognized respectful actions among their peers.

Overall, the training provided valuable insights into leadership styles, communication, innovation, and respect, helping the students understand themselves better as leaders and how to contribute positively to their community. The students thanked the Board for allowing them to take this trip. After returning to school, they felt better able to communicate with their peers, had less conflict in class, and understood one another better. They now look at the positives in others and what they can contribute to the team.

"The leadership students this year have blown me away with their dedication to serving others. They have tackled everything thrown at them this year, most recently, the Kingsburg Elementary Wellness 5K Walk/Run, Kids Day this morning, and projects at other school sites for Kingsburg Reads One Book. Their willingness to serve this community is a testament to these kids' hearts." -Mrs. Rossiter, Leadership/Activities Director

5.2. Communications/Recognitions

5.2.1 Handouts to the Board

5.2.1.1. Open House Schedule

5.2.1.2. ELOP NASA Aerospace Academy at Fresno State

5.2.1.3. Upcoming Kingsburg Weekend of Wellness April 27th

5.2.2 Upcoming Kingsburg Weekend of Wellness April 27th - Karly Guerrero (adult daughter of Kathryn Guerrero, staff member at Lincoln) is planning a Kingsburg Weekend of Wellness. She is working as an intern at Stanford University School of Medicine on this project. The weekend will have two main events: an event at Memorial Park and a Pickleball Tournament hosted by Kingsburg Elementary at Rafer Johnson. The Kingsburg Health Care District has sponsored the tournament, and any extra funds will go to the Kingsburg Community Education Foundation. There will be a website for sign-ups that will go live this weekend. Mrs. Simmons and the Community Schools team are working with Karly to support this event. KESD will have booths at the park, including Summer School and after-school program sign-ups, TK and Kinder Registration, and more.

5.2.3 Thank you to Mr. Wood, Mr. McIntyre, and their teams for their action following a car accident at Roosevelt last week. Mr. Wood stayed up all night working with AT&T to get our network back up and running, as the fiber was knocked out in the accident.

5.2.4 Kingsburg Elementary's First-Ever 5k Wellness Walk/Run was a huge success. It brought together runners and walkers of all ages to promote wellness and community spirit. This event wouldn't have been possible without the support of our generous sponsors and the participation of our community members. A special thank you to Kingsburg Health Care District, Print Theory, Nino Family Wealth Advisors, RPS Real Estate, and Knights of Columbus for their contributions. Thank you to Mrs. Simmons and Mr. Ruiz for organizing this event and our KECSD staff who supported them. Thank you to Sydney Penner for taking photos during the event.

5.2.5 Mrs. Pasillas, Mrs. Simmons, and Dr. Sever attended last week's Kingsburg Rotary meeting. Mrs. Simmons presented about Community Schools and received a \$350 donation from Rotary to support her program.

- 5.2.6 Kingsburg Elementary administrators had the opportunity to meet with educators from all over the valley at the Career in Education Fair at Fresno State on February 27th. Many future teachers were in attendance, connecting with school districts, educational organizations, and other employers in the field of education. Special thanks to Leticia Gomez for making Kingsburg Elementary's booth shine!
 - 5.2.7 Mr. Pickrell, Mrs. Galli, Mr. Stovall, and Dr. Sever recently attended the CISC Leadership Symposium conference in Monterey. They returned with valuable information to support teachers and administrators and would like the principals to participate next year.
 - 5.2.8 Our District recently received a grant from the Kingsburg Healthcare District for \$19,000 to resurface and paint the tennis courts at Rafer, replace pickleball nets, and purchase materials for building rolling frames for nets. The Kingsburg High Ag Department is deducting \$2,000 from the cost of manufacturing the frames, which are semi-permanent and made with 4x4 steel that cannot be easily damaged. The Kingsburg Athletic Foundation will donate \$1,000, and the Kingsburg Elementary School District has supported the pickleball community with nets, access, and lighting.
6. Assistant Superintendent's Report
- 6.1. Rafer Leadership has been active with Kingsburg Reads One Book, creating the kickoff video and collaborating with other school sites to read and engage in projects with their students. "Mrs. Rossiter is involved in many things, and we are lucky to have her in our district."
 - 6.2. Mr. Stovall presented the results of the LCAP survey. There were 233 responses from our educational partners.
7. Chief Business Official's Report
- 7.1. District Project Updates
 - 7.1.1 Maintenance has placed a red chain around the soccer field inside the track at Rafer, as they will be fertilizing and sanding low spots in the field to repair the damage done throughout the year. However, on weekends, we are still receiving reports of people on the field. We will do what we can to limit access, but we don't want to lock the gates and stop the public from using the track. Maintenance may be forced to put up a tall orange fence if people continue to go over the chain and ignore the signs posted, but they don't want to do that either, as it may be an eyesore for the community.
 - 7.1.2 The new windscreen on the back fence at Rafer looks sharp, and the red really pops with the blue track. MOT has secured the bottom, which had flipped up during a storm.
 - 7.1.3 One tennis court will be re-striped.
 - 7.1.4 Speed bumps were recently installed in the Rafer and Reagan circle drives and the Washington alley. This will help keep students and staff safe, as cars have been speeding through those areas and around buses.
 - 7.2. Facility Master Plan Presentation by SchoolWorks
 - 7.2.1 The SchoolWorks representative was unable to attend the meeting, so this presentation was moved to the April board meeting.
 - 7.3. Mr. Rodriguez introduced the Raptor Visitor Management System, which the District may use in the future. This system would help screen sex offenders and custom registries, confirm guardianship for safe student release, track student tardies and early dismissals, streamline parent clearance for field trips and volunteering, and replace our current paper-and-pencil system. When customized, the system can also use information we input from custody orders or restraining orders to help identify individuals who should not be allowed on campus. Several surrounding districts, including Kingsburg High School, use and recommend this system.
8. Board Member Reports
- 8.1. Mrs. Lunde and Mrs. Smith Quinn walked the 5K; it was a great day. The Board would like to see a better sound system for big events like that for next year.

