

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

Monday, May 12, 2025

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

**Alternative Location:
1921 4th Avenue East
Dickinson, ND 58601**

4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Board Clerk, Reverend Ed Ezaki, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Constance Lunde, President (Attended meeting via teleconference at alternative location)
Reverend Edward Ezaki, Clerk
Brad Bergstrom, Member
Karyll Smith Quinn, Member
Frank Yanes, Member

District Office Administrators Present:

Matt Stovall, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction, Special Projects
Bobby Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dustin Johnson, Director of Human Resources
Linda Simmons, Community Schools Coordinator

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 23.1.: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Case No. 633115

Moved: Mr. Bergstrom; Seconded: Mr. Yanes, to approve the May 12, 2025, Board agenda as submitted:

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

DISCUSSION

5. Superintendent's Report

- 5.1. You Matter Day was a great success this last weekend. Kingsburg came together in a way that reminded us all what it truly means to serve with heart. More than 35 booths stretched across Draper Street, each one offering an opportunity to give back, packing care kits, writing letters to veterans, decorating bags for the hungry, creating comfort items for cancer patients, painting community art, and more. Over 200 students participated, and countless more community members showed up just to help. To everyone who showed up early, stayed late, donated supplies, led a booth, cheered on volunteers, or just showed love to a stranger: Thank you.
 - 5.2. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to *The Dala Monthly* for consistently highlighting the great work happening across our district. Recent features included Educator of the Year Kim Martinez, our Community Schools' "Bright Spot" recognition visit, and several school events. Their support strengthens the connection between our schools and the Kingsburg community.
 - 5.3. The KECSD Art Show was a wonderful celebration of student creativity. Each teacher in the district had the opportunity to select six pieces of student artwork to be featured in the KECSD Art Show. Families were notified with personalized postcards letting them know their child's art was chosen. The turnout was fantastic, and we're incredibly proud of the talented young artists across all grade levels and grateful to our teachers for encouraging artistic growth in the classroom.
 - 5.4. The Rafer Johnson Jr. High Chamber and Tenor/Bass Choirs treated us to a special preview performance, singing two selections each ahead of their upcoming concert on May 29 at the KHS Little Theater. Their performance was outstanding. A special thank you to Mr. Pasalakis for his leadership and continuing to build a strong and vibrant music program at Rafer.
 - 5.5. Presentation of "Our Hero" Awards
 - 5.6. We had the honor of recognizing sixteen incredible parents, community members, and organizations with the Our Hero award, an acknowledgment of those who consistently go above and beyond for Kingsburg Elementary. Each Principal and Director proudly introduced their chosen Hero, shared heartfelt words about their service and dedication, and presented them with a special plaque. A big thank you to Kasi Willems for supplying the delicious cookies for the occasion.
 - Washington- Milia Mahfoud Staggs
 - Roosevelt- Valerie Scott
 - Lincoln- Thom Sembritzki, Sierra Cook, Chris McGuffin, Matt Pantages, Jeremy Johnson, Gurhit Chungh, Donnaven Murphy, Matt Montion
 - Reagan- Amanda Carrasco
 - Rafer- Franc Chavez- Dinamite Volleyball
 - CVHS/Island- Darlene Valenzuela
 - Expanded Learning- Kingsburg Healthcare District and Mac Vaquera
 - Community Schools- Robert Gonzales- Knights of Columbus
6. Assistant Superintendent- Curriculum & Instruction, Special Projects' Report
 - 6.1. Beginning next year, all K–2 students will participate in an annual reading screener, as required by California law, to assess for early reading difficulties, including risk for dyslexia. After reviewing multiple programs through the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and piloting options within our district, we have selected DIBELS as our screener. Results will be shared with parents within 45 days of testing and will include next steps if additional support or intervention is needed.
 - 6.2. We will be entering year two of our English Language Arts professional development focus in partnership with FCSS. Our lower grade teachers will participate in Science of Reading training, supporting foundational literacy skills. With this year also being a math adoption year, FCSS will be providing targeted support in math instruction and implementation. In addition, we will continue our third year of CCLA training and receive support in writing, science (CAST), and

content-specific coaching for our music teachers. Leadership coaching will continue for several of our administrators to strengthen instructional leadership across our sites.

