

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

July 28, 2021

Vernon E. Greer Elementary School

248 West A Street, Galt, CA 95632

Multi-Purpose Room

Zoom Webinar

Webinar ID: 827 7259 9718

Board Members Present

Thomas Silva
Wesley Cagle
Traci Skinner
Grace Malson
Casey Raboy- Absent

Administrators Present

Lois Yount	Kuljeet Nijjar
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano	Stephanie Simonich
Donna Mayo-Whitlock	David Nelson
Jennifer Porter	Judy Hayes
Ron Rammer	Donna Gill

- A.** 6:00 p.m. Thomas Silva announced items to be discussed in Closed Session.
- B.** Present for Closed Session: Thomas Silva, Wesley Cagle, Traci Skinner, Grace Malson, Lois Yount, Claudia Del Tor-Anguiano, Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Chris Keiner, Attorney at Law, Dannis Woliver Kelley
1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Government Code §54957.6
 - Employee Agency: (GEFA) Galt Elementary Faculty Association
 - Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employee Association
 - Non-Represented Employees
 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subd. (d) (1)(2):
 - One matter
- C.** Closed Session Adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The open meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Thomas Silva, followed by the flag salute. He announced no action was taken in closed session.
- D.** Lois Yount shared the Board Meeting Protocol
- E. Communications**
1. Lois Yount shared information on National Night Out scheduled for August 3, 2021, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. She indicated district leadership would attend the event at the Galt Community Park and the Galt Softball Complex.

F. Reports

LCAP GOAL 1

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

1. Public Health Guidance for Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year and Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan (ESSER III)

Lois Yount, Superintendent, reported the new school year would be in-person, full regular school day, and after school. She indicated the goal of the school district and the state is to provide safe and full in-person instruction with as much instructional time as possible.

Ms. Yount reviewed safety measures for schools. She indicated masks are optional outdoors for all students and staff. However, masks are required when sharing indoor spaces with students unless exempted due to a medical condition (must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge).

Additionally, schools must offer alternative educational opportunities for students excluded from campus because they will not wear a face covering. GJUESD offers the Bright Future Home Learning Academy, also known as Independent Study.

Ms. Yount reviewed additional safety measures for staying home when sick and getting tested. She shared the following COVID-19 exposure protocols for:

- close contact exposure if fully vaccinated
- close contact exposure with a mask if unvaccinated
- close contact exposure without mask if unvaccinated

She added that GJUESD is preparing for rapid testing at all school sites for staff and students (with parent consent).

Ms. Yount reported cleaning recommendations to include general cleaning once a day to remove potential viruses on surfaces. She added foodservice recommendations include maximizing physical distancing as much as possible while eating and using additional spaces outside the cafeteria for mealtime seating such as classrooms or the gymnasium. Masks are not required while eating.

Ms. Yount reported school visitor recommendations to include limiting nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated. Information on other supervised settings is forthcoming.

Ms. Yount provided contact information for health officials and the Governor for parents/guardians who would like to express their opinions regarding quarantine and mask mandates for children in schools. She also reported that transportation would be at normal capacity because students will be wearing a mask.

Email Public Comments were read aloud by Lois Yount: Kristi Ward, Gayleen Gomez, Mary Galipsie, Cheleen Cook, and Emily Sanders addressed the Board regarding Public Health Guidance for Schools in California.

Public Comment: Brooke Shamhart, Rhonday Dela Cruz, Kristi Ward, Veronica Kaufman, Annette Kunze, James Smith, Michaela Johnson, Sarah Hutson, Martha Vielma, Sara Murray, Beck Shalo, Heidi Harmon, and Brooke Stahmer addressed the Board regarding Public Health Guidance for Schools in California.

Thomas Silva, Board President, thanked members of the public for their comments.

Wesley Cagle, Board Member, asked what is mandatory language from Cal/OSHA and the California Department of Education and what is guidance language related to the use of masks in schools.

