

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

**Special Board Meeting
February 9, 2022**

Teleconference Link via Zoom
Webinar ID: 84092809294

Board Members Present

Thomas Silva
Grace Malson
Traci Skinner
Wesley Cagle
Casey Raboy

Administrators Present

Lois Yount
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Donna Mayo-Whitlock
Nicole Lorenz

THIS MEETING WAS HELD PURSUANT TO ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO DIRECTING ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNTY TO OCCUR VIRTUALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND ENCOURAGING WORKPLACES TO CONDUCT MEETINGS REMOTELY AS BUSINESS NEEDS PERMIT

DATE OF ORDER: January 6, 2022

- A. Open Session Location:** Video Teleconference
- B. The open meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m., followed by the flag salute.**
- C. Board Meeting Protocol**
Lois Yount, Superintendent, shared the board meeting protocol.

D. New Business

212.277 Lois Yount provided an overview before the presentation from Chris Keiner, Attorney, Dannis Woliver Kelley. She indicated board members are currently elected at large, where the voters elect each member throughout the District. Mr. Keiner will explain the difference between at-large elections and trustee area elections. Following the presentation, the Board will discuss and consider adopting a resolution to transition to trustee area elections.

**Res 8
Redistricting**

Chris Keiner began by stating its legal counsel advises that the Board adopt the resolution to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections.

The California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) of 2001 prohibits the use of an at-large election if it would impair the ability of a protected class, as defined, to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election, as a result of the dilution or the abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class. Mr. Keiner shared examples of voting outcomes using at-large versus by-trustee area elections.

Mr. Keiner stated that the District could face substantial attorney fees for alleged violations of the CRVA and to date there have been no successful challenges to the CVRA.

Mr. Keiner stated the resolution has specific steps and an estimated time frame to complete the transition process. The deadline to complete the transition process for the November 2022 general election is July 6, 2022. The estimated timeline may be augmented or adjusted by the District as necessary.

Mr. Keiner described the process in three phases. 1) Pre-map 2) Map development/adoption and 3) Implementation.

Wesley Cagle, Board Member, said he felt this was a good thing for the District as more people may decide to run for elected office.

Thomas Silva, Board President, concurred with Mr. Cagle but added that a member might feel obligated to advocate for the school that falls within their District instead of the needs of the entire District as a whole.

Public Comments: Veronica Kaufman and Stevie Choate addressed the Board.

Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 of the District Intention to Transition from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried.

212.278 Grace Malson made a motion to approve SchoolWorks, Inc. Census Data Analysis and Trustee Area Boundary Study Contract, seconded by Thomas Silva and unanimously carried.

SchoolWorks
Contract

E. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda
There were no comments.

F. Pending Agenda Items
1. School District Properties
2. District Communications

G. Adjournment 7:25 p.m.

Traci Skinner, Clerk

Date