

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

**Regular Board Meeting
August 16, 2023**

**Galt City Hall Chamber
380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632**

**Zoom Webinar ID:
83482997464**

Board Members

Wesley Cagle
Traci Skinner- absent
Casey Raboy
Annette Kunze
Katherine Harper

Lois Yount
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Kuljeet Nijjar
Alejandra Garibay

Administrators

Laura Marquez
Judi Hayes
Jennifer Porter
Tina Homdus
David Nelson
Carlos Castillo
Stephanie Simonich

A. 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session Location: Galt City Hall Conference Room

Present for closed session: Wesley Cagle, Casey Raboy, Annette Kunze, Katherine Harper, Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Kuljeet Nijjar and Alejandra Garibay

B. Wesley Cagle called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the following items—item 4. Public Employee Appointment was moved to the top of the closed session items. Adjourn to closed session.

1. STUDENT MATTER, Education Code §35146, 48918(c)
 - Expulsion Re-admit Case No. 21/22-04
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Pursuant to Government Code, §54956.8
Property: 320 W Elm Avenue [APN 148-0140-057-0000]
Agency Negotiator(s): P. Addison Covert, Parker & Covert LLP Attorney At Law
Negotiating Parties: Galt Joint Union Elementary School District and the City of Galt
Under Negotiation: Purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Government Code §54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Kuljeet Nijjar
 - Employee Agency: (GEFA) Galt Elementary Faculty Association
 - Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employee Association
 - Non-Represented Employees
4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Pursuant to Government Code, §54957, subd. (b)(1)
Title: Chief Business Officer

Alejandra Garibay exited the closed session at 6:10 p.m.

C. **Closed Session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.** Wesley Cagle announced no action was taken in closed session.

D. Lois Yount, Superintendent, shared the **Board Meeting Protocol**.

E. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

F. **Reports**

LCAP GOAL 1

Engaging learners in PreK-8 through a focus on equity, access, and academic rigor with inclusive practices in various learning environments.

1. **New School Year and Enrollment Updates**

Lois Yount reported that teachers returned on August 14, 2023 and attended a welcome-back presentation at McCaffrey Middle School. This year's theme is "Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow." She indicated Kuljeet Nijjar, Educational Services Director, is leading efforts to improve attendance and credited her with this year's theme.

Ms. Yount shared the 2023-24 District goals and focus areas. They include:

- Student Academic Growth
- MAP Reading and Math – 5% growth
- District Reading Assessments – 10% growth
- Continuous Improvement cycles and collaboration
- CalSCHLS Surveys – increase engagement, relationships and safety
- Improve & Maintain Facilities
- New Math Framework Professional Development
- Implementing SOME Building Thinking Classrooms Strategies

Ms. Yount shared a video on Vertical Workspaces and Collaboration. She indicated that the District is focusing on increasing student collaboration. One way to do that is by getting students on their feet and working together on whiteboards or other spaces. The video shows students learning on their feet. Vertical learning is a framework for high-quality group work. It showcases student thinking for everyone to see.

Ms. Yount said approximately 30 teachers went to a week-long training at the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) called Building Thinking Classrooms this summer to learn about vertical learning.

Ms. Yount shared Leadership Teamwork & Collaboration Members, including the Board of Education, Cabinet Members, School Administrators, Supervisors & Coordinators, Union Leadership, Math Pilot Teachers, Teachers on Special Assignments (TOSAs), Building Thinking Classrooms Teachers and Teacher Mentors.

At the end of the slides, Ms. Yount said she introduced Mark Schumacher, Guest Speaker. Mr. Schumacher is an educator, speaker and stand-up comedian. She indicated she wanted to bring a message to teachers that they would enjoy, laugh, put them in good spirits, and reignite their passion for teaching. She said she had some positive feedback from teachers. She shared one email. The email sender said, "What a nice meeting to start the year off. The start of the school year is normally very stressful. It was nice to have someone that has been in teacher's shoes and

put a comedy spin on it. It was not only a good time, but he taught us and made us remember why we all went into teaching. The email sender described her checking for understanding related to what she learned from the speaker.

Ms. Yount provided an enrollment update. She said the District has 3,421 students enrolled, an increase of 60 students. She indicated that another update will be brought to the September Board meeting.