Lois Yount said the District is at risk of losing funding if it chooses not to follow the mandate. The District does have some discretion in how the mandate is enforced. She indicated it is not GJUESD intention to have someone policing in front of schools, but an enforcement plan needs to be developed.

Wesley Cagle asked for clarifying information regarding the District insurance.

Lois Yount will provide a report item at the next meeting of the Board. It will include information from Schools Insurance Authority informing the District that it is at risk of losing liability coverage if the District does not follow California Department of Health Safety Guidelines.

Wesley Cagle asked how the District can have a say in the use of masks in schools?

Lois Yount said the Board could direct the superintendent to draft a letter to lawmakers and health officials urging for local control.

Board members agreed to direct the superintendent to draft a letter to health officials and the Governor supporting local control in schools and bring it to a special Board meeting on August 11, 2021.

Traci Skinner, Board Member, asked if there are alternatives to masking that the Board could consider.

Lois Yount stated that the only two alternatives are a mask or a face shield with a drape.

Traci Skinner stated that it is going to take everyone working together to get back to normal. She suggested that everyone screen for illness at home to be sure people stay home when they are sick and test for COVID-19 when exposed. She emphasized moving forward with what the District "can" do.

Thomas Silva agreed to add this suggestion to the next agenda to discuss COVID-19 testing protocols.

Grace Malson, Board Member, expressed concern asymptomatic children who test positive for COVID-19 would attend school anyway.

Board President, Thomas Silva, paused the meeting for two minutes to allow members of the public to exit.

Donna Whitlock, Educational Services Director, reported on the American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund (ESSER III) Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan. She indicated:

1. GJUESD created a plan compliant with the Interim Final Requirements (IFR) requiring LEA's receiving ESSER III funds to submit a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services and ensuring LEA's engage in meaningful public input.
2. GJUESD will continue to maintain, Health and Safety Policies and Procedures.
3. GJUESD ensures continuity of services in case of isolation, quarantine, or future school closures.
4. GJUESD sought public comments in developing its plan and took those comments into account in developing its plan.

Ms. Whitlock added that the Board approved the transitional re-opening schools plan that allows the District to pivot quickly and safely from in-person to remote learning if needed. The plan is posted to the district website.

2. Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program Survey and Proposed Timeline

Donna Whitlock reported the Global California 2030 initiative is a call to action to have half of all K-12 students participate in programs leading to proficiency in two or more languages, either through a class, a program, or an experience. She stated the DLI program allows children in a bilingual classroom to have the opportunity to learn a new language. The next steps to beginning a program include hiring a professional outside consultant to help develop the program and a feasibility study. She would like to start the feasibility study with a parent and staff survey.

Ms. Whitlock highlighted a summer staff development opportunity for teachers to attend a dual language immersion learning academy. This academy includes multiple Saturday sessions supported by the James B. McClatchy Foundation (JBMF) grant. Immediately after sharing the opportunity, five teachers signed up to participate in the sessions. She added, the team would visit successful programs in the area, including Lodi Unified School District, San Juan Unified School District and Davis Joint Unified School District.

Ms. Whitlock stated she would report the results of the feasibility student survey to the Board in December or January.

3. New Independent Study Guidelines

Lois Yount reported on the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 130. The bill makes changes to Independent Study (IS). She highlighted the Bright Future Home Learning Academy (BFLA) for 2021-22 as the District's program for providing independent study. The District is required to notify parents of educational options for students and must hold a student-parent-educator conference meeting prior to a student entering the program. Districts must also plan to transition students whose families wish to return to in-person instruction from IS expeditiously and not later than five instructional days. Ms. Yount shared additional learning criteria for the program.

Donna Whitlock added that the District has 33 students in TK-8 signed up for the program to date. She indicated this is too large of a grade span for one teacher, so the District posted for another teacher. The District is planning for one TK-3 teacher and one 4-8 teacher. The teachers will be located at Lake Canyon Elementary school. Students will be able to attend learning sessions on campus for additional support and programs.

