

# Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

**Regular Board Meeting  
February 23, 2022**

**Galt City Hall Chamber**  
380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632  
**Remote Access Via Zoom**  
Webinar ID: 83642157241

## **Board Members Present**

Thomas Silva  
Grace Malson  
Traci Skinner  
Wesley Cagle  
Casey Raboy

Lois Yount  
Nicole Lorenz  
Kuljeet Nijar  
Leah Wheeler  
Ellen Morris  
Judi Hayes

## **Administrators Present**

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano  
Donna Mayo-Whitlock  
Laura Marquez  
Laura Papineau  
Jennifer Porter  
Donna Gill

**A. 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session Location:** Galt City Hall Chamber Conference Room

**B. Closed Session** was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Thomas Silva.

Present for the closed session: Thomas Silva, Grace Malson, Traci Skinner, Wesley Cagle, Casey Raboy, Lois Yount, Nicole Lorenz, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Donna Mayo-Whitlock, and from the office of Dannis Woliver Kelley, Chris Keiner, Attorney at Law

1. STUDENT MATTER, Education Code §48918
  - Stipulated Expulsion No. 21/22-02
  - Stipulated Expulsion No. 21/22-03
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, 54956.9, subd. (d)[(2) or (3)]:
  - One potential case
3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE, Government Code §54957, subd. (b)(1))
4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Government Code §54957.6  
Agency Negotiator: Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Nicole Lorenz
  - Employee Agency: (GEFA) Galt Elementary Faculty Association
  - Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employee Association
  - Non-Represented Employees
5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Government Code §54957
  - Superintendent

- C. **Closed Session adjourned at 7:05 p.m.** The open meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m., followed by the flag salute. Thomas Silva announced the following action in closed session.

Upon the motion of Traci Skinner, seconded by Grace Malson, by a vote of 5 to 0, up to eleven (11) temporary and intern teachers to be released no later than at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

- D. Lois Yount, Superintendent, shared the **Board Meeting Protocol**.

E. **Communication**

1. Lois Yount shared a communication from David W. Gordon, Sacramento County Superintendents of Schools, Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), regarding the 2021-2022 First Period Interim Report concurring with the District's positive certification.

F. **Reports**

Superintendent Report

1. Current and Future Development in Galt

Lois Yount reported Galt is starting to see some growth; however, it is still somewhat small compared to neighboring communities. She held a recent meeting with Craig Hoffman, Galt Community Development Director, to receive an update on future developments.

Ms. Yount said four small developments are actively building that could potentially bring 145 students to the District within the next two years.

She added a study of the District's enrollment projections from SchoolWorks, Inc., and classroom capacity revealed the District's capacity for more than 145 students. In 2014 student enrollment was 3796 students. Today our enrollment is 3315. The District has been down approximately 500 students since 2014.

If some of the more significant developments like Eastview or Simmerhorn Ranch were to start to take off, things might be different. Those are home developments that could be potentially 1400 homes. Currently, there is not enough development to impact district schools in the next couple of years, but it will help change the trend towards declining enrollment.

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. Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program Update

Donna Whitlock, Educational Services Director, provided background information and a brief update. She indicated the school district is planning to offer a Dual Language Immersion program beginning with preschool and transitional kindergarten for the fall 2022 23 school year with progression through sixth grade. Dual Language Immersion will be a unique educational program that builds bilingualism and literacy in English and Spanish.

Ms. Whitlock emphasized that the program is not income-dependent, even though it's at the preschool. Upon registration, children will be assessed for their language level. The program requires an ongoing commitment because the Dual Language Immersion program, which will begin at preschool or transitional kindergarten, goes through sixth grade and then transitions to seventh and eighth grade.

Ms. Whitlock reported Kuljeet Nijjar, Preschool Administrator, and Laura Marquez, Assistant Principal at Valley Oaks Elementary, have held informational sessions over Zoom and included over 84 participants. Approximately 20 parents have filled out interest forms, and we are getting phone calls daily.

Ms. Whitlock stated professional learning consists of bilingual school district leaders who worked with the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) consultant to create a vision statement for the Dual Immersion Program. Professional learning is continuing monthly. Additionally, a second site visit to an established program at Davis Unified is coming up. The District is also planning in-person information nights.

