

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

Regular Board Meeting
Zoom Teleconference Link

September 23, 2020
Open Session Meeting ID: 894 1786 6354
Closed Session Meeting ID: 893 8745 3810
Phone Participation: 669-900-6833

Board Members Present

Grace Malson
Thomas Silva
Wesley Cagle
Matthew Silva
John Gordon

Administrators Present

Karen Schauer	Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Lois Yount	Donna Mayo-Whitlock
Donna Gill	Jennifer Porter
Judith Hayes	Laura Papineau
Kuljeet Nijjar	Stephanie Simonich
David Nelson	Tina Homdus

MINUTES

<p>This meeting is being held pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20 issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 12, 2020</p>
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- A. Grace Malson announced items to be discussed in Closed Session.**
- B. Closed Session** was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
Present for closed session: Grace Malson, Thomas Silva, Wesley Cagle, Matthew Felix, John Gordon Karen Schauer, Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Addison Covert, Attorney, Parker & Covert, and Meghan Russell, Attorney, Parker & Covert
1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Proposed School Site Within Simmerhorn Project and Related Projects, Government Code §54956.8
 - East Galt Infill Annexation/Simmerhorn Ranch Project
 - Summerfield at Twin Cities Project
 - Fairway Oaks Project District Project
 2. 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
 - Non-Represented Employees
- C. Closed Session adjourned at 7:08 p.m.** The open meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Grace Malson. She announced no action taken in closed session, followed by the flag salute.
- D. Karen Schauer shared the Teleconference Board Meeting Protocols.**

E. Reports

LCAP GOAL 1

Develop and implement a personalized learning and strengths-based growth plan for every learner that articulates and transitions to high school learning pathways while closing the achievement gap.

1. James B. McClatchy Foundation (JBMF) Pre-Kindergarten and English Learner Grant

Donna Whitlock, Educational Services Director, provided a history of GJUESD's relationship with the McClatchy Foundation, formerly known as Central Valley Foundation.

GJUESD has been working with the James B. McClatchy Foundation (JBMF) since 2014 when the District received a competitive grant award of \$400,000 over four years to support the development of language for elementary English Learners. In 2018 the District received a \$70,000 planning grant, Growing Strong Learners, to support preschool English Learner readiness for kindergarten. The implementation planning grant was successful, and the District was awarded \$500,000.

Additionally, in the summer of 2020, the District was awarded \$25,000 in emergency Covid-19 grant funding to provide technology to preschool English Learners during distance learning.

Ms. Whitlock stated that the JBMF has quite an investment in the Galt community. She indicated the grant funds 12 staff members supporting the preschool transition to TK-Kindergarten.

Ms. Whitlock stated the goals of the JBMF Growing Strong Learners grant is:

1. Dual capacity building through family engagement and leadership opportunities.
2. Ongoing professional learning articulated with TK-8 grade Galt Bright Futures Initiatives.
3. Developing a dual language immersion program.
4. Expanding Learning opportunities for dual language learners, ages 0-5 years.
5. Bridging the transition between pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

Ms. Whitlock shared strategies successfully launched in year-1 of the grant and will be further refined in years 2-3.

2. Reopening Schools Progression to On-Campus Learning and Services

Karen Schauer, Superintendent, shared a revised GJUESD Transitional Reopening Schools Model based on board discussion at the last board meeting. The model is reflective of information received from the state and Sacramento County. She indicated that if the county moves out of Tier 1 into Tier 2 next week, schools could reopen in mid-October if districts are ready with precautions.

Dr. Schauer stated the progression from distance learning for GJUESD could be 1:1 assessments to small cohorts to a phased-in reopening. She indicated tracing and testing for employees will need to be in place before reopening. The District has the tracing tools and access to testing services in the community of Galt so the District can move forward to implement a schedule for employees. She indicated employees would be tested once every two months.

Dr. Schauer recognized Donna Whitlock and the district nurse for their efforts.

Dr. Schauer reported the District is preparing a survey for staff and parents to prepare for on-campus learning with safety precautions along with an elementary waiver preparation.

The District intends to offer 1:1 assessments and small cohorts and may apply for an Elementary School Waiver. There are requirements for the waiver that the District can start addressing with employee groups, parents, and the community. 1:1 assessments have begun with English Learners taking the ELPAC, and the District is working on starting assessing special education students while working together with both labor unions.

