

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

**Regular/Annual Organizational Meeting
December 20, 2023**

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

Zoom Webinar ID
82135658878

Board Member

Wesley Cagle
Traci Skinner
Casey Raboy
Annette Kunze
Katherine Harper

Administrators

Lois Yount
Alejandra Garibay
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Kuljeet Nijjar

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

B. Wesley Cagle called the Closed Session to order at 6:02 p.m. to discuss the following items:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Government Code §54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Kuljeet Nijjar, Alejandra Garibay
 - Employee Agency: (GEFA) Galt Elementary Faculty Association
 - Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employee Association
 - Non-Represented Employees

2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Pursuant to Government Code, §54956.8
Property: 320 W Elm Avenue [APN 148-0140-057-0000]
Agency Negotiator(s): P. Addison Covert, Parker & Covert LLP Attorney At Law
Negotiating Parties: Galt Joint Union Elementary School District and the City of Galt
Under Negotiation: Purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property

C. Closed Session adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Wesley Cagle announced no action was taken in closed session, followed by the flag salute. Open Session began at 7:05 p.m.

D. 232.442 Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the **Annual Organization of the Board/Election of Officers**, seconded by Katherine Harper and unanimously carried, as follows: **Annual Org**

1. President: Traci Skinner
2. Vice President: Casey Raboy
3. Clerk: Katherine Harper
4. Secretary to the Board: Lois Yount, Superintendent

232.443 Casey Raboy made a motion to approve the **Schedule of Regular Meetings and Board Governance Calendar**, seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried. **Schedule of Reg Mtgs**

232.444 Casey Raboy made a motion to **Designate 2024 Board Representatives to Serve on Committees** as follows, seconded by Annette Kunze and unanimously carried.

Committee
Members

CAST

1. Traci Skinner
2. Casey Raboy
3. Alternate: Katherine Harper

TRANSPORTATION

1. Traci Skinner
2. Annette Kunze
3. Alternate: Casey Raboy

SACRAMENTO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION

1. Katherine Harper
2. Traci Skinner
3. Alternate: Wesley Cagle and Casey Raboy

BOARD POLICY

1. Annette Kunze
2. Wesley Cagle

232.445 The Board **Considered 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.**

Governance
Resources

E. Lois Yount shared the Board Meeting Protocol.

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

G. 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): Fall 2023

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, reported. She indicated the GJUESD administers a DRA three times per year using Scarborough's Reading Rope to guide our literacy work. The DRA measures students' ability to blend and manipulate sounds and knowledge of spelling patterns and sight words; it also assesses reading fluency and accuracy.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano said part of LCAP Goal 1 includes an increase of the DRA results by 10% each year. GJUESD measures this growth from spring to spring. She reported on the percentage of students who have met all of the DRA benchmarks or targets for the end of the first trimester by school and grade level. She indicated teachers are doing a phenomenal job of addressing students' needs.

2. California School Dashboard: Fall 2023

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, reported. She indicated the CA School Dashboard provides families and educators with meaningful information on school and district progress so

they can participate in decisions to improve student learning. The state uses five performance levels, with red being the lowest performance level and blue being the highest. Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano shared GJUESD performance levels:

- District Academic Performance: English Language Arts = Orange; Mathematics = Yellow; English Learner Progress = Green
- District Academic Engagement: Chronic Absenteeism = Yellow
- District Conditions & Climate: Suspension Rate = Orange

Lois Yount acknowledged the excellent work of teachers, support staff, administrators, and classified staff.

LCAP GOAL 2

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

1. Valley Oaks Elementary New Classroom Building

Lois Yount reported the new Valley Oaks Elementary Building is complete, and teachers are in the process of moving in. Students will be completely moved in when they return from winter break.

OTHER REPORTS

1. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference (AEC)

Lois Yount reported that she, Wesley Cagle, Alejandra Garibay, and Katherine Harper attended the CSBA AEC. They shared information from the workshops they attended and key takeaways from listening to general speaker Sal Khan of Khan Academy. Some items they highlighted included guardrails for Chat GPT, Safety measures that other districts are implementing, and declining enrollment throughout the state.

Ms. Yount said GJUESD will consider an emergency management system in the new year. A report will be brought to the Board in January or February.

2. School Calendars

Lois Yount shared the school calendars on behalf of school administrators.