Ms. Whitlock said she would update the Board again in April to let them know if there was sufficient interest to launch this program.

## LCAP GOAL 2

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

### 1. Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School Positive Behavior Supports

Ron Rammer, Principal, reported. He stated that McCaffrey is unique because it's the only school where all the kids in the District come together at one school. He indicated something different had happened this year. The return to school after school closures due to the pandemic started very quietly, but quickly students began to get physical. They would hit, push, argue, and be mean at times. Mr. Rammer said to promote positive behavior, McCaffrey expanded support and services.

Mr. Rammer described some of the following services:

- MAC – McCaffrey Advisory Committee is a group of students that advise administrators and counselors about what they think is important as kids.
- Wellness Center – staffed by counselors and allows students access during the day if they have any social-emotional concerns.
- Alternative Center (AC) – is staffed by a credentialed teacher and is connected to the Wellness Center. This is an alternative center for students having behavior issues in class. Instead of getting sent to the office, they go to the AC to continue to do their work and address their behavior. Mr. Rammer indicated this had been a very successful program and great use of funds.
- Additional Counselor – there are now two full-time counselors at McCaffrey to provide students with academic and emotional support.
- K-Dog – provides a venue for administration and students to share information on school issues and support services.

- PE class presentations by administrators and counselors regarding the violent tendencies happening on our campus.
- School Resource Officer, Loren Franklin, works with kids, and they know he is there to help them.

Mr. Rammer said social media is like a demon right now. It is taking kids and parents out. We've lost control of this very addictive device we call cell phones. They're more powerful than the computers on our desk, and it's way more than two and a half administrators and 46 teachers can handle with 730 kids. What I am asking the kids and the parents is for help. This requires a team effort. 90% of the discipline issues at McCaffrey Middle School go back to social media. This is a national issue and will worsen until parents step in.

Mr. Rammer added some positives. He indicated when people visit the campus, they compliment the school. When students go to Washington DC or NASA or wherever they go, they always get compliments. Our kids are incredible because our families are incredible, but we have our school rules; be nice, be safe, be responsible, and get much more focused on being nice because social media is taking up a lot of time right now. Parents will receive a letter from Mr. Rammer asking for help talking about social media use with their children.

Grace Malson, Board Member, indicated she is very happy the Wellness Center is up and running and added that it also has a clothing closet for students.

Grace Malson asked if there are grants available to implement social media monitoring.

Ron Rammer said they would add resource information to the website for parents.

Thomas Silva, Board President, asked what the policy is currently for cell phones.

Ron Rammer indicated they are trying to educate kids. There isn't a need for a cell phone at school.

Ron Rammer said if students have to be sheltered in place, the last thing you want is for cell phones to go off. There is a purpose behind every rule.

Grace Malson added that another message to families could be the social media footprint that students leave will never go away.

#### OTHER REPORTS

1. Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021-22 Local Control and Accountability Plan

Donna Whitlock reported this is a new requirement and narrative update for the Board on how funds are being used. She highlighted a couple of areas that align with the District LCAP goals. The two goals are: 1) *Engaging learners in PreK-8 through a focus on equity, access and academic rigor with inclusive practices in a*

*variety of learning environments. 2) Promoting PreK-8 whole learner development through social and emotional learning opportunities in a variety of environments*

The American Rescue Plan Act funds the District receives go through the lens of the two goals to implement continuous and safe in-person learning strategies. The District hired two additional administrators and additional health staff to support students and staff at all sites.

Ms. Whitlock said that the District implemented acceleration blocks in addressing learning loss, similar to extended days. Class sizes were also reduced in kindergarten through second as best as possible.

Funds have been used to implement the Bright Future Learning Academy (BFLA). Enrollment is approximately 93 students. The District has accommodated every child whose parent has requested the home learning Academy.

Ms. Whitlock added funds were also used for the additional counselor at McCaffrey Middle School, additional instructional assistants, and yard supervisors.

This report will be brought back to the Board again at the end of the year with the LCAP update.