- 8.2. Mrs. Lunde was able to attend a site visit to Lincoln School with Mr. Rodriguez and Mrs. Valdez. It was a nice visit, and she enjoyed meeting the new teachers.
 - 8.3. Mr. Yanes, Mrs. Smith Quinn, and Mrs. Lunde attended Career Day at Rafer. Students were engaged, asking questions, and able to connect with the many volunteers to learn about their careers and how they may be able to pursue a job in the future.
 - 8.4. Mrs. Lunde and Mrs. Smith Quinn were able to attend the celebration of life service for Jennifer Stransky, daughter of former KESD employee Kathy Stransky. It was a beautiful service, and they were also able to see Mrs. Dana Kruse, former choir teacher.
9. First Reading: Board Policies/Administrative Regulations/Exhibits
- 9.1. BP 0410: Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
 - 9.2. BP/AR/E 1312.2: Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
 - 9.3. BP/AR 1312.3: Uniform Complaint Procedures
 - 9.4. BP 5145.3: Nondiscrimination/Harassment

The Board tabled the first reading of Board Policies.

ACTION

10. Consent Agenda
- 10.1. Consider Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2024 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 Revised 2023-2024 Stipend Schedule
 - 10.6. Consider Approval of Revised Fresno Pacific University Student Teacher MOU
 - 10.7. Consider Approval of Reagan PTA Booster Group for the 2023-2024 School Year

Item 10.1.- 10.7.:

Moved: Mr. Bergstrom; Seconded: Rev. Ezaki

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

BUSINESS SERVICES

11. Consider Approval of 2023-2024 Second Interim Report

Moved: Rev. Ezaki; Seconded: Mrs. Smith Quinn

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

12. Consider Approval of ESSER III Expenditure Plan Revision

Moved: Rev. Ezaki; Seconded: Mrs. Smith Quinn

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

13. Consider Approval of Estimate from EMCOR to Replace Cracked Heat Exchanges for the Boiler System at Lincoln School

Moved: Mr. Bergstrom; Seconded: Mrs. Lunde

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

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

14. Consider Approval of Contract with Kim Bearden for Keynote Speaking Engagement at District Kickoff

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

15. Consider Approval of 2024-2025 Salary Schedules

- 15.1. Certificated Management
- 15.2. Pupil Personnel Services
- 15.3. Certificated Preschool
- 15.4. Certificated
- 15.5. Classified Management/Supervisory/Confidential Salary Schedule
- 15.6. Classified
- 15.7. Classified Hourly

Moved: Rev. Ezaki; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom

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

16. Consider Approval of 2024-2025 Stipend Schedule

Moved: Rev. Ezaki; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

- 17.1. BP 0410: Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
- 17.2. BP/AR/E 1312.2: Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
- 17.3. BP/AR 1312.3: Uniform Complaint Procedures
- 17.4. BP 5145.3: Nondiscrimination/Harassment

This item was tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

18. Public Comment on Agendized and Non-Agendized Items
 - 18.1. No comments were received from the public.
19. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 4:00 p.m., Professional Development Building