H. Board Discussion

1. Hybrid In-Person and Zoom Board of Education Meetings

Lois Yount reported the GJUESD has been holding Hybrid In-Person and Zoom Board meetings since the COVID-19 pandemic began. She said some school boards are continuing with the hybrid model, some have eliminated the Zoom Hybrid option, and some are continuing the hybrid model with public comments being accepted in person via Zoom and via email (24 hours before the meeting).

Traci Skinner, Board President, asked how many people join the meeting through Zoom on average. Ms. Yount said approximately five.

Ms. Skinner asked if there is an additional cost to holding hybrid meetings. Ms. Yount said yes due to the technology support. An option is to hold the meetings via Zoom for the public to view, but remove the public comment option via Zoom. It would reduce the support needed for each meeting. The public would still have the

opportunity to make public comments in person or email public comments (24 hours before the meeting), and we would post them to our website as we do now.

Ms. Skinner said she is in favor of keeping the Zoom link for easy public access in viewing the meeting and disabling the Zoom public comment feature while continuing public comment in person and via email. The Board concurred.

Public Comment: Amy Mangili addressed the Board regarding Zoom meetings. She supports the board's recommendation to keep the Zoom meeting link for easy public viewing.

Lois Yount said this new procedure will begin on January 17, 2024.

I. Routine Matters/New Business

232.446 Lois Yount recognized the retirement of Sabrena Fry and Yvette Odell.

Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously.

- a. Approval of the Agenda

- b. Minutes
 - November 15, 2023

- c. Payment of Warrants
 - Vendor Warrants: 24449858-24449951; 24450925-24450940; 24452839-24452917, 24454458-24454539
 - Payroll Warrants: 11/09/23, 11/13/23, 11/30/23, 12/08/23

- d. Personnel

**Consent
Calendar**

Resignations/Retirees			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Baroni, Tammara	Bus Driver	12/21/23	Transportation
Beckworth, Diana	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	11/17/23	River Oaks
Begley, Lynette	Bus Driver	12/21/23	Transportation
Fry, Sabrena (Retirement 22 Years)	Health Assistant II	1/31/24	McCaffrey Middle
Garcia, Sandy	Bilingual Office Assistant, Special Programs	11/30/23	Fairsite
Odell, Yvette (Retirement 27 years)	Secretary II	12/21/23	Fairsite
Sulamo, Jessalyn	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	12/21/23	Fairsite
Taylor, Cheryl	Yard Supervisor	12/1/23	McCaffrey Middle
Torres, Jodi	Yard Supervisor	12/21/23	Transportation

Leave of Absence Requests			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Blake, Lauren	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	11/27/23	Valley Oaks
Delgado, Helen	Yard Supervisor	11/15/23	McCaffrey Middle
Diaz, Maria	Bilingual Instructional Assistant	1/8/24	Valley Oaks
Rose-Dorward, Holly	Teacher	1/8/24	Vernon E. Greer
Scherrer, Tianna	Instructional Assistant	12/4/23	Marengo Ranch

New Hires/Reclassifications/Status Changes		
Name	Position	Site
Amer, Sabiha	Yard Supervisor	Vernon E. Greer
Arriola, Francesca	Classified Substitute	N/A
Baysinger, Deborah	Bus Trainee - Temporary	Transportation
Cook, Janet	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Dareing, Audra	Classified Substitute	N/A
Evans, Heidi	Certificated Substirtute	N/A
Jimenez Duran, Griselda	Classified Substitute	N/A
Kattenhorn, Jeremy	Classified Substitute	N/A
Rocha, Andraya	Preschool Instructional Assistant	Fairsite
Tone, Maria	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Torres, Zabrina	Certificated Substitute	N/A

e. Donations

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| 232.447 | Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration
No items were removed from the Consent Calendar. | CC Items
Removed |
| 232.448 | Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar, seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried unanimously. | School
Calendar |
| 232.449 | Casey Raboy made a motion to approve Variable Term Waiver for Newly Hired Educator, seconded by Katherine Harper. The motion carried unanimously. | Var Term
Waiver |
| 232.450 | Alejandra Garibay, Chief Business Official, reported. She indicated the First Interim Report for the 2023-24 school year includes changes in revenue and expenditures since the Board adopted the budget in June. | First Int
Report |

First Interim Summary 2023-24

- The Cost of Living Adjusted (COLA) is 8.22% in 2023-24
- PERS increase of 1.31% in 2023-24
- Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) revenue is based on Funded ADA of 3,224.04

- \$100,000 James B. McClatchy DLI Program at Fairsite funding ends at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2024.
- Proposition 28: The Arts & Music in School (AMS) for GJUESD allocation is \$545,791.
- The Bureau of Land Management Grant was awarded to Cosumnes River Preserve for \$308,000 over four years.
- Unduplicated Pupil Percentage increased to 61.14% in 2023-24.

