

Kenwood School District Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes – March 18, 2021
3:00 PM Meeting
Kenwood School Library

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I. Call to Order – *Board President, Pat Alexander, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.*

II. Regular Session

A. Pledge of Allegiance: *Superintendent Bales led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

B. Roll Call of Board Members

Present: *Pat Alexander, Nate Lamar, Javier Tenorio, Fran Threewit*

Absent: *None (Amy Vogler has resigned as of March 12, 2021)*

Administrator: *Superintendent Bob Bales*

C. Adjustment of Agenda: *Action items C. and D. were moved to after action item L.*

D. Public Comment: *None*

E. Announcements and Reports

1. Board Announcements: *A reminder was given to the board to complete the Form 700 by the end of the month.*

2. District Organizations' Reports:

KEF by Mr. Bales:

- *KEF will be hosting a virtual Bingo Night on May 21, 2021. Superintendent Bales will be the MC. Bingo cards and wine may be purchased with home delivery. The goal is to have a fun event for our community.*
- *Lights, Camera, Auction will not be held this year, but KEF looks forward to making a fresh fundraising start in August.*

3. Superintendent's Report by Superintendent Bales

- *Our COVID-19 Safety Plan was reviewed and kicked back from the Sonoma County Department of Health Services. Tomorrow we plan to submit a revised plan incorporating new rubric guidelines included in the county's feedback of our plan. At this point Sonoma County is in the red tier and county approval of the plan is optional, but we would prefer to have the county's approval.*
- *We plan to open school to all students on April 12, 2021 with a hybrid model of instruction. On March 29, 2021 student cohorts will be sent home by the teachers. Only 10% of our families have opted to remain in distance learning.*

4. Review Board of Trustees Candidate Submissions and Interview Candidates to Fill Board Member Vacancy.

Applications were received from 2 well qualified candidates, Cheryl Ghisla and Bridget Paul. One applicant will be selected. The board reviewed and evaluated the candidate information sheets. The board did not have any questions.

III. Action Items

- A. Accept Resignation of Trustee Vogler Effective: March 12, 2021,** *approved on motion by Javier Tenorio, second by Nate Lamar, unanimous.*
- B. Approval of Appointment of New Board Member to Fill Board Member Vacancy: Select Candidate** –*Fran Threewit made a motion to accept candidate Cheryl Ghisla to fill the Trustee vacancy. Javier Tenorio seconded the motion, unanimous. Cheryl Ghisla will be sworn into office at the April Board meeting. Bridget Paul was thanked for submitting her application.*
- C. Approval of New Hire Superintendent/Principal Nate Myers: Effective July 1, 2021,** *approved on motion by Javier Tenorio, second by Fran Threewit, unanimous.*
- D. Approval of Superintendent/Principal Contract Nate Myers: Effective July 1, 2021** *Trustee Threewit made a motion to approve a three-year contract with Nathan Meyers to be our full-time 220 day per year superintendent/principal for \$175,060 a year with the same health, dental, and vision benefits as other certificated employees in the district. The motion was seconded by Nate Lamar, unanimous. Nate Myers thanked the Board. He commented that he is super excited to get started and he is looking forward to working with us.*
- E. Approval of Warrants,** *approved on motion by Nate Lamar, second by Javier Tenorio, unanimous.*
- F. Approval of Budget Updates,** *approved on motion by Javier Tenorio, second by Fran Threewit, unanimous.*
- G. Approval of Regular and Special Board Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2021, February 25, 2021, March 4, 2021, and March 5, 2021.** *The minutes were approved with the following amendment: March 4, 2021 Meeting – The pledge of allegiance was inadvertently passed over due to circumstances and change of location to the Kenwood Fire House. March 5, 2021 Meeting – The pledge of allegiance was inadvertently passed over due to circumstances and change of location to the Kenwood Fire House. Report out of closed session: The Board of Trustees directed Pat Alexander to negotiate the contract of the new superintendent/principal. Fran Threewit made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular and Special Meeting on February 11, 2021, the Special Meeting on February 25, 2021, and the amended minutes from the March 4, 2021 and March 5, 2021 meeting, second by Javier Tenorio, unanimous.*
- H. Approval of Interdistrict Transfer Requests for 2021-22 School Year from Kenwood School District to Rincon Valley Unified School District.** *A transitional kindergarten application and a 5th grade application were approved on motion by Nate Lamar, second by Fran Threewit, unanimous.*
- I. Approval of Sunshine Openers for 2020-21 School Year,** *approved on motion by Javier Tenorio, second by Nate Lamar, unanimous. Nate Lamar and Pat Alexander are t*
- J. Approval of Resolution #967 to Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions – IRC 414(H)(2) Employer Pick-Up,** *approved on motion by Javier Tenorio, second by Fran Threewit, unanimous.*
- K. Approval of Resolution #968 Declaring Instructional Method for 2020-21 School Year,** *Approved on motion by Fran Threewit, second by Javier Tenorio, unanimous. On April 12, 2021 we will open with a hybrid instruction model.*

L. Approval of Funding for Purchase and Installation of Preschool Tire Swing, Box, and Safety Filler, *passed pending approval by RESIG on motion by Nate Lamar, second by Javier, unanimous. The cost of the tire swing will exceed \$5,000.*

IV. Discussion/Report Items

A. Discussion: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Testing – *Teachers throughout Sonoma County are opposed to the standardized formal testing this year, as it will not show valid data. Other testing measures are under consideration. Nate Myers will be consulted in this decision as our school district Dashboard could be impacted.*

B. Change date of May Regular Board of Trustees Meeting: *The meeting date will remain on May 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.*

C. Agenda Items for 4-8-21 Board of Trustees Meeting
New Trustee Oath of Office and LCAP Goals and Discussion

IV. Adjournment: *The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Bales