

2-22-2022

Dear Board Members & Superintendent,

Thank you for all you do for our community. I am writing this as I cannot be there in person tonight.

I want to share a major concern I have with the survey sent out last week regarding mask wearing as a personal choice. I am glad a survey was created and sent out, however the timeframe for the survey was beyond unfair, for all, especially our community. I do not pretend to understand the reasoning behind the 12 hour window. Staff members, community members, and parents of my students were upset and frustrated with this time frame as well. People do not check emails every hour. What about those parents who do not have email? It would have been a more reliable and fair survey if voters had at least 48 hours. For future surveys, especially ones regarding such an important topic/issue, can you please allot more time, with many more reminders?

As for masks, I know I have spoken my opinion many times, at board meetings. I still stand on the fact that mask wearing should be a personal choice. While others who have opposing views as myself seem to be heard more and/or speaking louder than the rest, I still continue to speak for those who do NOT feel heard or comfortable saying it aloud.

Thank you for your time.

Sara Murray
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Public Comment for Board Meeting 2.23.22

1 message

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 1:39 PM

To: "superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us" <superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us>

Date: February 22, 2022

To: Whom it May Concern

Re: Masks in the Galt School District - Resolution No. 13 Agenda Item 212.269

The mandates are in place to protect our children and our community, both from this pandemic and financial calamity. Why would a vote be issued 5 days prior to the state meeting to discuss alleviating possible mandates? If, by chance a child gets COVID in one of our classrooms, not only must we all live with the burden of allowing the unnecessary spread of the virus, those that allow this mandate to be lifted prematurely, can be held financially accountable.

I again ask why? Why do we continue to give in to those that stand outside our school grounds with snacks and signs, in celebration of those that buck science?

While everyone's personal views may differ, the facts of how to combat the virus remain the same. Our children deserve to learn in an environment, that is void of parental bullies, where they can focus on their studies and not which way will be the safest to walk today - in order to avoid persecution by a select few peers and their peers' parents for wearing a simple mask.

The school board over the last 2 years, has become a battle ground in communities across the country. The amount of unnecessary effort extended to this mask mandate would be better served on real issues that need our immediate attention - budget, curriculum, child welfare, healthy lunches, after school programs, proper textbooks, etc. I ask that logic, science, and conscience help direct our efforts and agenda so we can stop wasting time and focus on what matters above all else - our children's future.

Tony Woodard



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Agenda item 212.269

1 message

Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 12:02 PM

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Superintendent Yount and members of the board,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding agenda item 212.269. This board has been notified on no less than 4 separate occasions that the mask mandate is not discretionary and that if you should choose not to enforce it you are vulnerable to legal action and will not be covered by the SIA. As of the drafting of this agenda item the mandate still stands. It is your duty to follow the laws and mandates set forth by the state, not to bend to the will of the unruly minority. You walk a slippery slope here. The current actions of the board and this district are sowing a feeling of distrust among a large number of parents. We will not continue to allow our children to attend your schools if we cannot trust you to abide by simple safety laws and mandates. If you are so easily swayed by the disruption tactics of those who value their personal comfort over protecting our children and ensuring their safety on campus, what other safety measures are you willing to rebuke? I urge you to protect our students and school staff by continuing to enforce consistent and proper masking on our school sites as long as the mandate remains in effect.

Thank you,
Amanda Barnett



Kauai Bock <kbock@galt.k12.ca.us>

2/23 Board Meeting Public Comment

To: Superintendent Office <superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 3:56 PM

Hello, My name is Sunshine Umeda and I'm a 4th grade Teacher at River Oaks.

I am very concerned that the Board is voting to possibly disregard the State Mask Mandate. This decision has a huge impact on not only classrooms and teachers, but also the community as a whole. Without adhering to the mask mandate, our district may lose insurance/liability coverage that will impact us for years to come. The district would have to cover lawsuits out of pocket, taking money directly out of our budget. This puts the district at a financial risk of bankruptcy.

Going against the mask mandate and sending the message that individuals can choose their own policy will also provide the ability for everyone to then question any mandate or policy district wide, including district and school handbooks all the way to classroom procedures. Everyone will get to pick and choose based on their individual wants. This also condones the behavior we have seen district wide where students are missing valuable instruction and adults were giving children treats in order to protest without that child's parent's knowledge. Students were perpetuating what they saw from their parents and coming to school and refusing to play with friends unless they refused to wear a mask. It no longer became a personal choice. This type of behavior can not be rewarded.

What ignoring the mask mandate would mean in the classroom; masked students may be in fear of sitting next to unmasked students. I have witnessed students come to school unknowingly Covid positive and find out at the end of the day. Since everyone was wearing their mask appropriately, no other student was affected and everyone could continue coming to school. If this had occurred without masks, every student and teacher would have been exposed for the entirety of the day and there would have been more testing necessary and quarantines with lost instruction. More safety measures will need to be put in place to ensure that school is a safe environment for all students. More students and staff will get sick, which will mean more lost instruction and more substitutes needed to step in for a long stretch of days.

In refusing to adhere to the State Mandate, it is not invoking personal choice, it is breaking the law. If a person came into my car and refused to wear a seatbelt because they didn't like how it feels, that would not be tolerated because it puts everyone at risk. Let's keep working together to follow the State Mandate and keep everyone safe and in school ready to teach and learn.