Ms. Yount shared information from the CAST meeting as it relates to the start of the new school year. She indicated they discussed the possible addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO) shared with the Galt High School District (GHSD). The GJUESD SRO is Matt Walters. His office is located at McCaffrey Middle School. However, he will spend significant time at the elementary school sites this year.

Ms. Yount said that she and Lisa Pettis, GHSD Superintendent, attended the Galt Saturday Market to share information on their respective school districts.

Ms. Yount said Lorenzo Hines, Galt City Manager, shared information at the CAST meeting regarding the Cannabis Public Forum sessions. He said the community survey related to Cannabis sales slightly favors a commercial cannabis business. He offered to provide a city update report to both school Boards at an upcoming Board meeting. He also shared that Measure Q has allowed the city to increase park and recreation staff.

The Board requested a report from the city manager at a future Board meeting.

2. 2023 Summer Programs

Kuljeet Nijjar, Educational Services Director, reported on the 2023 summer programs. She indicated the District offered Extended School Year (ESY), summer school, migrant program, and Expanded Learning Summer Program (GEL). She highlighted staff members' efforts this summer and acknowledged Gina Fuentes, ESY Coordinator, Leah Wheeler, Summer School Coordinator, Lori Jones, Expanded Learning Coordinator, Teachers, classified staff, and District nurse.

Ms. Nijjar shared attendance rates and academic growth percentages that students made on pre and post-tests. She said the technology department staff provided hotspots to migrant education students so they could participate in a hybrid program and acknowledged their efforts.

Lori Jones, Expanded Learning Coordinator, reported on the Expanded Learning program. She indicated that they served students at every school site except Valley Oaks Elementary due to construction. The average daily attendance was 82%. Students participated in a variety of activities that included:

- Creative writing
- Team building
- WOW on Wheels
- LEGO and magnetic block building
- Walking Field trip
- Circle time with "question of the day"
- Gardening

3. Spring 2023 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, reported. She reflected on the SBAC administration over the past six years. She indicated a similarity in results pre and post-pandemic. She said she encourages the administrative team and teachers to look at data through the lens of status and growth. For status, how many students met or exceeded the standard and for growth, what gains were made by student cohorts.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano said administrators are given data for the entire District by cohort groups and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to see if the instructional practices they had in place made a difference. The goal is to ensure everyone is holding data talks and that everyone is reflecting on the data. Data talks and reflections included the following:

1. Identify trends
2. Instructional implications
3. Non-negotiables
4. Correlation to MAP
5. Support needed

Also, what was the impact to children identified as chronically absent? Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano shared a sample of the reflection questions. She said the District has Teachers On Special Assignment (TOSAs), mentors for all interns and mentors for teachers in the induction program. The goal is to use some of the data sets during academic conference to set direction and goals and new targets for PLCs.

Annette Kunze, Board Member, said it is helpful to see the sense of urgency that was presented to help students succeed and thanked Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano.

OTHER REPORTS

1. Budget 45-Day Revision

Lois Yount reported on the items that have changed in the budget since it was adopted in June. She indicated an increase in employee salaries and benefits and a decrease in the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant (AMISDBG) and Learning Recover Emergency Block Grant (LRDBG). Ms. Yount added that this would not affect a math adoption due to Board committed funds for an adoption.

2. Williams Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) Quarter 4 Report

Lois Yount reported no complaints.

3. State Facility Funding

Lois Yount reported the District had received \$10,783,546 in State funds for Modernization. It has enabled the District to expand its bond program from \$19.7 million to \$30.5 million, an increase of over 30%. She stated that the District had done a really good job getting as much money from the state facility program as possible.

4. School Calendars

School principals highlighted events from their August and September 2023 calendars.

Wesley Cagle, Board President, stated it had been determined that an agenda item needs to be added to the agenda for immediate action. The need to act came to the Board's attention after the agenda was posted.

Katherine Harper made a motion to approve adding agenda item 232.412 to the agenda. Board consideration to move the September 20, 2023 Board meeting from Galt City Hall Chamber to Vernon E. Greer Elementary School due to the city beginning its Galt University meeting series at the chamber, seconded by Casey Raboy. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

G. Routine Matters/New Business

232.401 Consent Calendar

Wesley Cagle pulled item f. Contractor Bid for Base Foundation for Three Portable Classrooms at Lake Canyon Elementary School for the Consent Calendar for later consideration.

Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar [minus item f. Contractor Bid for Base Foundation for Three Portable Classrooms at Lake Canyon Elementary School] seconded by Annette Kunze. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

a. Approval of the Agenda

Consent Calendar

b. Minutes

- June 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

c. Payment of Warrants

- Vendor Warrants: 24428709-24428769; 24427909-24427926; 24427394-24427420; 23426952-23426987; 23423170-23423263; 23424609-23424661; 23425602-23425642; 24431193-24431212
- Payroll Warrants: 6/16/23; 6/30/23; 7/10/23; 7/31/23; 8/10/23

d. Personnel

Resignations/Retirees			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Arredondo, Rosa	Food & Nutrition Assistant 1	6/1/23	Vernon E. Greer
Duenas, Gabriela	Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	6/26/23	Lake Canyon
Milligan, Emily	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	7/26/23	Lake Canyon

Norris, Yvette	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	8/1/23	Marengo Ranch
Porras, Diana	Expanded Learning Instructional Assistant	7/25/23	Valley Oaks
Sandoval, Maria	Bilingual Community Outreach Assistant	8/2/23	Fairsite Preschool
Tackett, Andrea	Expanded Learning Site Coordinator	8/4/23	Lake Canyon
Walker, Katherine	Expanded Learning Instructional Assistant	8/9/23	Vernon E. Greer

Leave of Absence Requests			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Coupe, Amber	Teacher	8/21/23	Vernon E. Greer
Curiel, Guadalupe	Bilingual Instructional Assistant	8/22/23	River Oaks
Gomez, Mercedes	Bilingual Instructional Assistant	8/16/23	Fairsite Preschool

New Hires/Reclassifications/Status Changes		
Name	Position	Site
Anaya, Corina (Status Change)	Bilingual Community Outreach Asst - Special Programs	Fairsite Preschool
Arce, Clarita	Food & Nutrition Assistant 1	Lake Canyon
Chikwendu, Rose	School Nurse	District Office
Escalante, Josefina	Bilingual Office Assistant	River Oaks
Gutierrez, Sarai	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	Fairsite
Henriquez, Rebecca	Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Lake Canyon
Hill, Jessica	Music Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Howard, Jolene	Food & Nutrition Assistant 2	Marengo Ranch
Keoveunxay, Lavonne	Licensed Vocational Nurse	District Office
Lopez De Vera, Fabiola (Status Change)	Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	River Oaks
Mendoza, Francisco	Groundskeeper	Maintenance
Mock, Sofia	Yard Supervisor	River Oaks
Ocampo, Daneille (Status Change)	Bilingual Instructional Assistant	Valley Oaks
Oliveira, Bailey	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	River Oaks
Ordaz, Lilianna (Status Change)	Expanded Learning Site Coordinator	Lake Canyon
Pelayo Robles, Gabriela	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	McCaffrey Middle
Ramirez Gomez, Ma Guadalupe	Custodian	Lake Canyon
Reyes, Eddie	Teacher	Valley Oaks
Ruiz, Vanessa	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Valley Oaks
Scherrer, Tianna (Status Change)	Instructional Assistant	Marengo Ranch
Siewert, Lacy	Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Vang, Jessica	Psychologist	River Oaks
Whitford, Jordan	Special Education Teacher	Marengo Ranch

- e. Out-of-State Conference Attendance: Edupoint Synergy Connect 2023 Conference, November 2-3, 2023, Orlando, Florida, for Gina Fuentes, Teacher on Special Assignment and Kristine Baptista, Information Systems Technician
- f. Contractor Bid for Base Foundation for Three Portable Classrooms at Lake Canyon Elementary School
- g. 2023-24 Consulting Services Agreement with AR Leadership Partners, LLC
- h. Master Contracts for Nonpublic Schools and Agencies
 - 1. ATX Learning
 - 2. CCHAT
 - 3. Easter Seals
 - 4. Lodi Children's Therapy
 - 5. Point Quest Depot Park
 - 6. The Stepping Stones Group

232.402 Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration

**CC
Items
Removed**

- f. Contractor Bid for Base Foundation for Three Portable Classrooms at Lake Canyon Elementary School

Annette Kunze made a motion to approve item f. from the consent calendar, seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion was carried by a vote of 3 ayes from Casey Raboy, Annette Kunze and Katherine Harper. Wesley Cagle abstained.

