

# Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

*"Building a Bright Future for All Learners"*

**Annual Organizational/Regular Board Meeting  
December 14, 2022**

**Galt City Hall Chamber**  
380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632

**Remote Via Zoom:**  
Webinar ID: 840 5689 7576

**Board Member Present**

Wesley Cagle  
Traci Skinner  
Casey Raboy  
Annette Kunze  
Katherine Harper

**Administrators Present**

Lois Yount  
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano  
Nicole Lorenz  
Donna Mayo-Whitlock  
Tina Homdus  
Leah Wheeler  
Carlos Castillo  
Laura Papineau  
Laura Marquez

- A. 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session Location:** Galt City Hall Conference Room  
Present for Closed Session: Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Nicole Lorenz, Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Wesley Cagle, Traci Skinner, Casey Raboy
- B. Closed Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.** by Traci Skinner to discuss the following items:
1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE, Government Code §54957
  2. 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
- C. Closed Session Adjourned at 6:53 p.m.** Traci Skinner announced no action was taken in closed session. The open session was called to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by the flag salute.
- D. Lois Yount Announced the Results of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board Member Election Per Elections Code §15400**

**Trustee Area 1**

The number of nominees for the office did not exceed the number of offices to be filled:

- Wesley Cagle - Appointed

**Trustee Area 2**

Total Votes Cast:

- Katherine Harper – 593
- Lori G. Heuer – 569
- Richard Estrada – 485

**Trustee Area 5**

The number of nominees for the office did not exceed the number of offices to be filled:

- Annette Kunze - Appointed

- E.** Lois Yount Administered the Oath of Office to the following candidates for the office of Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Governing Board Member at an election duly held therein on November 8, 2022:
1. Wesley Cagle
  2. Annette Kunze
  3. Katherine Harper

**F. Annual Organization**

- 212.391 Annette Kunze made a motion to Organize the Board/Election of Officers as follows, seconded by Katherine Harper: MOTION
1. Election of President – Wesley Cagle
  2. Election of Vice President – Traci Skinner
  3. Election of Clerk – Casey Raboy
  4. Appoint the Superintendent as Secretary to the Board – Lois Yount
- 212.392 Casey Raboy made a motion to approve the Schedule of Regular Meetings and Board Governance Calendar, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried. MOTION
- 212.393 Traci Skinner made a motion to Designate Board Representatives to Serve on the following Committees, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried. MOTION

| CAST<br>(City And Schools Together) | Galt Schools<br>JPA (Joint Powers Authority) | Transportation  | SCSBA<br>(Sacramento County School Board Association) | Board Policy Committee |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|------------------------|
| <b>Members</b>                      |  |                 |   |                        |
| Traci Skinner                       | Casey Raboy                                  | Kathrine Harper | Katherine Harper                                      | Annette Kunze          |
| Casey Raboy                         | Annette Kunze                                | Wesley Cagle    | Traci Skinner   | Wesley Cagle           |
| <b>Alternate Members</b>            |  |                 |   |                        |
| Kathrine Harper                     | Wesley Cagle                                 | Traci Skinner   | Annette Kunze   | Traci Skinner          |

- 212.394 The Board Reviewed Resources That Define and Clarify the Board's Governance and Leadership Roles and Responsibilities, Including but Not Limited To Governance Standards, Meeting Protocols, Board Rules and Bylaws, and Other Board Development Materials. NO ACTION

Wesley Cagle suggested a Board study session in January to discuss the new governance team objectives.

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

**H. Public Comments** for topics not on the agenda  
There were no public comments.

**I. Reports**

LCAP GOAL 1

*Engaging learners in PreK-8 through a focus on equity, access, and academic rigor with inclusive practices in various learning environments.*

1. District Reading Assessments (DRA) Data: First Trimester

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, reported that the District Reading Assessments (DRA) are given three times a year for all kindergarten through third-grade students. They are foundational skills that include phonological awareness assessments, reading fluency, and reading accuracy. The results assist with the identification of specific reading skills mastered as well as reading skills that may require additional analysis. Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano shared the percentage of children who met all the school and grade targets and highlighted specific schools and grade levels.

