

Knights Ferry Elementary School District

12726 Dent Street; P.O. Box 840; Knights Ferry, CA 95361

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday April 12, 2018

MEETING BEFORE THE PUBLIC

Minutes

- 1.0 Call to Order This meeting of the Knights Ferry Elementary School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mrs. Diane Noon.
- Establishment of Quorum A quorum was established with Mrs. Diane Noon, Mrs. Lisa Frymire, Mrs. Bridgette Hobbs, Mrs. Mary Turner and Mr. Michael McKibban present.
- Personnel Present: Dr. Janet Skulina, Mrs. Anita Ivaschenko and Ms. Jenna Zellmer, Mrs. Amiee Ryan and Mrs. Kim McCarthy
- Guests Present: Mrs. Natalie Albarico and Mr. Gavin Western
- 2.0 Closed Session Open Session was called to order at 5:03pm by Mrs. Diane Noon.
Public Comment: None
Closed Session was held from 5:03 to 5:40pm.
There was no report from Closed Session.
- 3.0 Public Meeting The public portion of the meeting was called to order at 5:40pm with the flag solute lead by 5th grader Gavin Western.
- 4.0 Approval of Agenda Dr. Skulina made an adjustment to the Agenda because Mrs. Fogarty could not attend so Mrs. Jenna Zellmer would present instead.
Mrs. Hobbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Frymire, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carried.
Trustees Vote:
Ayes-DN, BH, MM, LF, MT
No – 0
Absent – 0
- 5.0 Hearing Section *Public Comment:* Mrs. Albarico reported that after the Easter Egg hunt on March 29th a lot of trash blew into her yard. She is unhappy that trash continues to be blown into her yard.
- 6.0 Consent Agenda Mr. McKibban moved, seconded by Mrs. Hobbs to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried.
- 6.1 Approval of Minutes
- 6.2 Ratification of Bills & Warrants Trustees Vote:
Ayes- DN, BH, MM, LF, MT

- 6.3 Interdistrict Transfer Agreements No- 0
Absent – 0
Public Comment: None
- 7.0 Discussion Items
- 7.1 Presentation by Jenna Zellmer Mrs. Zellmer explained the new application, “Recap,” that she has been using to teach math to her fifth and sixth grade class. Mrs. Frymire asked if Mrs. Zellmer needed to create the questions, and Mrs. Zellmer responded that she does. Dr. Skulina reported that it was interesting watching the way that kids learned by using this application. Mrs. Noon asked a question regarding accessing school work from home. Mr. McKibban would like to do a survey to see what percentage of Knights Ferry students actually have internet access at home.
Public Comment: Mrs. McCarthy recommended a survey to find out about not just computers, but reliable internet connectivity. Mrs. Ryan added that having the homework help online is a huge help for her daughter who is in Mrs. Zellmer’s class.
- 7.2 Facilities Update Dr. Skulina reported that the District did the first test of the new fire alarm today. It still needs some refinement and 1st Security and Sound will come back to finish on April 20th. She added that when she first became the Superintendent/Principal at Knights Ferry, the fire alarm did not alert first responders but was simply just a noise. The District also had the fire sprinkler system inspected, the Fire Marshall came and did an inspection, and a kind parent volunteer put up new blinds on the cafeteria windows. Dr. Skulina and the teachers have been working with a designer regarding modernizing the 7/8 classroom. The Board reviewed the designer’s plans and discussed each idea. Dr. Skulina reported that the District may potentially have access to “Financial Hardship” money to possibly pursue building goals. Mrs. Noon explained that the most important project to her was redoing the parking lot. She would also like to assign someone to be in the parking lot before and after school for kid’s safety. Dr. Skulina explained that the mornings go smoothly, but after school is much more hectic.
Public Comment: Mrs. McCarthy would like to consider having a preschool as a feeder.
- 7.3 Class Size Dr. Skulina reported our current 2018-2019 class sizes are fairly small.
Public Comment: None
- 8.0 Action Items
- 8.1 Board Policy and Mr. McKibban asked a question regarding AR 41.44. He would

Administrative Regulations Updates like to make a revision to the policy because it does not recognize that the Principal and Superintendent is the same person.

Public Comment: None

Mr. McKibban moved, seconded by Ms. Frymire to approve the policies with the amendment. The motion carried.

Trustees Vote:

Ayes- DN, BH, MM, LF, MT

No – 0

Absent -0

8.2 2018-2019 School Calendar

Dr. Skulina explained the amendments to the 2018-2019 calendar. One issue is that there will need to be one day that each classified employee will need to have off sometime during the school year, though not all on the same day, so they can still work that one day in June and receive the PERS retirement benefits.

Mrs. Frymire moved to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar, seconded by Mrs. Hobbs. The Motion carried.

Trustees Vote:

Ayes- DN, BH, MM, LF, MT

No – 0

Absent -0

9.0 Reports and Announcements

9.1 Community

9.2 PTC

9.3 Teachers

9.4 Paraprofessionals

9.5 Custodian/Maint.

9.6 Administration

9.7 Superintendent/
Principal

9.8 Board of Trustees

9.9 Good 'n' Plenty

9.10 Planning Ahead

10.0 Adjournment

Community: Dr. Skulina presented at the MAC meeting to solicit input regarding what changes the community would like to see happen with the school. Mr. McKibban asked about doing a Survey Monkey survey and Dr. Skulina explained that she did do a Survey Monkey survey a couple of years ago. The Board would like to send out hard copies of the newsletter every month.

PTC: Mrs. McCarthy reported that PTC decided to approve 50% of the Chrome books and a Smart board. They also decided not to give Mrs. Brockman a gift for doing the Christmas Program and for doing music all year. They are hoping that the school would pay her a stipend instead. They are also no longer funding Accelerated Reader because they are paying for Dreambox.

Teachers: Mrs. McCarthy reported that they are trying to get ready for Open House and they have been doing Science Projects for the Science Fair. There is also a student peeing on the floor in the bathroom every day. The Board discussed ways to address the issue.

Paraprofessionals: Nothing to Report.

Custodian/Maintenance: Nothing to Report.

Administration: Nothing to Report

Superintendent/Principal: Dr. Skulina is applying for a \$50,000 grant to create a multi-tiered system of support with Valley Home. This would include additional Aide time and Mentors. She applied for a \$3,000 grant to reward kindness throughout the year. Currently the District is implementing the Broadband Infrastructure Internet Grant to get 100mb of data and will get 1GB of data for \$800, per month – a reduction in costs. The District will be putting smoke detectors in in May and will begin trials for science and social studies curriculum.

Board of Trustees: Mr. McKibban brought up an idea about helping the community by allowing them to use the school's internet. The Trustee's dinner will be at the same time as Public School Night so none of the Trustees are going to go. Mrs. McCarthy reminded the Board that La Cocina Michoacana is donating 20% of their proceeds that they make from 10am-9pm on April 18th as a fundraiser for the Washington DC trip.

Good 'N' Plenty: Peddler's fair is coming up and the Rodeo Parade is this Saturday.

Planning Ahead: Next Board meeting will be Thursday, May 10, 2018.

Adjourned at 7:13pm.

Respectfully,

Anita Ivaschenko, Administrative Assistant