

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education

“Building a Bright Future for All Learners”

Special Board Meeting & Study Session
Board of Education
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

Tuesday, December 16, 2015
Vernon E. Greer Bright Future Learning Center
248 West A Street, Galt, CA 95632

Board Members Present

John Gordon
Kevin Papineau
Wesley Cagle
Grace Malson

Administrators Present

Karen Schauer
Robert Nacario
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Tom Barentson
Donna Whitlock

MINUTES

A. Recommended Actions

1. Routine Matters/New Business

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| 131.698 | A Public Hearing of Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) Sunshine Proposal for Fiscal Year 2015-16 with Galt Elementary Faculty Association (GEFA) was held. There was no public comment. | Public Hearing
GJUESD
Sunshine
w/GEFA |
| 131.699 | A motion was made by John Gordon to approve Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) Sunshine Proposal for Fiscal Year 2015-16 with Galt Elementary Faculty Association (GEFA), seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried. | GJUESD
Sunshine
w/GEFA |

B. Study Session

GJUESD Facilities Master Plan Priorities

Karen Schauer stated that GJUESD Goal #4 is to provide safe, clean school facilities with the flexibility and infrastructure needed for high-level instruction. One way to address this goal is a Facilities Master Plan (FMP). She indicated that the Board provided feedback that more feedback from the community was needed in Fall 2015 prior to finalizing the FMP. In August and September, the District conducted seven Back-to-School Night sessions and administered a community survey.

Steve Newsom, LPA Associate/Managing Director, recapped the FMP process to date. He indicated the project scope categories focuses on needs and shows where dollars would be spent. He indicated that it is important to note that project scope categories are independent of each other.

Tom Barentson stated that the FMP identifies a vision for the next 10-15 years. He shared what GJUESD could accomplish in the next 3 years, including:

- Safety and Security

- Modernize Schools
- Existing Building Systems
- 21st Century Learning Environments

Mr. Barentson shared resources that are available or could potentially be available to fund the FMP. They include:

- Potential General Obligation Bond
- Proposition 39 Awards: \$500,000
- Developer Fees: \$600,000
- Deferred Maintenance
- State Facilities Bond
- Other Financing Vehicles

Board members acknowledged the facilities needs in the FMP and came to a consensus to move forward with formal adoption of the FMP with the scope of work prioritization. In addition, Board members agreed in January to consider a facilities general obligation bond election in February for a possible June or November election.

If the Board decides to proceed with a General Obligation Bond, Richard Malone, Governmental Financial Services, stated that a June election may be preferable to a November election due to numerous state propositions and bonds being considered along with the presidential election in November.

Karen Schauer stated that the District can seek feedback from stakeholders to determine the best time to go for a general election bond. (June or November)

Mr. Malone stated that the first step in this process is to build understanding in the community as it relates to needs, prioritizing, funding and next steps.

Grace Malson stated her concern with the perception of the community towards the district. She indicated that since the district received \$10M for Race To The Top, community members don't understand why the district is asking us for more money.

Mr. Malone stated that a general obligation bond survey administered to the community was positive for a bond.

The Board provided direction to move forward in considering a General Obligation Bond.

Karen Schauer stated next steps:

1. Move to adopt Facilities Master Plan in January.
2. The District will work with Government Financial Services to finalize a community engagement process for January and February.
3. Schedule special board meetings in February prior to regular board meeting.
4. Bring information to the February 24th board meeting for Board decision.

Addison Covert, Parker & Covert LLP, shared information on resolution requirements. He Suggested including a comprehensive list of needs.

C. Announce Items to be Discussed in Closed Session, Adjourn to Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS,
Government Code §54956.8

- Property: 148-0090-016, 032, 035, 038, 055 & 059, Galt, CA

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, §54957.6**

Agency Negotiator: Karen Schauer, Robert Nacario, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Tom Barentson

- Employee Agency: (GEFA) Galt Elementary Faculty Association
- Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employee Association
- Non-Represented Employees

3. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE, Government Code §54957**

D. Closed Session Adjourned at 8:20 p.m. John Gordon announced no action taken in closed session.

E. Pending Agenda Items

1. Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, Technology Alignment
2. Electronic Board Agenda Packet
3. Special Education Services
4. School Furniture Analysis
5. Illuminate Parent Portal
6. Governance Team Continuous Improvement

F. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Board Approved: January 20, 2016