- 6.3. You Matter Day had a powerful impact on our community. The event brought together students, families, staff, and local partners for a day focused on connection, belonging, and wellness. The positive feedback has been overwhelming, and it was a great example of how we continue to prioritize the whole child in our district.

7. Assistant Superintendent- Business Services' Report

7.1. News and Projects from Around the District

- 7.1.1 Mrs. McNulty did a fantastic job celebrating National School Lunch Hero Day and made her team feel appreciated and valued.
- 7.1.2 Chicken teriyaki was added to the elementary menu and was a hit with students. Mrs. McNulty continues to collect and implement student suggestions into future menus.
- 7.1.3 A new water bottle filling station was installed at Reagan Elementary, thanks to a donation from the Reagan PTA. Students are already making great use of it.
- 7.1.4 The grass field inside the track at Rafer Johnson Jr. High has reopened and looks great. Periodic closures will continue as needed for maintenance.
- 7.1.5 Two compressors in Lincoln School's chiller system are currently down. Work is underway to resolve the issue and restore full operation.
- 7.1.6 The basketball court at Island Elementary has been poured, and the hoop has been installed. Plans are in place to stripe the court over the summer, including lines for pickleball.
- 7.1.7 Our updated district logo has been installed inside the Kingsburg High School gym.
- 7.1.8 A recent CSPP preschool staff survey covered four focus areas. Tiffany is doing an excellent job providing staff with the support and resources they need.
- 7.1.9 The preliminary state budget will be released by Wednesday. Revisions will follow based on state updates, with public review scheduled for May 21 and adoption targeted for June 9. State budget concerns include a projected \$7 billion shortfall, which could affect one-time funding for TK, student support, and professional development.
- 7.1.10 The Reagan intervention building is nearly complete. Two concrete slabs will be removed and repoured due to early cracking.
- 7.1.11 American Window was awarded the bid for the window shade project at Washington and Roosevelt schools. Their bid came in under budget at \$65,000, largely due to their familiarity with our existing window specs.
- 7.1.12 A job walk for Lincoln's shade structure project is scheduled for May 20, with bid opening on May 28. The project was timed to avoid conflicts with summer school and fiscal year crossover.
- 7.1.13 Over the weekend, Reagan was vandalized with graffiti on multiple areas of the campus. Thanks to quick action from our maintenance team, everything was cleaned up. Surveillance footage of the individuals involved has been turned over to authorities.

8. Community Schools Coordinator and Principals' Report

- 8.1. Each site principal presented an overview of how their school is implementing the Community Schools model, highlighting efforts to support the whole child through academic, physical, social-emotional, and mental health services. Presentations focused on four key pillars: Integrated Student Supports, Family and Community Engagement, Collaborative Leadership, and Extended Learning Opportunities.
- 8.2. Districtwide highlights included:
 - 8.2.1 Over 650 students served in after-school and summer extended learning programs.
 - 8.2.2 Continued partnerships with KCAPS, All 4 Youth, Healthy Smiles, See to Succeed, and the FCDPH Mobile Clinic to address health and wellness needs.
 - 8.2.3 Ongoing support for students and families through home visits, family nights, parenting classes, and community events like You Matter Day and the annual 5K Walk/Run.

8.3. School-site highlights included:

- 8.3.1 Washington emphasized targeted academic and behavior interventions, family engagement workshops, and collaboration with SRO Jimenez and mental health providers.
- 8.3.2 Roosevelt focused on integrated student support and building strong community connections.
- 8.3.3 Lincoln celebrated the impact of their WATCH D.O.G.S. volunteer and ongoing family involvement.
- 8.3.4 Reagan shared successes in reading intervention (serving 93 students) and plans to expand to math intervention, along with active SSC/ELAC meetings and student leadership.
- 8.3.5 Rafer highlighted their tiered intervention supports, course recovery, and PBIS initiatives like the Game Room and Olympic "Perks."
- 8.3.6 CVHS emphasized a variety of student support services and enrichment activities, as well as strong community engagement through events and advisory meetings.