LCAP GOAL 2

Promoting PreK-8 whole learner development through social and emotional learning opportunities in a variety of environments

1. 2020-21 Summer Program

Lois Yount reported on the 2020-21 Summer Program. She thanked staff and students for an excellent summer program. Ms. Yount said the summer program included:

- Sixteen days of summer fun, enrichment, and learning opportunities.
- Operated at every school location through June 30 with special education extended year services concluding July 2.
- Over 200 staff members worked the summer program to serve over 1,300 students.

She then shared student and staff quotes regarding the program.

Jennifer Collier, Expanded Learning Coordinator, highlighted summer school engagement efforts, including:

- Seventy-four engagement sessions with 11 different session themes.
- Summer artist residencies in partnership with CLARA Art Organization and Nancy Q. Studio.
- Positive feedback from students.

Claudia Del Toro- Anguiano, Curriculum Director, reported the academic growth students made during summer school would compare spring 2021 and fall 2021 Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data for students that attended the summer program. Analyzing the data will help the District plan for a summer program in 2022.

Wesley Cagle asked what percentage of the District's regular enrollment attended summer school?

Lois Yount responded approximately 33% of the District’s regular enrollment attended summer school.

OTHER REPORTS

1. Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano reported no complaints during the Williams Uniform Complaint 4th Quarter Report.

G. Routine Matters/New Business

212.201 A motion was made by Traci Skinner to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried.

Consent
Calendar

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Minutes
 - June 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
 - June 16, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- c. Payment of Warrants
 - Vendor Warrant Numbers: 21410057-21410082; 21410709-21410792; 21411491-21411558; 22300119-22300130; 22300359-22300378; 22301117-22301198
 - Certificated/Classified Payrolls Dated: 7/16/21, 7/9/21, 6/18/21, 6/30/21
- d. Personnel

Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Retirement			
Schauer, Karen	Superintendent	6/30/221	District Office

Resignations			
Merlin, Emilio	Groundskeeper	7/9/21	Maintenance & Operations
Swank, Ida	BFLC Technician	6/17/21	Valley Oaks
Williams, Janice	Instructional Assistant, Sp Ed	7/13/21	Fairsite

Leave of Absence Requests			
McNamara, Amy	Speech Teacher	11/5/21	Valley Oaks
Newman, Danielle	Accounts Receivable	8/31/21	District Office
Sauseda, Sara	Speech Teacher	8/12/21	Lake Canyon

New Hires/Reassignment		
Name	Position	Site
Anaya, Maria (Reassignment)	Instructional Assistant	River Oaks
Arcos, Christina	Teacher	River Oaks
Barajas, Diana	Teacher	Valley Oaks
Estrada, Alejandra (Reassignment)	Special Ed Instructional Assistant	Fairsite
Fewell, Kathryn	Teacher	Lake Canyon

Flores, Sofia (Reassignment)	Secretary II	Vernon E. Greer
Harcourt, Kevin	Groundskeeper	Maintenance & Operations
Kunz, Melissa (Reassignment)	Food Services	Vernon E. Greer
Leal, Vanessa (Reassignment)	Food Services	Valley Oaks
Marriott, Amber	Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Molina, Daniel	PE Teacher	Marengo Ranch
Morris, Ashley	Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Pennino, Cassidy	Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Pizzicara, Mary	Music Teacher	Marengo Ranch
Torres, Vanessa (Reassignment)	BFLC Technician	Valley Oaks
Sanchez, Analy	Food Service Worker	Lake Canyon
Stetson, Sallie	Resource Specialist Teacher	Lake Canyon
Walker, Josefina (Reassignment)	Secretary I	Vernon E. Greer
Wolfe, Stephen	Groundskeeper	Maintenance & Operations
Wright, Curtiss	Music Teacher	River Oaks
Yount, Lois (Reassignment)	Superintendent	District Office

- e. Job Description: Expanded Learning Coordinator
- f. Verizon Wireless Limited Distance Learning Authorized Agreement Between Galt Joint Union Elementary School District and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
- g. Master Contracts for Non-Public Schools and Agencies
 1. ATX Learning
 2. Easter Seals
 3. Lodi Children’s Therapy
 4. Point Quest Education – Depot Park
 5. Sierra School at Eastern – Lower
 6. Sunbelt Staffing

- 212.202** Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration
There were no times removed from the consent calendar. CC Items
Removed

- 212.203** Lois Yount reported this is an annual budget item. The funds for 2021-22 will support the salary and benefits of regular education teachers. PUBLIC
HEARING Ed
Protection Act

A Public Hearing of the 2021-22 Education Protection Act Use of Funds was held. There was no public comment.