Board members discussed assessment scores for Reclassified Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) students. The scores are higher than the other subgroups implying that children fluent in two languages may process information differently.

LCAP GOAL 2

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

1. School Climate Survey Results

Lois Yount reported that 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents, and staff took a modified version of the spring School Climate Survey. She said the goal is 80% or higher for all but two questions. She highlighted some of the results, beginning with students. Two questions help the District determine how students are doing in school. The questions are:

1. Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school care about you?
2. Do you feel safe at your school?

Ms. Yount said most of the school campuses are 80% or higher. She said it is typical for a middle school to rate lower than an elementary school and that this is a nationwide trend.

Ms. Yount reported that parents rated extremely high that the schools have adults who really care about students and rated schools as a safe place for their children, extremely high at 90%-100%.

Ms. Yount said staff reported the same high percentages as parents when asked if a school is a safe place for students and have adults who care at the school really care about students.

Ms. Yount said the entire survey would be administered in the spring.

Wesley Cagle asked why the percentages were so low for two questions and how the District can improve in these areas. The questions were:

1. Do your teachers ask you what you want to learn about?
2. Do the teachers and other grown-ups from your school check on how you are feeling?

Ms. Yount said the data had been shared with the administration, and increasing work with school social workers and counselors could help. She said these two scores might correlate with the question related to boredom.

Tina Homdus, Principal, River Oaks, said her school focuses on social and emotional learning through classroom circles and Second Step lessons about building a voice and how to advocate and problem solve so students do feel heard and cared for.

Leah Wheeler, Assistant Principal, Greer, said her school followed up the survey with one of their own. They asked what teachers could do or what could happen at school to support this area. She indicated that some of their responses said they just wanted more voice, which is coming out more in their classrooms this last week.

## 2. School Calendar Survey

Lois Yount reported the District is considering a modified traditional 2023-2024 school calendar. [Modified traditional calendars, school starts earlier in August to accommodate a short break for students and staff in October.] The proposed school calendar would have a week's break from school in October. The school year would start earlier in August in alignment with the high school, and the high school would still be in session during the week elementary students would be on break in October. Mrs. Yount stated school calendar survey results indicate that having elementary and high school students on different schedules in October will create a hardship for their families.

Ms. Yount did not recommend changing to a modified calendar based on survey results. She added the District and the Galt Elementary Faculty Association (GEFA) are working on a traditional school calendar that considers having parent-teacher conferences in October instead of November. A calendar will be brought back to the Board for action in January once GEFA approves it.

## OTHER REPORTS

### 1. Schoolworks Demographic Report

Ken Reynolds, Project Manager, SchoolWorks Inc., reported. He shared an executive summary that included the following and expanded on each area:

- 2022 enrollment was up 70 students over last year
- TK extended to 5 months of eligibility – a net increase of 37 over last year
- Projections show a slight growth in the next three years and then a decline in the following three years
- 711 new homes projected to be occupied over the next six years
- Projected increase of 73 students next year, and a total projected decrease of 106 students over the next six years

2. California Schools Board Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference (AEC)

Lois Yount reported on the breakout sessions she attended. She said one session regarding wellness centers made her think of what is possible for the wellness center at McCaffrey. She plans to debrief with Carlos Castillo, McCaffrey's Principal, and possibly visit a nearby wellness center at a high school.

Casey Raboy, Board Member, reported on a breakout session related to Dual Language Immersion. She indicated it is very interesting how high the District RFEP student test scores are. She stated these programs have very long waiting lists and seem very positive.

Ms. Yount said the Board would hear a presentation regarding the GJUESD Dual Language Immersion program in the new year.

Annette Kunze, Board Member, reported she attended the orientation for new trustees and found it helpful to understand the broader picture of being a board member. She participated in a session on Board policies and valued the speaker presentation from Tara Westover, Author, Educated.