232.403 Katherine Harper made a motion to approve Student Expulsion Re-admit Case No. 21/22-04, seconded by Casey Raboy. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

**Student
Matter**

232.404 Lois Yount provided background information for Alejandra Garibay. She indicated that Ms. Garibay was selected to serve as the next Chief Business Officer for the GJUESD.

**CBO
Agreement**

Ms. Garibay addressed the Board. She said she is excited to join the GJUESD leadership team and work for the District.

Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Employment Agreement for Chief Business Officer Beginning September 1, 2023, and Ending September 1, 2026, seconded by Annette Kunze. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

232.405 Annette Kunze made a motion to approve Master Agreement For Architectural Services, seconded by Wesley Cagle. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

**Arch Master
Agreement**

232.406 Katherine Harper made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Grant Agreement for Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School, Lake Canyon Elementary,

**Res 1
CalSHAPE**

Vernon E. Greer Elementary, River Oaks Elementary and Marengo Ranch Elementary, seconded by Casey Raboy. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

- 232.407** Lois Yount provided information on the Facility Master Plan (FMP) proposal. She indicated that an updated Facility Master Plan is needed to identify current and future facility needs and items.

**FMP
Services**

Kim Johnson, Senior Project Manager, and Mariana Alvarez Parga, Principal, 19six Architects, addressed the Board. They thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the District.

Annette Kunze made a motion to approve 19six Architects' Proposal for Facility Master Plan Services, seconded by Katherine Harper. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

- 232.408** Casey Raboy made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Consolidated Application, seconded by Wesley Cagle. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

ConApp

- 232.409** Wesley Cagle made a motion to Increase Adult and Student School Meal Prices as follows, seconded by Casey Raboy. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

**Adult School
Lunch**

	Adult Lunch	Adult Breakfast	Student Lunch	Student Breakfast
Current Price	\$4.25	\$3.25	\$2.50	\$1.25
2023-2024 School Year	\$4.75	\$3.50	\$2.75	\$1.50
2024-2025 School Year	\$4.75	\$3.50	\$2.75	\$1.50

- 232.410** Nomination to California School Boards Association (CSBA) Directors-at-Large African American, American Indian, and County did not carry due to lack of a motion.

**CSBA Dir-At-
Large**

- 232.411** A First Reading of the Following Board Policies (BP), Administrative Regulations (AR) and Bylaw (BB) was held:

**FIRST
READING**

Superintendent

1. BP 1113 - District and School Websites
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2. BP 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units
3. BB 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials

Curriculum

4. BP 4112.2 – Certification
AR 4112.2 – Certification
5. BP 6174 - Education for English Learners
AR 6174 - Education for English Learners

Educational Services

6. BP 5141.5 - Mental Health
7. BP 5148 - Child Care and Development
AR 5148 - Child Care and Development
8. Delete: BP 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities

- 9. BP 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education
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Board members addressed an optional paragraph in BB 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials. The consensus was not to include the following optional paragraph in the final version of the bylaw.

[Each agenda shall include a statement regarding the option for students and parents/guardians to request that directory information or personal information of the student or parent/guardian, as defined in Education Code 49061 and/or 49073.2, be excluded from the minutes. The agenda shall also state that the request must be made in writing to the secretary or clerk of the Board.]

- 232.412** Casey Raboy made a motion to Move the September 20, 2023 Board Meeting from the Galt City Hall Chamber to Vernon E. Greer Elementary School Due To The City Beginning Its Galt University Meeting Series at the Chamber, seconded by Annette Kunze. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

**Location of
Sept Board
Meeting**

H. Public Comments

I. Pending Agenda Items

Wesley Cagle thanked the District staff for all their hard work getting ready for the new school year.

Annette Kunze highlighted the upcoming fentanyl presentation “Arrive Alive” at McCaffrey Middle School on September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. She encouraged everyone to attend.

J. Adjournment 8:38 p.m.

Board Approved September 20, 2023