

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

**Special Board Meeting
March 9, 2022**

Galt City Hall Chamber
380 Civic Drive, Galt CA 95632
Zoom Teleconference
Webinar ID: 86122043540

Board Members Present

Thomas Silva
Grace Malson
Traci Skinner
Wesley Cagle- absent
Casey Raboy

Administrators Present

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

- A. 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session Location:** Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Office
- 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, Casey Raboy and Lois Yount
1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Government Code §54957
 - Superintendent
- C. Closed Session adjourned at 7:10 p.m.** The open meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m., followed by the flag salute. Thomas Silva announced no action was taken in closed session.
- D. Board Meeting Protocol**
Lois Yount, Superintendent, shared the board meeting protocol.
- E. New Business**
- 212.280** Pre-Draft Map Public Hearing No. 2 Presentation to Transition Governing Board Elections from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections. PUBLIC HEARING

Lois Yount stated the Board would hold its second public hearing as part of the process to adopt a trustee area boundary map to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections.

Chris Keiner, Attorney at Law, Dannis Woliver Kelley, provided a brief introduction and timeline to complete the transition to By-Trustee Area Elections.

Ken Reynolds, President, SchoolWorks, Inc., provided an introduction to Trustee Boundary Maps. He indicated the goal is to create equal populations for each trustee area to create fair elections following each decennial federal census.

The basic guidelines for creating boundaries include the following factors: Topography, Geography, Cohesiveness, and Community of interests of the trustee areas. The overall goal is to create an equal total population for each of the trustee areas by combining census blocks. The census blocks are the source of data from the census that provides all the demographics regarding the total population for each trustee area. Mr. Reynolds reviewed the timeline for adopting a map and the census blocks for GJUESD. The District is made up of 486 census blocks, and those reside within 11 different census tracts; a track is a larger group of census blocks. Galt's population as of the 2020 census is 31,001. In creating five trustee areas, each area would have a total population of 6200. The census data also shows the racial and ethnic data of Galt. Broken down, it is 43.5% Hispanic, 3.7% Asian, 18% Black or African American, 5.9% mixed race and 45.1% white.

Lois Yount asked for clarification on the peak deviation for trustee areas.

Ken Reynolds confirmed that the peak deviation is 10% between the smallest and largest populations. Typically if any trustee area gets more than about 5% away from the ideal population of 6200, it can create some challenges to create a valid map.

Board members discussed the timeline to prepare for Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization approval and ensure all requirements are met.

Chris Keiner stated that so much time is put into the process before submission to make sure all the targets are met, including community input. He added that the committee is concerned that the process is followed, not the outcome.

Ken Reynolds stated that the maps would include the total population, citizen voting age, and other statistics. He will provide three maps for consideration and make adjustments as needed.

Board members discussed likely voter populations in relation to school enrollment.

Public Comment: Veronica Kauffman, a parent, addressed the Board and Mr. Reynolds. She asked what other demographics are used when creating the maps and if current board members and where they reside will be included? Also, what areas are up for election, so she will know if she can vote.

Mr. Reynolds indicated total population, citizen voting-age population, ethnicity, and the election cycle would be included with maps.

The public hearing closed with no further public comment requests.

F. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda

There were no public comment requests for topics not on the agenda.

G. Pending Agenda Items

1. School District Properties
2. District Communications

H. Adjournment 7:45 p.m.

Board Approved: March 23, 2022