Dr. Schauer noted a recent consultation with a district as they prepared to reopen schools. They created a health safety protocol page for employees, parents, and students. The protocol lays out precautions each person needs to consider every day during the pandemic. Each stakeholder signs to commit to follow procedures.

Dr. Schauer reaffirmed a plan to start with 1:1 assessments for English Learners, then special education assessments, and then progressing to small cohort learning groups. Small cohorts could include Special Day Class (SDC) students, English Learners, and transitional kindergarten through grade 3 students. Additionally, high needs middle school students could receive support in core areas. She indicated that the survey might produce additional ideas.

Dr. Schauer shared that Donna Whitlock, Jennifer Collier, Extended Learning Supervisor, and herself met with Galt city staff from the parks & recreation department to look at how they could work together to provide childcare services at schools. Board members and others received feedback to look into childcare for employees and essential workers. She indicated parks & recreation provided summer camps with city staff and did not experience any COVID-19 exposures. This program helps to "set the stage" towards the goal of on-campus learning.

Wesley Cagle, Board Member, expressed his frustration with what seems to be a lag in applying for an Elementary School Waiver. He indicated that most parents he has spoken to have said they want their kids back in school.

Thomas Silva, Board Member, suggested information be placed on the District website providing information on COVID-19 cases and where the District stands in pursuing a waiver or reopening.

Thomas Silva asked what the plan is for contact tracing? Karen Schauer responded that the District just received confirmation from the county last week on how the tracing program will be implemented. She indicated the District would rotate employees for testing every two months.

Donna Whitlock reported that if there were to be a positive COVID-19 case on campus, the District is required to notify site administration, and the district nurse will initiate proper protocols. Within hours school staff and students that may have been in contact with a positive person will be notified and protocols implemented accordingly.

F. Governance Team Discussion

1. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference, Virtual

Karen Schauer reported the District is working on follow-up training for Board members related to social media and governance work. She indicated CSBA is planning to provide a social media in governance session.

Board members are considering their availability to attend.

G. Routine Matters/New Business

202.115 Karen Schauer recognized the retirement of Lori Mathies and the donations.

Consent Calendar

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

a. Approval of the Agenda

b. Minutes: August 26, 2020, Regular Board Meeting
Minutes: September 15, 2020, Special Board Meeting

c. Payment of Warrants:
Vendor Warrant Numbers: 21366689, 21367012-21367067, 21367839-21367888, 21368564, 21368858-21368921, 21369557-21369594
Certificated/Classified Payrolls Dated: 9/10/2020, 8/31/2020

d. Personnel

Resignations/Retirements

Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Henriquez, Altagracia	Bilingual Community Outreach Asst.	9/30/2020	Fairsite
Mathies, Lori (Retirement 28 Years)	Human Resources Coordinator	02/10/2021	District Office

Leave of Absence Requests

Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Flores, Leslie	Instructional Asst.	8/28/20 – 10/16/20	Fairsite

New Hires/Reassignment

Name	Position	Site
Hill, Jessica	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Jimenez, Elpidia (Reassignment)	Custodian (Evening Shift)	McCaffrey Middle School
LeCompte, Tiffany (Reassignment)	Food Service Worker	Marengo Ranch
Martin, Kelvin (Reassignment)	Custodian (Day Shift)	McCaffrey Middle School
Severiano, Hector	Classified Substitute	N/A
Villarreal, Renee	Classified Substitute	N/A
Walker, Josefina	Bilingual Office Asst.	Vernon E. Greer

e. Donations

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

CC Items Removed

202.117 Luis Murillo, Consulting Actuary, Total Compensation Systems, provided an overview of the Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities.

Actuarial Study

A motion was made by Thomas Silva to approve the GJUESD Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities as of June 30, 2020, seconded by Matthew Felix and unanimously carried.

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| 202.118 | A motion was made by Wesley Cagle to approve the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan 2020-21, seconded by John Gordon and unanimously carried. | LCAP |
| 202.119 | A Public Hearing Regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Determination through a Resolution Whether Each Student has Sufficient Textbooks and Instructional Materials Pursuant to Education Code 60119 was held. There was no public comment. | Public Hearing
Instructional
Materials |
| 202.120 | A motion was made by Matthew Felix to approve Resolution #4 GJUESD Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials, seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried. | MOTION |

H. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

I. Pending Agenda Items

1. School District Properties
2. Low Performing Block Grant: Mathematics

J. Adjournment 8:12 p.m.

Board Approved: October 28, 2020