

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
Board of Education
“Building a Bright Future for All Learners”

Board/Community Engagement Session
Board of Education
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
River Oaks Elementary School
905 Vintage Oak Avenue, Galt, CA 95632

Board Members Present

Kevin Papineau- absent
Wesley Cagle
Grace Malson
John Gordon
Matthew Felix

Karen Schauer
Robert Nacario
Lois Yount
Gina Fuentes
Ron Rammer
Jennifer Porter
Jaime Hughes

Administrators Present

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Tom Barentson
Donna Whitlock
Donna Gill
David Nelson
Emily Peckham
Donna Whitlock

MINUTES

- A. 5:40 p.m. Principal and Staff Tour of River Oaks Elementary Facilities**
- B. The Open Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Wesley Cagle followed by the flag salute.**
- C. Galt Community Engagement Session to Consider Facilities Improvement Needs, Call Meeting to Order, Flag Salute**

Karen Schauer provided a session overview.

Karen Schauer, Lindsey Hayward, Tom Barentson and Robert Milligan responded to questions from the February 3, 2016 Facilities Community Engagement Meeting.

Lori Raineri, Governmental Financial Strategies, presented information on a potential general obligation bond and tax base demographics.

Input and ideas were received from the community for the GJUESD Board of Trustees and staff to consider for facilities priorities and funding decisions.

- Themes from the session related to prioritizing facilities expenditures given that the district will not be able to address all facilities needs even with a local bond measure include:
 - Safety and Security: Prioritize highest needs, roof repairs, HVAC, walkways, fencing repair
 - Learning environments: running water in classrooms, lighting, science labs, BFCLC's
- Themes related to projects that should specifically be funded with a local bond measure?
 - Learning environment flexibility
 - Safety as it relates to lighting, walkways, fence repairs, security cameras

- Most impactful projects first: safety/security, modernization, building systems, 21st Century learning
- Grounds maintenance
- Themes related to why we should consider a school bond measure?
 - Student safety
 - Learning environment improvements
 - Property values
 - Investment in community
- Themes related to information voters may not know
 - Condition of schools
 - General Obligation Bond may allow district to apply for other grants
 - District academic accomplishments
 - Cost for facilities improvements
- Themes related to the importance of raising public awareness and understanding about the District's facility needs.
 - Community awareness plan

D. Pending Agenda Items

1. Electronic Board Agenda Packet
2. School Furniture Analysis
3. Governance Team Continuous Improvement

E. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Board Approved: February 24, 2016