

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Galt City Hall Chamber
380 Civic Drive Galt CA 95632

Board Members Present

Grace Malson
Thomas Silva
Wesley Cagle
John Gordon
Matthew Felix

Tina Homdus
Laura Marquez
Alison Calhoun
Judith Hayes

Administrators Present

Karen Schauer
Donna Mayo-Whitlock
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Lois Yount

MINUTES

- A.** Present for Closed Session: Karen Schauer, Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Donna Mayo Whitlock, Grace Malson, Thomas Silva, Wesley Cagle, John Gordon and Matthew Felix
- B.** Closed Session was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Grace Malson to discuss the following items:
1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Government Code §54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Karen Schauer, Lois Yount, Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
 - Employee Agency: (GEFA) Galt Elementary Faculty Association
 - Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employee Association
 - Unrepresented Employees
 2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE, Government Code §54957
- C. Adjourn Closed Session, Call Meeting to Order, Announce Action Taken in Closed Session**
- D. Public Comments** for topics not on the agenda
Public comment should be limited to three minutes or less pending Board President approval. Community members who cannot wait for the related agenda item may also request to speak at this time by indicating this on the speaker's request form.
- E. Communications**
1. Karen Schauer shared communication from David Gordon, Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, Sacramento County Office of Education regarding River Oaks Elementary School Named a 2020 California Distinguished School. She indicated River Oaks selected for 1) closing the achievement gap at a school with at least 40 percent poverty rate, 2) two-year state assessment growth for high needs learners, and 3) Dashboard indicator results for academic, suspension, and chronic absenteeism.

2. Karen Schauer shared communication from David Gordon, Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, Sacramento County Office of Education 2019-2020 First Period Interim Report. She highlighted the district received a positive certification and acknowledged the district is projecting a decrease of 50 ADA in 2019-2020.

F. Reports

LCAP GOAL 2

Implement California State Standards in classrooms and other learning spaces through a variety of blended learning environments while closing the achievement gap.

1. Jennifer Collier, Extended Learning Supervisor, reported on GJUESD Arts Education Plan. She indicated GJUESD worked with the Sacramento County Office of Education and the Sacramento Metropolitan Art Consortium to develop, design, and establish the first GJUESD Arts Education Plan. Ms. Collier shared the GJUESD vision to align arts with best practices in a wide variety of creative skill-building opportunities throughout the school day and after school.

Ms. Collier identified 5 Key Focus Areas of the plan that embody the vision for arts education in the district. She highlighted Focus Area #5 is Partnerships with Stakeholders and Community. Ms. Collier stated she hosted a littleBits Snap The Gap STEAM club for girls ages 10-12 in the fall of 2018. This partnership has led to a significant donation of littleBits kits to the district, a University of California Davis initiative.

LCAP GOAL 3

Processes and measures for continuous improvement and accountability are applied throughout the district, including personalized evaluation processes for educators.

1. Karen Schauer, Superintendent, reported on LCAP & New Three-Year Cycle. She indicated GJUESD has stayed the course for the last four years, and now is the time to consider changes. The Sacramento County Office of Education is conducting training to assist districts with preparing redesigned or modified LCAP plans. Dr. Schauer stated that at this time, GJUESD is working with stakeholders to examine and discuss data sets to identify strengths, needs, and questions.
2. Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, reported on the California School Dashboard Results. She encouraged board members not to compare schools as the information is a general overview.

Karen Schauer stated there best practices the district can learn from in the results. The Dashboard is a continuous improvement tool.

Karen Schauer highlighted the improvement areas in all categories.

Wesley Cagle asked if there was a correlation between chronic absenteeism and suspension.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano indicated the district does not know that at this time. At the end of the 1st trimester, the district ran attendance reports to identify students that were absent ten or more days so school staff could follow-up with families. She indicated homelessness might have triggered chronic absenteeism and suspension.

Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Educational Services Director, stated that even if a student completes an Independent Study agreement, it counts towards chronic absent rates.

Thomas Silva asked how parents perceive this information as the CA Dashboard is supposed to be a tool for parents.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano indicated that messaging might need to change. She stated an example is Greer Elementary, kindergarteners triggered most absences. Parents may feel that kindergarten is optional, so absenteeism is not important.

Ms. Mayo-Whitlock stated that one school has started the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) process in kindergarten. Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano emphasized the Dashboard information is still insufficient to address at the classroom levels. Sites will continue to monitor growth with assessments.

John Gordon requested Dashboard results in numbers versus percentages. He indicated it would also be helpful to know the fiscal impact of results. Additionally, he suggested the district research how many students are leaving the country during the holidays and consider the school calendar in conjunction with Galt High School District.

3. Karen Schauer reported on CalSCHLS Survey Update. She indicated a special board study session is scheduled for February 12, 2020, to review results. The comprehensive reports, along with summary results, will be available on the district website, and stakeholders are beginning to examine reports through committee meetings.

LCAP GOAL 4

School facilities are safe, healthy, hazard free, clean and equipped for 21st century learning.

1. Lois Yount, Business Director, reported on School Maintenance Plans for McCaffrey Middle School, Fairsite School Readiness Center, District Office, and Maintenance/Operations/Transportation (MOT).
2. Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Educational Services Director, reported on Fairsite School Readiness Center Maker Space Grand Opening. She indicated the new Maker Space room improves engagement and learning opportunities for students and is funded through the Central Valley Foundation grant. A grand opening was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, with Good Day Sacramento coverage.