Economic Outlook

- LAO reports a \$26 billion decrease in tax receipts for 2022 compared to the 2023 Budget Act estimate.
- Big Question – Will the state take action to align its spending obligation to K-12 schools with the lower state revenues?
- Depending on how the state handles the shortfall, GJUESD may be impacted.
- Proposition 98 for 2023-24 already carries a deficit associated with the 8.22% COLA, for which the state used nearly \$2 billion in one-time funds.
- COLA is projected to be as low as 1% in 2024-25
- COLA is a rate of change from one year to the next, irrespective of how high (or low) prices are.

Final Synopsis of First Interim 2023-24

- GJUESD has met all of its financial obligations with the support of one-time federal funds, state funds, and the increase of COLA for 2023-24.
- GJUESD continues to monitor enrollment and ADA.
- Negotiations for 2023-24 remain unsettled.
- Ensuring safe and secure learning environments continues to be a priority for schools.

Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the **2023-24 First Interim Report**, seconded by Traci Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

232.451	Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10, Providing Workers' Compensation Coverage for Volunteers, seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously.	Res 10 Workers Com Cov Vol
232.452	Katherine Harper made a motion to approve Resolution 11, Annual and Five-Year Findings Reports for Reportable Developer Fees for Fiscal Year 2022-23, seconded by Wesley Cagle. The motion carried unanimously.	Res 11 5-yr Finding Dev Fees
232.453	Traci Skinner made a motion to approve the Agreement Among the City of Galt, Galt Joint Union High School District And Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Regarding The School Resource Program, seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried unanimously.	SRO Program

Annette Kunze requested that the School Resource Officer provide a report to the Board to share their goals, experiences and philosophies.

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| 232.454 | Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Between the California School Employees Association And its Galt Chapter #362 (CSEA) And the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Pertaining to a Salary Increase for the Accounts Payable Clerk Position, seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously. | CSEA MOU
Acct
Payable |
| 232.455 | Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Between the California School Employees Association And its Galt Chapter #362 (CSEA) And the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Pertaining to the Creation of the Fiscal Analyst Position, seconded by Katherine Harper. The motion carried unanimously. | CSEA MOU
Fiscal
Analyst |
| 232.456 | Casey Raboy made a motion to approve the following Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR), seconded by Traci Skinner. The motion carried unanimously. | Policies |
1. BP 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
 2. BP 1160 – Political Process
 3. BP/AR 1312.2 – Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
 4. BP/AR 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
 5. AR 1312.4 – Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
 6. BP/AR 1330 Use of School Facilities
 7. BP/AR 3311 – Bids
 8. BP 3312 – Contracts
 9. BP 3460 – Financial Reports and Accountability
 10. AR 3541 Transportation Routes and Services
 11. BP/AR 3551 – Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund
 12. BP 4151/4251/4351 – Employee Compensation
 13. AR 4217.3 – Layoff/Rehire
 14. BP 5131.9 – Academic Honesty
 15. BP 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment
 16. BP/AR 6143 – Courses of Study
 17. BP 6154 – Homework/Makeup Work
 18. AR 6154 – Homework/Makeup Work – Rescind
 19. BP/AR 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials
 20. BP 6161.11 – Supplementary Instructional Materials
 21. BP 6162.5 – Student Assessment
 22. BP 6163.1 – Library Media Centers
 23. BB 9124 – Attorney

J. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda
Public comment is limited to three minutes or less, pending Board President's approval.

- K. Pending Agenda Items**
1. Acceleration Blocks
 2. School Resource Officer

Wesley Cagle stated that there is a program he learned about at the CSBA AEC. The State of California launched the California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS). The program jump-starts saving for college or career training for eligible kids in California.

L. Adjournment 8:39 p.m.

Board Approved: January 17, 2024