

Knights Ferry Elementary School District

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday August 14, 2026

School Multipurpose Room

Persons wishing to address the Board on any school related issues, are invited to do so, either when the item is presented on the agenda, or under the "Public Comment" section. In the interest of time and order, presentations from the public are limited to three (3) minutes per person, and the total time shall not exceed twenty (20) minutes. An individual speaker's allotted time may not be increased by a donation of time from members of the public in attendance. The Board requests that complaints or charges against an employee be held in Closed Session. Please note that Government Code Section 54954.2(a) limits the ability of Board Members to respond to public comments. More specifically, Board Members are limited, but not required, to give a brief response to public statement or questions regarding non-agenda items. Individuals who require disability-related accommodations or modifications to participate in the Board meeting should contact the Superintendent in writing.

1.0 PUBLIC MEETING – Preliminary Proceedings 4:30 PM

1.1 Call to Order with the Flag Salute lead by Dennis Choate

2.0 CLOSED SESSION 4:30PM

2.1 Conference with labor negotiator: District negotiator: Lindsey Moore; Employee Organizations: all groups; the board will review matters pertaining to negotiations

2.2 Superintendent Evaluation

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3.1 Opportunity for the Board and Administration to adjust the published agenda.

4.0 HEARING SECTION

4.1 ~~Public Comments~~ Opportunity for the Public to Address Items Not on the Agenda

Persons wishing to address the Board on any school related issue not listed elsewhere on the agenda are invited to do so now under the "Public Comment" item. Please note that Government Code Section 54954.2(a) limits the ability of the Board Members to respond to public comments. More specifically, Board Members are limited, but not required, to give a brief response to public statements or questions regarding non-agenda items.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA – Consolidated Motion

The purpose of Consent Agenda (Consolidated Motion) is to expedite action on routine agenda items. These items will be acted upon with one motion, second and approval of the Board, unless a member of the Board or public wishes to pull the item for individual discussion and action. All matters listed under Consent agenda are those on which the board has previously deliberated or that can be classified as routine items of business.

An administrative recommendation on each item is contained in the agenda supplements. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board trustees votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed or pulled from the Consent items.

5.1 Approval of Minutes

Explanatory Statement: (Policy and Judicial Review)

Attachment: Item # 5.1

Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve, as presented, the Minutes of June 25, 2026 and July 1, 2026.

5.2 Ratification of Bills and Warrants from 7-01-26 – 8-07-26

Explanatory Statement: (Finance/Facilities)

Attachment: Item # 5.2

Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the ratification of warrants 7-01-26 – 8-07-26

5.3 Interdistrict Transfer Agreements

Explanatory Statement: (Student Attendance)

Attachment: Item #5.3

Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve recommendations for Interdistrict Attendance Agreements for the 2026-2027 school year.

5.4 Approve Certificated Employment

Explanatory Statement: (Certificated Staffing)

Attachment: Item #5.4

Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve Natasha Phillips as a fourth grade teacher and Karen Hoffman as a 1st grade teacher. Natasha will have intern status through the Cal State Teach program. Karen has a Short Term Staff Permit (STSP) through National University.

5.5 Approve Classified Employment

Explanatory Statement: (Staffing)

Attachment: Item #5.5

Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve employment for Charlotte Avila for classroom aide

6.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 6.1 Action Item List
 - 6.2 Construction Project Updates
 - 6.3 Enrollment Update
 - 6.4 Portable Maintenance (Dry rot)
 - 6.5 45 Day Revision
 - 6.6 Access to school facilities during non-school hours
-

7.0 ACTION ITEM

- 7.1 Agreement for Special Contract Services /Math Instruction Professional Development
Explanatory Statement: The Board previously approved funding for this Math Instruction Professional Development with Stanislaus Office of Education for Math Coaching and the district would like to continue this contract through the 2026-2027 school year as they begin piloting a new math curriculum.
Attachment: Item #7.1
Recommendation: The Board is being asked to ratify the action previously taken by the Superintendent for the Agreement for Special Contract Services for Math Instruction Professional Development with Stanislaus County Office of Education during 2026-2027. This professional development will focus upon facilitating mathematical conversations which support mathematics and teaching mathematics aligned with California Mathematics Framework.
- 7.2 Agreement by and Between the Knights Ferry Elementary School District and the Knights Ferry Teachers Association, CTA (2026-2027)
Explanatory Statement: The Agreement by and Between the Knights Ferry Elementary School District and the Knights Ferry Teachers Association, CTA (2026-2027) was updated to reflect changes to Salary and Health and Welfare Benefit
Attachment: Item #7.2
Recommendation: The Board is being asked to ratify the action previously taken by the Superintendent the Agreement by and Between the Knights Ferry Elementary School District and the Knights Ferry Teachers Association, CTA (2026-2027)
- 7.3 Speech Therapy Contract 2026-2027
Explanatory Statement: Districts are required to provide speech therapy services for students with identified needs. Contracting with outside sources to provide services when employment of a regular employee is not feasible is one way of meeting this need. The District has contracted with Mrs. Mckenzie Reed for speech therapy services and supervision of the Speech Pathology Assistant for the 2026-2027 years.
Attachment: #7.3
Recommended Action: The Board is being asked to ratify the action previously taken by the Superintendent to approve the contract with Mckenzie Reed for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 7.4 Food Service Agreement 2026-2027
Explanatory Statement: Oakdale Joint Unified School District provides meal service to Knights Ferry Elementary School in compliance with the National School Lunch Program. This contract allows for the continuation of providing lunch service for the 2026-2027 school year.
Attachment: #7.4
Recommended Action: The Board is being asked to ratify the action previously taken by the Superintendent approve the Food Service Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.