Together, these efforts reflect the district's continued commitment to ensuring all students are known, supported, and able to thrive in and beyond the classroom.

9. Board Member Reports

- 9.1. Mrs. Smith Quinn had the opportunity to attend the KECSD Art Show and Rafer's Open House. She noted that with so many events happening across the district, it's been a wonderful season of celebration and community engagement.

ACTION

10. Consent Agenda

- 10.1. Consider Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2025 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 2025-2026 Employee Stipend Schedule
- 10.6. Consider Approval of Quote from Magic School AI for the 2025-2026 School Year
- 10.7. Consider Approval of Quote from BrainPOP for the Elementary School Plus ELL Bundle
- 10.8. Consider Approval of Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for Behavioral Health Clinician Services for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028
- 10.9. Consider Approval of Annual Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for Mail Delivery Service for the 2025-2026 School Year
- 10.10. Consider Approval of Annual Legal Services Agreement with Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law for the 2025-2026 School Year

Items 10.1.- 10.10.:

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

BUSINESS SERVICES

11. Consider Approval of Estimate from EMCOR to Replace Two of the Lincoln School Chiller Compressors

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

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

12. Consider Approval of Contract with Rex Moore Integrated Systems for Fire Alarm Testing and Inspection at all School Sites

Moved: Mrs. Lunde; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom

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

13. Consider Approval of Quote from J&E Restaurant Supply for Food Service Mobile Heated Cabinets

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

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

14. Consider Approval of Quote from JW Pepper & Son, Inc. for Choral Risers at Reagan Elementary

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

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

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

15. Consider Approval of Quote from Sound Contracting for Audio Upgrades at Washington, Roosevelt, and Lincoln Schools

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom

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

16. Consider Approval of Professional Learning Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for the 2025-2026 School year

Moved: Mr. Bergstrom; Seconded: Mr. Yanes

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

17. Consider Approval and Adoption of Reading Screener – mClass with DIBELS 8th Edition

Moved: Mr. Yanes; Seconded: Mr. Bergstrom

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

18. Consider Approval of Quote from Amplify for Reading Screener – mClass DIBELS 8th Edition

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

19. Consider Approval of New and Revised Job Descriptions

- 19.1. District Accompanist and Music Assistant – New
- 19.2. Concert and Choral Music Teacher – Revised
- 19.3. Director of Bands – Revised

Moved: Mr. Bergstrom; Seconded: Mr. Yanes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

20. Public Comment on Agendized and Non-Agendized Items

- 20.1. No comments were received from the public.

21. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 4:00 p.m., Professional Development Building

CLOSED SESSION

22. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Government Code Section 54957)

23. Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

- 23.1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
 - 23.1.1 Case No. 633115

24. Student Discipline and Other Confidential Student Matters (Education Code Sections 35146, Ed. Code, §48900 et seq.)

25. Public Employee Employment (Government Code Section 54957)

25.1. Certificated Personnel

- 25.1.1 Consider Acceptance of Resignation: 7th Grade PE Teacher, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
- 25.1.2 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: School Psych Intern, Student Services
- 25.1.3 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: School Psych Intern, Student Services
- 25.1.4 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: RSP Teacher, Special Education

- 25.1.5 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Speech & Language Pathologist, Special Education
- 25.1.6 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Speech & Language Pathologist, Special Education
- 25.1.7 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: 7th/8th Grade Math Teacher, Rafer Johnson Jr. High