**J. Routine Matters/New Business**

**212.395** Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried.

**Consent  
Calendar**

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Minutes
  - November 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
  - November 28, 2022 Special Board Meeting
- c. Payment of Warrants
  - Vendor Warrants: 23385002-23385095
  - Payroll Warrants: 11/10/22, 11/30/22
- d. Personnel

| <b>Resignations/Retirees</b> |  |                |                    |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------|
| Name                         | Position   | Effective Date | Site               |
| Ceja, Lorena                 | Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning           | 11/18/22       | Valley Oaks        |
| Giordano, Jennifer           | Instructional Assistant                              | 11/29/22       | Fairsite Preschool |
| Ibarra, Perla                | Instructional Assistant                              | 11/18/22       | Marengo Ranch      |
| Ramirez, Lucerito            | Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning | 11/18/22       | Vernon E. Greer    |
| Turner, Cailin               | Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning           | 11/14/22       | Lake Canyon        |

| <b>Leave of Absence Requests</b> |  |                |                    |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------|
| Name                             | Position                                   | Effective Date | Site               |
| Castillo, Ana                    | Bilingual Office Assistant                 | 11/29/22       | Lake Canyon        |
| Cruz, Susy                       | Bilingual Instructional Assistant          | 12/12/22       | Valley Oaks        |
| Farrell, Michelyn                | Teacher                                    | 11/14/22       | Marengo Ranch      |
| Giordano, Jennifer               | Instructional Assistant                    | 11/9/22        | Fairsite Preschool |
| Morgan, Jill                     | Instructional Assistant, Special Education | 11/9/2022      | Valley Oaks        |

| <b>New Hires/Reclassifications/Status Changes</b> |  |                  |
|---|--|------------------|
| Name  | Position                                   | Site             |
| Bridge, Devan                                     | Yard Supervisor                            | Valley Oaks      |
| Gutierrez, Erica                                  | School Counselor                           | McCaffrey Middle |
| Lee, Lori   | Classified Substitute                      | N/A              |
| Mino, Debra                                       | Licensed Vocational Nurse                  | District Office  |
| Rammer, Kristi                                    | Registered Behavior Technician             | District Office  |
| Reyes, Eddie                                      | Certificated Substitute                    | N/A              |
| Robles, Heather                                   | Instructional Assistant, Special Education | River Oaks       |
| Sailors, Liz (Status Change)                      | Transportation Dept. Clerk                 | Transportation   |
| Stancil, Erica                                    | Health Assistant II                        | Vernon E. Greer  |
| Thompson, Sarah                                   | Yard Supervisor                            | Vernon E. Greer  |

- e. Master Contract for Non-Public Schools and Agencies
  - 1. Soliant
  - 2. Sunbelt Staffing
- f. Terracon Proposal No. PNA225145 for Geotechnical Engineering Services at the Galt Joint Union Transportation Facility Shop Building
- g. Terracon Proposal No. PNA225146 for Geotechnical Engineering Services at Valley Oaks Elementary School Classroom Building

**212.396** Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration  
There were no items removed.

CC Items  
Removed

**212.397** Traci Skinner made a motion to Purchase of a New District Delivery Box Truck, seconded by Katherine Harper and unanimously carried.

Deliver  
Truck

**212.398** Casey Raboy made a motion to approve the Valley Oaks Elementary School Preconstruction Services Agreement, seconded by Annette Kunze and unanimously carried.

VO Pre-  
Const  
Ser Agrmt

**212.399** Katherine Harper made a motion to approve GJUESD Resolution No. 8; California State Preschool Program Continued Funding Application, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried.

Res. 8 CA  
State Pre-  
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**K. Public Comments** for topics not on the agenda  
There were no public comments.

**L. Pending Agenda Items**

**M. Adjournment 8:17 p.m.**

Board Approved: January 18, 2023