Other Reports

1. Lois Yount, Business Director, reported on School Services of California Governor's Budget Report 2020-21. She highlighted the following:
 - The California economy is stable but future predictions point to slowing growth
 - The Governor has initiatives outside of the K-12 budget that includes housing unsheltered individuals, protecting the environment and initiatives related to healthcare
 - Special Education funding based on preschoolers with disabilities

- Addressing California’s educator shortage and computer science education for teachers
- School nutrition
- Early care and education facilities

Ms. Yount stated considerations for GJUESD include:

- Declining enrollment
- Increasing the reserve level
- Increases to STRS and PERS
- Minimum wage increases
- Employee sustainability

Ms. Yount projected a minimum \$400,000 budget reduction for 2020-21.

2. Karen Schauer, Superintendent, reported no complaints during the 2nd Quarter Williams Uniform Complaint Process Quarterly Report.

G. Routine Matters/New Business

192.048 Consent Calendar

Consent

Karen Schauer acknowledged the retirements and donations.

Matthew Felix pulled item f. Master Contract for Non-Public School: Aldar Academy from the consent calendar.

A motion was made by Wesley Cagle to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by John Gordon and unanimously carried.

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Minutes: December 13, 2019 Annual Organizational Meeting
Minutes: December 18, 2019 Special Board Meeting
- c. Payment of Warrants –
Certificated/Classified Payrolls Dated: 12/10/2019, 12/13/2019, 1/1/2020, 1/10/2020
Vendor Warrant Numbers: 20325888-20325937; 20326903-20326974; 20328407-20328458, 20329304-20329321; 20330146-20330205; 20330786-20330857; 20331619-203316600
- d. Personnel
 1. Resignations/Retirement
 2. Leave of Absence Requests
 3. New Hires
- e. Donations
- f. Master Contract for Non-Public School: Aldar Academy
- g. School Bus Driver Training Contract Between GJUESD and Dawn Pinasco

- h. Out of State Conference Attendance for Jennifer Collier, Extended Learning Supervisor
 - Gallup at Work Summit in Omaha, NE from June 1-3, 2020

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| 192.049 | Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration | CC Items Removed |
| | A motion was made by John Gordon to approve item f. Master Contract for Non-Public School: Aldar Academy, seconded by Thomas Silva. The motion carried by a vote of 4 Ayes by Grace Malson, John Gordon, Thomas Silva and Wesley Cagle. Matthew Felix abstained. | |
| 192.050 | A motion was made by Thomas Silva to approve the 2018-19 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Lake Canyon Elementary, Marengo Ranch Elementary, River Oaks Elementary, McCaffrey Middle School, Valley Oaks Elementary and Vernon E. Greer Elementary, seconded by Grace Malson and unanimously carried. | SARC's |
| 192.051 | Michael Ash, CPA, Partner, Christy White Associates, presented the Audit Report. He highlighted the summary of the auditors' results noting the District received an Unmodified Opinion and had one finding. The finding was due to a calculation error on the Second Period Attendance Report submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE). Mr. Ash stated that the District discovered the error while closing the books and attempted to revise the report but was informed that the CDE was not accepting changes. Lois Yount informed the Board that the District had initiated additional checks and balances to ensure compliance with future reports. She thanked Tracy Stinson, Fiscal Services Supervisor, and staff for their efforts. A motion was made by Wesley Cagle to approve the GJUESD 2018-19 Audit Report by Christy White Associates, seconded by Matthew Felix and unanimously carried. | Audit Report |
| 192.052 | A motion was made by Matthew Felix to approve the Architectural and Engineering Services with PBK for New Track at McCaffrey Middle School, seconded by Grace Malson and unanimously carried. Lois Yount will forward warranty information for the track to board members. | MMS Track |
| 192.053 | A motion was made by John Gordon to approve Resolution #4 To Reduce Or Eliminate Classified Staff Due To Lack Of Work/Lack Of Funds, seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried. | Res #4 Class Red |

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| 192.054 | A motion was made by Matthew Felix to approve Lease-Leaseback Preconstruction Services Agreement with S+B James Construction Management Company for River Oaks Elementary School, seconded by Thomas Silva and unanimously carried. | RO LLB |
| 192.055 | A motion was made by Wesley Cagle to approve School Transportation Consultation Services Agreement for Professional Services with Timothy W. Purvis, Pupil Transportation Information, LLC (PTI), seconded by Thomas Silva and unanimously carried. | Trans Consult Agree |
| 192.056 | A motion was made by Thomas Silva to approve Board Policy (BP) 9010 Public Statements, seconded by Matthew Felix and unanimously carried. | BP 9010 |
| 192.057 | A motion was made by John Gordon to approve Galt Elementary Faculty Association (GEFA) Contract Language Re: Article VII, Evaluation Procedures, seconded by Grace Malson and unanimously carried. | GEFA Eval |

H. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda

1. There was no public comment.

I. Pending Agenda Items

1. School District Properties
2. Low Performing Block Grant: Mathematics
3. Learning & Equity Considerations
4. CSBA Social Media & Training for School Boards

J. Adjournment 9:38 p.m.

Board Approved: February 26, 2020