- 212.204** A motion was made by Wesley Cagle to approve the 2021-22 Education Protection Act Use of Funds, seconded by Thomas Silva and unanimously carried. Ed Protection
Act

- 212.205** A motion was made by Thomas Silva to approve the 2021-22 Consolidated Application, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried. Con App

212.206	Lois Yount reported meals would be at no cost for all students in the 2021-22 school year. However, the District is required to propose a rate increase due to state and federal reimbursement rates.	Meal Price Increase
	Nick Svobada, Food and Nutrition Supervisor, provided information reassessing the meal prices to meet the difference between a full-price reimbursement and the paid reimbursement.	
	A motion was made by Grace Malson to approve an Increase to School Meals for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Years as follows, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch = \$2.50 • Breakfast = \$1.00 • Adult Lunch = \$4.25 • Adult Breakfast = 3.25 	
212.207	A motion was made by Wesley Cagle to approve the 2021-22 Expulsion Panel Members as follows, seconded by Grace Malson and unanimously carried.	Expulsion Panel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina Homdus, Assistant Principal, McCaffrey Middle School • Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Director of Curriculum • David Nelson, Principal, Valley Oaks Elementary • Donna Gill, Principal, River Oaks Elementary • Jennifer Porter, Principal, Marengo Ranch Elementary • Judith Hayes, Principal, Lake Canyon Elementary • Kuljeet Nijjar, Prevention and Intervention Coordinator, Early Childhood Education/Special Education • Laura Marquez, Assistant Principal, Valley Oaks Elementary • Laura Papineau, Assistant Principal, Lake Canyon Elementary and River Oaks Elementary • Leah Wheeler, Assistant Principal, Marengo Ranch Elementary and Greer Elementary • Ron Rammer, Principal, McCaffrey Middle School • Stephanie Simonich, Principal, Greer Elementary • To Be Determined, Chief Business Officer 	
212.208	A motion was made by Traci Skinner to approve the 2021-22 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educator, seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried.	Declaration of Need
212.209	A motion was made by Thomas Silva to approve a One-Time Stipend for Non-Represented Confidential and Supervisory Employees for Summer School Extended Year Program Support, seconded by Grace Malson and unanimously carried.	Non-Rep One-time Stipend

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| 212.210 | A motion was made by Grace Malson to approve Changing the November 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting date to November 17, 2021, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried. | Nov. Board
Mtg. Date
Change |
| 212.211 | A motion was made by Wesley Cagle to approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158: Independent Study, seconded by Grace Malson and unanimously carried. | BP/AR 6158 |
| 212.212 | The First Reading of Board Policy 5146: Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students was held. | BP 5146
1 st READING |

H. Public Comments: Veronica Kaufman addressed the Board regarding the use of face masks in schools and a corresponding letter the Board directed the superintendent to write to public health officials and the Governor.

Wesley Cagle asked Lois Yount how the search for a new Director of Business Services is going.

Ms. Yount indicated she has completed one round of interviews and did not select a candidate. She has posted the position in the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) online publication. She may bring a consulting contract with School Services of California for the Board to consider at a future meeting to assist the District in searching for a new director.

Thomas Silva thanked the technology team for their support to allow the Board to hold an in-person public meeting.

Lois Yount thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting.

I. Pending Agenda Items

1. School District Properties
2. Low Performing Block Grant: Mathematics
3. Brown Act Updates

J. Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.

Board Approved: August 25, 2021