**G. Routine Matters/New Business**

**212.264** Grace Malson made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried.

Consent  
Calendar

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Minutes
  - January 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
  - February 9, 2022 Special Board Meeting
- c. Payment of Warrants
  - Vendor Warrant Numbers: 22329007-22329032, 22330435-22330478, 22332990-22333065
  - Certificated/Classified Payrolls Dated: 1/31/22, 2/10/22
- d. Personnel
  - Resignations/Retirements
  - Leave of Absence Requests
  - New Hires/Reclassifications
- e. Donations

**212.265** Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration

CC Items  
Removed

**212.266** Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the Recommendation for Stipulated Expulsion No. 21/22-02 and Stipulated Expulsion No. 21/22-03, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried. **Stipulated Expulsion**

**212.267** Lois Yount requested to move Pre-Draft Map Hearing No. 1 Presentation to Transition Governing Board Elections from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections to the end of the meeting to allow time for Ken Reynolds, SchoolWorks, Inc., to join the meeting. The Board agreed to move the item. **Pre-map Public Hearing**

**212.268** Michael Ash, Partner at Christy White Accountancy Corp., provided an overview of the 2020-21 Audit report. **Audit**

There are multiple opinions in the report. The first opinion on the financial statements is an unmodified opinion. That's the best.

Mr. Ask stated the audit is performed under government auditing standards, which means they don't give an opinion on internal controls. Still, it gets reported as a finding if they find anything that they deem to be a significant deficiency or material weakness. Mr. Ash said he is happy to say there were no findings there.

Mr. Ask also gives an opinion on federal awards; it's called a single audit because the District spends \$750,000 in federal monies. There were also no findings, and received a modified opinion.

Finally, procedures received an unmodified opinion. He thanked the entire GJUESD team.

Thomas Silva made a motion to approve GJUESD 2020-2021 Audit Report by Christy White Associates, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried.

**212.269** The following individuals addressed the Board: Ryan Montgomery, Kathy Loesch, Alaya Gunter, Scott Crosier, Kristi Ward, Megan Vanderlack, Sandra Hendrix, Austin Loza, Joseph Vanderlack, Martha Vielma, Jessica Herzog, Presley Chandler, Payton Dean, Laura Talhouk, Annette Kunze, Makenzie Tiderence, Margo Aquire, Robert Harper **Res 13 Mask Mandate**

Email public comments were received and posted to the District website from Sara Murray, Tony Woodard, Amanda Barnett, Sunshine Umeda, Myrna Dingle Gold, Veronica Kaufman, Carolyn Brennan, and Bryan Gold

Wesley Cagle made a motion to table action on Resolution No. 13 Of The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board Of Trustees Regarding Mask Mandates For Students, seconded by Grace Malson and unanimously carried.

The Board of Trustees then directed Lois Yount, Superintendent, to immediately adjust the mask enforcement procedures for students. GJUESD will continue to enforce the mask mandate by educating students and

offering students a mask. The District mask enforcement procedures will no longer exclude students from their classrooms.

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| <b>212.270</b> | Kuljeet Nijjar shared information about Fairsite Elementary School Readiness efforts. Fairsite was approved as an elementary school at the February 23, 2022 Board meeting, so it was not required to submit a plan this year.<br><br>Laura Marquez, Laura Papineau, Leah Wheeler, and Ellen Morris, Assistant Principals, highlighted portions of their Comprehensive Safety Plans.<br><br>Thomas Silva made a motion to approve the 2021-22 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Lake Canyon Elementary, Marengo Ranch Elementary, River Oaks Elementary, Valley Oaks Elementary, Vernon E. Greer Elementary, and Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried. | <b>Comprehensive Safety Plans</b>          |
| <b>212.271</b> | Grace Malson made a motion to approve 2022-23 E-rate Service Provider, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried.   | <b>E-rate Service Provider</b>             |
| <b>212.272</b> | Thomas Silva made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Re-Opener between the California School Employees Association and its Galt Chapter #362 (CSEA) and CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement Covering the Period Beginning July 1, 2021, and Ending June 30, 2022, seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried.   | <b>CSEA Re-opener Bargaining Agreement</b> |
| <b>212.273</b> | Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the Non-Represented Agreement Covering the Period Beginning July 1, 2021, and Ending June 30, 2022, seconded by Thomas Silva and unanimously carried.   | <b>Non-rep Agreement</b>                   |
| <b>212.274</b> | Grace Malson made a motion to approve Disposal of Surplus Vehicle Through a Public Auction, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried.  | <b>Disposal Surplus Vehicle</b>            |
| <b>212.275</b> | Grace Malson made a motion to write in Traci Skinner as a candidate to fill the 2022 CSBA Delegate Assembly Sub-Region 6B (Sacramento County) seat, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried.  | <b>CSBA Delegate Assembly Vote</b>         |
| <b>212.276</b> | Grace Malson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 11 - Resolution To Reduce Particular Kinds of Service and Abolish Classified Positions Due to Lack of Work or Lack of Funds, seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried.   | <b>Res 11 Class RIF</b>                    |
| <b>212.277</b> | Thomas Silva made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12 – Resolution to Abolish/Reduce Certificated/Permit Positions Due to Reductions of Particular Kinds of Services, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried.  | <b>Res 12 Cert RIF</b>                     |