CLOSED SESSION – 5:10 pm

20. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Government Code Section 54957)
 - 20.1. Certificated Probationary Release
21. Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b))
22. Student Discipline and Other Confidential Student Matters (Education Code Sections 35146, Ed. Code, §48900 et seq.)
 - 22.1. Consider Approval of Involuntary Transfer of Student to Island Community Day School
23. Public Employee Employment
 - 23.1. Certificated Personnel
 - 23.1.1 Consider Acceptance of Resignation: ELA Teacher, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
 - 23.1.2 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Kindergarten Teacher, Washington School
 - 23.1.3 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Kindergarten Teacher, Washington School
 - 23.1.4 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: 1st Grade Teacher, Roosevelt School
 - 23.1.5 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: 1st Grade Teacher, Roosevelt School
 - 23.1.6 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: 2nd Grade Teacher, Lincoln School
 - 23.1.7 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: 3rd Grade Teacher, Lincoln School
 - 23.1.8 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: 3rd Grade Teacher, Lincoln School
 - 23.2. Classified Personnel
 - 23.2.1 Consider Acceptance of Resignation: School Secretary, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
 - 23.2.2 Consider Acceptance of Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement: Cook I, Reagan Elementary
 - 23.2.3 Consider Acceptance of Resignation: Paraprofessional- EL, Roosevelt School
 - 23.2.4 Consider Approval of Leave of Absence Request
 - 23.2.5 Consider Approval of Leave of Absence Request
 - 23.2.6 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: School Secretary, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
 - 23.2.7 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- RSP, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
 - 23.2.8 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- EL, Reagan Elementary
24. Pupil Personnel
 - 24.1. Consider Interdistrict Transfer Requests (Pursuant to Education Code 48204, 35146)
 - 24.1.1 Consider Approval of 2023-24 New Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program
 - 24.1.2 Consider Approval of 2023-24 New Attendance Requests – Central Valley Home School
 - 24.1.3 Consider Approval of 2024-25 New Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program
 - 24.1.4 Consider Approval of 2024-25 Renewal Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

ACTION

25. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Action taken on agenda item 20.1.:

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

- Released Certificated Probationary Employee: School Counselor

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda item 22.1.:

Moved: Rev. Ezaki; Seconded: Mrs. Lunde, to take the following action:

- The Board ratified the involuntary transfer of the student to Island Community Day School for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. The student will have the opportunity to return to a comprehensive school site for the start of the 24-25 school year, given the successful completion of the rehabilitation plan.

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda items 23.1.1 – 23.1.8.:

Moved: Rev. Ezaki; Seconded: Mrs. Smith Quinn, to take the following action:

- Accepted Resignation: Jeff Sibley, ELA Teacher, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
- Approved Request to Hire: Halle North, Kindergarten Teacher, Washington School
- Approved Request to Hire: Haylee Walkingstick, Kindergarten Teacher, Washington School
- Approved Request to Hire: Kristi Yokota, 1st Grade Teacher, Roosevelt School
- Approved Request to Hire: Tara Mathis, 1st Grade Teacher, Roosevelt School
- Approved Request to Hire: Claire Bennett, 2nd Grade Teacher, Lincoln School
- Approved Request to Hire: Danae Campbell, 3rd Grade Teacher, Lincoln School
- Approved Request to Hire: Danielle Sabbatini, 3rd Grade Teacher, Lincoln School

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda items 23.2.1 – 23.2.3.:

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

- Accepted Resignation: Erin Rawson, School Secretary, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
- Accepted Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement: Soledad Banuelos, Cook I, Reagan Elementary
- Accepted Resignation: Griselda (Grace) Castro, Paraprofessional- EL, Roosevelt School

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda item 23.2.4.:

- Leave of Absence Request: No action was taken due to the fact that the employee was released back to work.

Action taken on agenda item 23.2.5.:

Moved: Rev. Ezaki; Seconded: Mrs. Smith Quinn, to take the following action:

- Leave of Absence Request: Request was denied.

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda items 23.2.6 – 23.2.8.:

Moved: Mrs. Lunde; Seconded: Rev. Ezaki, to take the following action:

- Approved Request to Hire: Staci Young, School Secretary, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
- Approved Request to Hire: Wendy Miguel, Paraprofessional- RSP, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
- Approved Request to Hire: Mayra Lopez, Paraprofessional- EL, Reagan Elementary

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda items 24.1.1. – 24.1.4.:

Moved: Mrs. Lunde; Seconded: Rev. Ezaki, to take the following action:

- 2023-24 New Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program – Approved all requests
- 2023-24 New Attendance Requests – Central Valley Home School – Approved all requests
- 2024-25 New Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program – Approved all requests
- 2024-25 Renewal Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program – Approved all requests

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

26. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.