

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

**Regular Board Meeting
March 23, 2022**

Galt City Hall Chamber
380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632
Remote Access Via Zoom
Webinar ID: 854 1752 5487

Board Members Present

Thomas Silva
Grace Malson
Traci Skinner
Wesley Cagle
Casey Raboy

Administrators Present	
Lois Yount	Nicole Lorenz
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano	Donna Mayo-Whitlock
Kuljeet Nijjar	Tina Homdus
Judi Hayes	Jennifer Porter
	Joshua Saldate

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

B. Closed Session was called to order at 6:02 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. 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
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, 54956.9, subd. (d)[(2) or (3)]:
 - One case

C. Closed Session Adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The open meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., followed by the flag salute. Thomas Silva announced no action was taken in closed session.

D. Lois Yount shared the **Board Meeting Protocol**.

E. Reports

Superintendent

1. 2022-2023 School Administration

Lois Yount reported Donna Gill, River Oaks Principal, and Ron Rammer, Robert L. McCaffrey Principal, are retiring in June of 2022. She announced newly appointed principals.

Tina Homdus, River Oaks Principal, Ms. Yount stated that Ms. Homdus has been with the District for eight years. She has served as an assistant principal in the District for the last five years at Vernon E. Greer Elementary School and currently at Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School.

Tina Homdus addressed the Board. She stated she is honored and humbled for this opportunity to serve the school district in this capacity. She shared her career path as an educator in Galt.

Lois Yount introduced Carlos Castillo, Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School. She stated Mr. Castillo comes from the Elk Grove Unified School District where he served as an administrator at Franklin High School for the last nine years. Mr. Castillo also served as a migrant education director and has experience in counseling.

Mr. Castillo addressed the Board. He stated that he is excited to be back in Galt. He took a moment to introduce his parents, wife, and daughter.

Mr. Castillo said he and his brother graduated from Galt High School and attended elementary school in Galt. He credited support staff and teachers that inspired him to grow into the person he is today.

Mr. Castillo shared his education and career path.

Lois Yount introduced Joshua Saldate, Assistant Principal, Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School, and Vernon E. Greer Elementary. She indicated he began working with the District at the beginning of December and will be the full-time assistant principal at McCaffrey starting with the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Yount said he's been a great asset to the administrative team and thanked him.

2. 2022-2023 Registration Update for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten
Lois Yount reported registration looks good at this time of year. There are 282 kindergarten, and transitional kindergarten students enrolled. That is 92 students less than are currently enrolled. She will update the Board again before the 2022-23 school year.
3. Social Media Awareness Presentation
Lois Yount reported the District has partnered with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office to present a social media awareness event for parents and guardians. The event is scheduled for March 29, 2022, at McCaffrey Middle School in English and April 5, 2022, at Valley Oaks Elementary in Spanish. The District will be providing dinner and raffle prizes.

Ms. Yount thanked District social workers and counselors for organizing this event and each school site for providing gift baskets for the raffle. The District will also raffle gift cards.

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. Second Trimester Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and District Reading Assessment (DRA) Report and Online Instructional Tools

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, reported the MAP growth assessment is used for measuring both achievement and growth and is given to students in grades 1-8. The presented data sets reflect the results from trimester 2.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano, emphasized the results are a window into achievement and limited. Student considerations such as attendance, consistent instruction, and social-emotional needs should be considered. She stated the data is aggregated by grade, student group, and school. Not all the data collected is reflected. The District reading scores for winter is 37% of the children met the target which is the 60th percentile for elementary and 70th percentile for middle school.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano indicated when looking at data, you want to look at the district score compared to each site score. She highlighted all schools making growth from trimester one to trimester two on the DRA.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano shared a quote from Teaching Reading Is Rocket Science, 2020: "The most fundamental responsibility of schools is teaching students to read."

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano shared a partial list of online instructional programs currently being used.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano stated that it's really hard to look at the result coming from the pandemic, it is a journey that will take a couple of years to recover from but as long as we continue to see growth by child, grade, and school, we will get there.

OTHER REPORTS

1. Board Policy Demonstration

Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Educational Services Director, demonstrated how to access district policies from the district website.

F. Routine Matters/New Business

212.281 Lois Yount recognized Beth Bartkowski's resignation from the District. Ms. Bartkowski served 24 years as a teacher in the District.