25.2. Classified Personnel

- 25.2.1 Consider Acceptance of Resignation: Paraprofessional- Intervention, Roosevelt School
- 25.2.2 Consider Acceptance of Resignation: Paraprofessional- EL, Roosevelt School
- 25.2.3 Consider Acceptance of Resignation: Paraprofessional- Intervention, Central Valley Home School
- 25.2.4 Consider Acceptance of Resignation: Paraprofessional- Categorical, Reagan Elementary
- 25.2.5 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- Categorical, Reagan Elementary
- 25.2.6 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- Categorical, Reagan Elementary
- 25.2.7 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- Categorical, Reagan Elementary
- 25.2.8 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- RSP, Special Education
- 25.2.9 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- TK, Washington School
- 25.2.10 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- TK, Washington School
- 25.2.11 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- TK, Washington School
- 25.2.12 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Paraprofessional- TK, Washington School
- 25.2.13 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Office Clerk, Washington School
- 25.2.14 Consider Approval of Request to Hire: Food Service Secretary, Food Services

26. Pupil Personnel

- 26.1. Consider Interdistrict Transfer Requests (Pursuant to Education Code 48204, 35146)
 - 26.1.1 Consider Approval of 2024-25 New Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program
 - 26.1.2 Consider Approval of 2025-26 New Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program
 - 26.1.3 Consider Approval of 2025-26 Renewal Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program
 - 26.1.4 Consider Approval of 2025-26 New Attendance Requests – Central Valley Home School

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

ACTION

27. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Action taken on agenda item 23.1.1.:

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

- In closed session, the Board voted to approve a settlement agreement in Case No. 633115. The agreement has been signed by the Board and is pending signature from the other party. Final execution of the agreement will resolve the pending litigation.

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda items 25.1.1. – 25.1.7.:

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

- Accepted Resignation: Jake Carrizales, 7th Grade PE Teacher, Rafer Johnson Jr. High
- Approved Request to Hire: Daniela Lopez-Corona, School Psych Intern, Student Services
- Approved Request to Hire: Kim Pantages, School Psych Intern, Student Services
- Approved Request to Hire: Ariana Fridlund, RSP Teacher, Special Education

- Approved Request to Hire: Gianna Sidoti, Speech & Language Pathologist, Special Education
- Approved Request to Hire: Madison Alves, Speech & Language Pathologist, Special Education
- Approved Request to Hire: Alicia Henry, 7th/8th Grade Math Teacher, Rafer Johnson Jr. High

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda items 25.2.1. – 25.2.14.:

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

- Accepted Resignation: Kayla Kjar, Paraprofessional- Intervention, Roosevelt School
- Accepted Resignation: Deisy Castro Frausto, Paraprofessional- EL, Roosevelt School
- Accepted Resignation: Stephanie Vasquez, Paraprofessional- Intervention, Central Valley Home School
- Accepted Resignation: Mallory Barnett, Paraprofessional- Categorical, Reagan Elementary
- Approved Request to Hire: Jairo Zelaya, Paraprofessional- Categorical, Reagan Elementary
- Approved Request to Hire: Luke Johnston, Paraprofessional- Categorical, Reagan Elementary
- Approved Request to Hire: Emily Hooper, Paraprofessional- Categorical, Reagan Elementary
- Approved Request to Hire: Maria Escoto, Paraprofessional- RSP, Special Education
- Approved Request to Hire: Michelle Farias, Paraprofessional- TK, Washington School
- Approved Request to Hire: Taylor Vasquez, Paraprofessional- TK, Washington School
- Approved Request to Hire: Jenna Rogers, Paraprofessional- TK, Washington School
- Approved Request to Hire: Sarah Jackson, Paraprofessional- TK, Washington School
- Approved Request to Hire: Kaylee Urista, Office Clerk, Washington School
- Approved Request to Hire: Jannesa Talamantez, Food Service Secretary, Food Services

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

Action taken on agenda items 26.1.1. – 26.1.4.:

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

- 2024-25 New Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program – Approved all requests.
- 2025-26 New Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program – Waitlisted one request; approved all other requests.
- 2025-26 Renewal Attendance Requests – Site-Based Program – Approved all requests.
- 2025-26 New Attendance Requests – Central Valley Home School – Waitlisted one request; approved all other requests.

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

28. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.