- 7.5 Modification of Student Council Stipend
Explanatory Statement: The Student Council stipend was \$1000.00 for the 25/26 school year and it will be changed to \$500.00 for the 26/27 school year
Attachment: #7.5
Recommended Action: The Board is being asked to ratify the action previously taken by the Superintendent to approve the modification of the Student Council Stipend to \$500.00 for the 2026-2027 school year and each year moving forward until it is reevaluated.
- 7.6 Certificated Resignation (Bailey Aksland 1st grade teacher)
Explanatory Statement: (Staffing Matters)
Attachment: None
Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the resignation of Bailey Aksland (1st grade teacher)
- 7.7 Certificated Resignation (Maegan Dickens 4th/5th grade teacher)
Explanatory Statement: (Staffing Matters)
Attachment: None
Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the resignation of Maegan Dickens (4th/5th grade teacher)
- 7.8 Classified Resignation (Alejandro Gonzalez- Utility Worker)
Explanatory Statement: (Staffing Matters)
Attachment: None
Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the resignation of Alejandro Gonzalez (Utility Worker)
- 7.9 Marquee Project to be funded by Parent Teacher Club
Explanatory Statement: The marquee at Knights Ferry School is very old and the Parent Teacher Club has graciously offered to purchase and install a new school marquee at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. The new marquee will be free-standing and situated near the old marquee. The estimated time line for design, purchase, and installation is approximately 4-6 months.
Attachment: #7.9
Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve granting permission for the PTC to purchase and install a new marquee for Knights Ferry Elementary School.
- 7.10 Certificated Stipends - (Induction Mentor Stipend)
Explanatory Statement: The Induction Mentor currently receives a stipend of \$1500.00, however it is not labeled per inductee/ candidate or candidate requiring a mentor, rather is a flat rate regardless of the number of inductee's/candidates requiring a mentor a mentor is working with.
Attachment: #7.10

Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve for the Induction Mentor to receive \$1,500.00 stipend per inductee and/or candidate required to have a mentor rather than a flat rate of \$1,500.00.

7.11 Inclusive Learning Partners Confirmation Agreement

Explanatory Statement: Inclusive Learning Partners provides Resource support to our students 6.5 hours a day/ 2.5 days a week to ensure that the students' needs are met through their IEP's.

Attachment: #7.11

Recommended Action: The Board is being asked to ratify the action previously taken by the Superintendent to approve the Inclusive Learning Partners Confirmation Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.

7.12 Classified Salary Schedule

Explanatory Statement: On the Classified Salary Schedule that was approved on June 25, 2026, there was an amendment that had to be made to the Administrative Assistant salary. The previous steps were not accurate and needed to be modified to reflect an increase each step.

Attachment: #7.12

Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve Classified Salary Schedule that is now reflecting the modification to the Administrative Assistant Salary Schedule.

7.13 CalState Teach MOU

Explanatory Statement: The District is requesting approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Knights Ferry Elementary School District and the CalState Teacher Program to support teacher candidates completing their preparation and field experience within the District. This partnership provides opportunities for aspiring educators to gain valuable classroom experience while supporting the District's efforts to develop and recruit qualified teachers.

Attachment: #7.13

Recommended Action: The Board is being asked to ratify the action previously taken by the Superintendent to approve the CalState Teach Program MOU with Knights Ferry Elementary School District.

7.14 Addendum to the Superintendent/Principal Contract

Explanatory Statement: The Superintendent/Principal is required to complete an administrative induction program as part of the requirements for maintaining an administrative credential. The two-year program cost is \$13,000, and approval is requested for the District to cover the program tuition and associated mentor costs. This investment supports compliance with credential requirements and continued professional growth in the Superintendent/Principal role.

Attachment: #7.14

Recommended Action: : It is recommended that the board approve the Addendum to the Superintendent/Principal Contract .

7.15 Early Literacy Assessment Screener

Explanatory Statement: The District has implemented the required Early Literacy Assessment for students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. The selected assessment tool that was used during the 2025-2026 school year and will continue to utilize will be the UCSF Multitudes assessment. Results will help teachers identify student literacy needs, monitor progress, and provide targeted instructional support.

Attachment: #7.15

Recommended Action: The Board is being asked to ratify the action previously taken by the Superintendent to use UCSF Multitudes as an Early Literacy Screener for grades K-2.

7.16 Superintendent Salary Schedule

Explanatory Statement: On the Superintendent Salary Schedule that was approved on June 25, 2026, there was an amendment that had to be made per the contract to the salary schedule to reflect the 2.5% annual increase.

Attachment: #7.16

Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent Salary Schedule that is now reflecting the amendment to reflect the 2.5% annual increase.

8.0 REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1 Community Members
- 8.2 Parent-Teacher Club
- 8.3 Teachers
- 8.4 Paraprofessionals
- 8.5 Custodian/Maintenance
- 8.6 Administration
- 8.7 Superintendent/Principal
- 8.8 Board of Trustees
- 8.9 Planning Ahead

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Thursday September 10, 2026 @ 5:30.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 In compliance with Brown Act regulations, this agenda was legally posted no later than:
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 12726 Dent St., Knights Ferry, CA 95361.