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

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Minutes
 - February 23, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting
 - March 9, 2022 Special Board of Education Meeting
- c. Payment of Warrants
 - Vendor Warrant Numbers: 22334171-22334196; 22335240-22335323; 22337878-22337971
 - Certificated/Classified Payrolls Dated: 3/10/22, 2/28/22

d. Personnel

Resignations/Retirees

Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Bartkowski, Beth	Teacher	04/08/2022	Lake Canyon
Bury, Ashley	Instructional Assistant	2/17/22	Valley Oaks
Lane, Mary	Teacher	6/9/22	Marengo Ranch
Montanez, Edgar	Bilingual Office Assistant	3/18/22	River Oaks
Parra Domingues, Carmen	Instructional Assistant, Bilingual	2/17/22	Fairsite
Rivera, Diana	Instructional Assistant, Bilingual	2/25/22	McCaffrey Middle
Rivera Flores, Mayra	Yard Supervisor	3/10/22	McCaffrey Middle

Leave of Absence Requests

Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Christopherson, Laura	Teacher	3/3/22	McCaffrey Middle
Morey, David	Custodian	3/10/22	Vernon E. Greer
Mullins, Donna	Teacher	4/4/22	River Oaks
Newman, Danielle	Accounts Receivable	3/14/22	District Office
Prieto-chase, Lydia	Food Service Worker	2/17/22	Lake Canyon

New Hires/Status Change

Name	Position	Site
Baysinger, Deborah	Yard Supervisor	River Oaks
Barajas, Doreen	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	Fairsite
Galeno, Tedra	Behavior Management Technician	Marengo Ranch
Garrison, Dustin	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Garza, Alyssa	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Gwinn, Kobi	Registered Behavior Technician	District Office
Heinrich, Bethany	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Hernandez, Marcos	Classified Substitute	N/A

Landa Tapia, Mayra	Classified Substitute	N/A
Lopez, Belyn	Classified Substitute	N/A
Mendez, Jaquelin	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Pamplona, Adriana	Classified Substitute	N/A
Pollitt, Monica	Instructional Assistant	Vernon E. Greer
Rocha, Brooke	Instructional Assistant - Short Term	Lake Canyon
Taylor, Chase	Instructional Assistant, ASES	McCaffrey
Torres, Alexandra	Yard Supervisor	Vernon E. Greer
Sanchez, Anthony	Classified Substitute	N/A

- f. KYA Services LLC Proposal Number 1-2-23213 for Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School – 10x100 Metal Shade Structure
- g. Total Compensation Systems, Inc. (TCS) Consulting Services Agreement for GASB 74/75 Actuarial Valuation Services effective April 1, 2022

212.282 Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration

**CC Items
Removed**

212.283 The Board held its first public hearing regarding draft trustee area boundary maps to gather public input on the proposed trustee-area map scenarios to Transition Governing Board Elections from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections

**PUBLIC
HEARING
Trustee Maps**

Ken Reynolds, Demographer, SchoolWorks, presented the trustee-area map scenarios, and Sean Mick, Attorney At Law, Dannis Woliver Kelley, was in attendance to assist the Board and public with questions.

Mr. Reynolds presented the trustee area boundaries and guidelines used in creating the maps. He indicated that each area comprises five equal areas based on total population information from the 2020 census. It also identifies the current trustee that lives in each area and when the trustee is next up for election. After each of the three maps are the overall demographic statistics to illustrate it is a valid map for consideration.

The peak deviation compares the trustee area with the smallest population to the trustee area with the largest population. Map A has a 232 peak deviation which represents 3.74%. It is considered balanced as long as that number is less than 10%.

Public Comment: Veronica Kaufman, a parent, addressed the Board. She indicated it is nice to have one current trustee in each area but doesn't think it is necessary. She stated Map A is the most accurate based on statistics for her and has the lowest peak deviation.

There were no further requests for public comments at this time.

Thomas Silva thanked Mr. Reynolds for his presentation. He feels all three maps are good options as they seem pretty balanced. Mr. Silva asked if there is one map that considers growth between now and the next census, for instance, the potential of the Eastview development.

Mr. Reynolds responded that there is not much flexibility when it comes to potential population growth in an area as the maps are required to be based on the 2020 census and are limited to a 10% deviation.