Thank you



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Fwd: For public comment at this week's meeting of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

To: Kauai Bock
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Date: Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 12:11 PM

Subject: Re: For public comment at this week's meeting of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

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Revised:

It's imminent that the State will lift its temporary policy of masking in elementary schools. It's more imminent that Galt Joint Union Elementary School District will precede the lifting of this temporal measure. Even with warnings from the Schools Insurance Authority and admonitions from our public elected leaders, GJUESD will act recklessly to do this. At this point, many parents, teachers, and learners have come to know that GJUESD largely lacks the fortitude and character to keep safety measures in place. School Site Safety Policy is farcical and exists as a placeholder.

Now, GJUESD will **succumb** to the hysteria of parents and community who follow Q-Anon, court members of the Proud Boys, a known domestic terrorist group identified for watch by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and follow misinformation regarding transmissible disease and mitigations. The Schools Insurance Authority will penalize or drop coverage, leaving our schools even more costly and vulnerable to operate. Wonderful staff will continue to retire or quit because of bullying parents and misbehaving children. This is the further drawing back the curtain on insidious plans to ensure that all learners will not receive equitable education and needed support in our community.

I'm turning my attention to ensure the Board puts into place protections around learners and staff who will continue to mask. Given the District's partiality toward **those who do not support** public health safety measures, it's my nearly empty hope that those who choose to continue to mask will not face harassment from those who do not mask presently. Without indemnification from Schools Insurance Authority, how will you handle issues that will arise when there will be harm from these people who like to threaten misguided revolts perpetuated via children on social media?

Myrna Dingle Gold



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PUBLIC COMMENT RE: Agenda Item 212.269

Galt Joint Union Elementary School Board of Trustees

I am a community member and parent to a child in the district.

I have attended all but one board meeting over the last 2 years. In that time, I have seen this Board of Trustees discuss liability to the district many times over. Each time erring on the side of caution for the district. You have approved budget funds for repairs and improvements, changes & updates to policies, new programs, and even convened a special board meeting earlier this month on

February 9th to vote on a change from at large voting to by district voting.

In that discussion board member Skinner said "This isn't something we are choosing to do. It's the law and we're following it."

So, I ask this Board of Trustees how the public should reconcile the fact that if you approve agenda item 212.269 you will open this district up to legal liability as well as open liability up for each of our valued educators?

This board has stated it wants to listen to parents; however, your job is to protect the district, students and employees as a whole. Not to push your own personal agendas or bow to the approximately 6% of families that created educational disruptions on our campuses over the last week.

Let me be clear. State mandated universal masking should not be a policy held in perpetuity. And on February 28th an off-ramp policy will be announced. While some think this is overdue, the current state and county mandate is for universal indoor masking in the K-12 system. Parental frustration with state and county mandates should be taken to the state and county – not the school board. If this board of trustees and district takes potential illegal actions to defy the health orders from our state and county it will open up liability for our district, potentially cause the district to be dropped from insurance face fines, loss of funding, as well as further fracture remaining trust this board and district administration has with much of our community.

The preceding 2 years has brought difficulty for each of us and our children. That should not be discounted. But there is a light at the end of what seemed like an endless tunnel. Please do not crash our district on the home stretch.

Please choose to follow the legal health orders and enforce the K-12 indoor mask mandate. Vote no on resolution 13, agenda item 212.269.

Veronica Kaufman



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public comment 2/23/22

carolyn brennan

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 4:39 PM

To: "superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us" <superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us>

Members of the board,

My name is Carolyn Brennan and I am a grandparent of students in your district. I am writing you today to urge you to vote NO on resolution 13 agenda item 212.269. The current mandate allows my grandchildren to attend classes in person safely and without great risk of contracting Covid 19. That in turn allows them to spend time with my husband and I without risking our own health. If you are to allow all students to go mask free, disregarding the current mandate, you will directly put myself and many other grandparents at risk. All children deserve to be able to safely attend classes AND safely visit their grandparents. Are you willing to gamble with the lives of your students, staff and community members? Are you willing to assume all liability when the SIA will not insure you?

Again, I am urging you to vote no on resolution 13, agenda item 212.269.

Thank you.



Kauai Bock <kbock@galt.k12.ca.us>

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To: Lois Yount <lyount@galt.k12.ca.us>, Kauai Bock <kbock@galt.k12.ca.us>

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Superintendent Yount and members of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District:

My wife and I have kept our school-age children home from school and in a home learning academy setting since spring 2020 due to concerns related to COVID-19.

She and I recently started allowing the children to attend music, choir, and PE classes at Lake Canyon Elementary School to give them some sense of normalcy.

I now fear for my children's safety and well-being.

There are parents of that school's students who are on or near campus and pressuring kids to go maskless. The belief is that breaking the rules that were put in place for the benefit of everyone will force the board to either recklessly do away with sound policy or build expensive temporary facilities to educate students who choose to not follow the rules.

The state of California and Sacramento County will eventually lift the masking policy currently in place. Just give it time to run its course.

Until then, please ponder this one question. What is more important to the district and the board: the health and safety of ALL students or allowing pandering and hysteria to dictate how funding decisions are made and how students are taught?

Bryan Gold
Galt resident