- 212.278** Thomas Silva made a motion to approve the following GJUESD Board Policies (BP), Administrative Regulations (AR), and Exhibits (E), seconded by Grace Malson and unanimously carried. BP/AR/E
1. BP/AR/E(1)(2) 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
  2. BP/AR 4119.11 Sexual Harassment
  3. AR/E 4119.12 Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
  4. BP/AR 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment
  5. BP/AR 5145.7 Sexual Harassment
  6. AR/E 5145.71 Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
- 212.279** Casey Raboy made a motion to approve Increase In Pay For Long-Term Substitute Daily Rate, seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried. Long-term Sub  
Pay
- 212.267** The Board of Trustees held a Pre-Draft Map Public Hearing No. 1 to Transition Governing Board Elections from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections. There were no public comments. Mr. Ken Reynolds, SchoolWorks, Inc., did not join the meeting. Pre-map Public  
Hearing

**H. Public Comments** for topics not on the agenda

1. Veronica Kauffman addressed the Board regarding staff and protestor behaviors. She also addressed the Board regarding item 212.269 Resolution 13 of the GJUESD regarding mask mandates for students.

**I. Pending Agenda Items**

1. School District Properties
2. District Communications

**J. Adjournment** 10:23 p.m.

**Board Approved: March 23, 2022**



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  
5th Grade Teacher  
Valley Oaks Elementary



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

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## Public Comment for Board Meeting 2.23.22

1 message

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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





Kauai Bock &lt;kbock@galt.k12.ca.us&gt;

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## Agenda item 212.269

1 message

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Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 12:02 PM

To: "tsilva@galt.k12.ca.us" <tsilva@galt.k12.ca.us>, "wcagle@galt.k12.ca.us" <wcagle@galt.k12.ca.us>, "tskinner@galt.k12.ca.us" <tskinner@galt.k12.ca.us>, "craboy@galt.k12.ca.us" <craboy@galt.k12.ca.us>, "gmalson@galt.k12.ca.us" <gmalson@galt.k12.ca.us>, "lyount@galt.k12.ca.us" <lyount@galt.k12.ca.us>, "superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us" <superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us>

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 &lt;kbock@galt.k12.ca.us&gt;

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## 2/23 Board Meeting Public Comment

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To: Superintendent Office &lt;superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us&gt;

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



Kauai Bock &lt;kbock@galt.k12.ca.us&gt;

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

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

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

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

Cc: Nottoli, Don <nottolid@saccounty.net>,  
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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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Kauai Bock &lt;kbock@galt.k12.ca.us&gt;

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## Public Comment 2/23/22 Board Meeting

1 message

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 1:39 PM

To: "superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us" <superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us>, "tsilva@galt.k12.ca.us" <tsilva@galt.k12.ca.us>, "gmalson@galt.k12.ca.us" <gmalson@galt.k12.ca.us>, "tskinner@galt.k12.ca.us" <tskinner@galt.k12.ca.us>, "craboy@galt.k12.ca.us" <craboy@galt.k12.ca.us>, "wcagle@galt.k12.ca.us" <wcagle@galt.k12.ca.us>, Kauai Bock <kbock@galt.k12.ca.us>

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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



Kauai Bock &lt;kbock@galt.k12.ca.us&gt;

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**public comment 2/23/22**

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**carolyn brennan**

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 4:39 PM

To: "superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us" &lt;superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us&gt;

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 &lt;kbock@galt.k12.ca.us&gt;

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

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 6:24 PM

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

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