Thomas Silva asked Mr. Sean Mick, in his experience, what are some of the legal mistakes that districts make when going through this process, what should we be looking out to avoid?

Mr. Mick responded that the most important part is to map out the public hearings and have a clear roadmap. In terms of the maps, you want to make sure that you have trustee areas that are contiguous and cohesive.

Public Comment: Stevie Choate addressed the Board. She indicated there is a lot of development going on in Galt right now and more planned. If there are significant population changes, would there be an opportunity to make changes before the next census (10 years)?

Ken Reynolds replied that the only valid source of information for developing the election areas is the census data and it's only formally released every ten years.

Thomas Silva closed the public hearing.

212.284 Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the Revised 2022-2023 School Calendar, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried.

**Revised 22-23
School
Calendar**

Nicole Lorenz reported the calendar is revised to allow all staff to remain on the same continuum of pay frequency.

212.285 Grace Malson approved the 2nd Interim Budget Report For Fiscal Year 2021-22, seconded by Thomas Silva and unanimously carried.

**2nd Interim
Budget**

Nicole Lorenz presented the report. The report includes changes in revenue since the First Interim approved in December 2021 and the Governor's January budget. Ms. Lorenz noted that the District is experiencing some unrestricted deficit spending, which represents a structural deficit that will eventually have to be addressed if enrollment or attendance doesn't improve over the next couple of years.

Thomas Silva stated the criteria and standards checklist is helpful. Other board members agreed.

212.286	<p>Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve GJUESD Expanded Learning Plan, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried.</p> <p>Jennifer Collier provided an overview of the Expanded Learning Plan. She indicated the state is allocating ongoing funding to provide robust expanded learning services to students in grades pre-k-6th grade. This funding will be combined with current ASES funds to operate expanded learning programs at all schools in the GJUESD.</p> <p>Ms. Collier stated the program would be offered for 30 non-school days in the summer program. The first summer in 2022, the program will consist of 18 non-school days.</p> <p>Ms. Collier reported the program is at no cost to families. She introduced two site coordinators, Abby Jones, McCaffrey Middle School, and Veronica Salgado, Greer Elementary School.</p>	Expanded Learning Plan
212.287	<p>Grace Malson made a motion to approve Instructional Assistant - Expanded Learning Job Description, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried.</p>	IA Expanded Learning Job Desc
212.288	<p>Thomas Silva made a motion to approve Bilingual Instructional Assistant – Expanded Learning Job Description, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried.</p>	Bil IA Expanded Learning Job Desc
212.289	<p>Grace Malson made a motion to approve the Expanded Learning Site Coordinator Job Description, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried.</p>	Expanded Learning Site Coord Job Desc
212.290	<p>Thomas Silva made a motion to approve the Side Letter of Agreement Between GJUESD and Galt Elementary Faculty Association (GEFA) Regarding Bilingual, Cross-Cultural, Language and Academic Development (BCLAD) Annual Stipend, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried.</p>	GEFA Side Letter BCLAD
212.291	<p>Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 13 Calling the General District Election, seconded by Thomas Silva and unanimously carried.</p>	Res 13 Gen Election
212.292	<p>GJUESD Sunshine Proposal for Fiscal Year 2022-23 with California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its GJUESD Chapter No. 362 was provided.</p> <p>1. Article XIII Layoff & Re-Employment</p>	GJUESD Sunshine CSEA
212.293	<p>A First Reading of the following GJUESD Board (BP), Administrative Regulations (AR), and Board Bylaw (BB) was held.</p> <p><u>Educational Services:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – BP/AR 5148.2 Before/After School Programs – BP/AR Preschool/Early Childhood Education 	First Reading BP/AR/BB

- BP 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten

Business Services:

- AR 3515.6 Criminal Background Checks For Contractors
- AR 6112 School Day

Rescind

- BP/AR 4217.3 Layoff/Rehire

Superintendent:

- BB 9320 Meetings and Notices
- BP 4156.2 Awards and Recognition

Rescind

- AR4156.2 Awards and Recognition

G. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

H. Pending Agenda Items

Thomas Silva requested a report on school district properties soon. Lois Yount said she would bring a report in April or May.

1. School District Properties
2. District Communications

I. Adjourned 9:09 p.m.

Board Approved: April 27, 2022