

# Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

**Regular Meeting**  
**April 17, 2024**

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

**Zoom Webinare ID:**  
833 7739 3328

## **Board Members**

Traci Skinner  
Casey Raboy  
Katherine Harper  
Annette Kunze  
Wesley Cagle

Lois Yount  
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano  
Kuljeet Nijjar  
Alejandra Garibay

## **Administrators Present**

Jennifer Porter  
Leah Wheeler  
Joshua Saldate  
Tina Homdus  
Judi Hayes

### **A. 6:00 pm – Closed Session Location: Galt City Hall Conference Room**

Present: Traci Skinner, Casey Raboy, Katherine Harper, Annette Kunze, Wesley Cagle, Lois Yount, Claudia Del-Toro Anguiano, Kuljeet Nijjar, Alejandra Garibay

### **B. Traci Skinner called the Closed Session to order at 7:03 pm 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
  - Unrepresented Employees

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE §54957

### **C. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:57 pm, and the Open session began at 7:00 pm, followed by the flag salute, which Valley Oaks Elementary music program students led.**

### **D. Presentations**

1. Valley Oaks Elementary music program performed a song for the Board.
2. At this time, Joshua Saldate, Assistant Principal, announced that the McCaffrey Middle School Color Guard won the 2024 NCBA Champions and that Angela Romero, a student, was awarded the highest honor available at the competition. He thanked McCaffrey students and staff for their efforts.

Traci Skinner, Board President, announced no action was taken during the closed session.

### **E. Lois Yount shared the Board Meeting Protocol.**

### **F. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda**

- Curtiss Wright, Omar Anzalua, and Arianne Aguilera addressed the Board regarding Proposition 28, Arts and Music in Schools Funding, advocating for an additional music teacher.
- Tammy Partridge provided a Galt Elementary Faculty Association (GEFA) update.

**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. Summer Programs**

Kuljeet Nijjar, Educational Services Director, reported the District will be offering multiple programs this summer, including:

- Extended School Year/Summer School: June 17-July 12 (no school June 19 and July 4), 8 am to 12 pm, Monday through Friday.
- Galt Expanded Learning Program (GEL): June 14-July 24 (no school June 19 and July 4), 7:30–4:30 pm, Monday through Friday

Ms. Nijjar announced the summer coordinators and thanked them for their efforts. The Coordinators are:

- Extended School Year: Gina Fuentes
- Summer School: Gerardo Martinez
- Galt Expanded Learning: Lori Jones
- Food Services: Nich Svoboda

LCAP GOAL 2

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

**1. CalSCHLS Healthy Kids Survey Data**

Lois Yount reported that during February, students in grades 5-8 and staff and parents were invited to take the California School Climate, Health and Learning Survey (CalSCHLS).

Ms. Yount shared key indicators of school climate district-wide and by school site. She highlighted staff reporting "strongly agree" increased from 2023 to 2024. She also said parent participation was very low. The administrators have since brainstormed ways to increase parent participation next year.

OTHER REPORTS

**1. School Calendars**

School administrators shared an event from their May school calendar.

**2. Williams Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) Quarter 3 Report**

Lois Yount reported no complaints for Quarter 3.

**H. Routine Matters/New Business**

**232.487** Lois Yount shared the donations.

Kuljeet Nijjar informed the Board the Fairsite Elementary School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) is being amended to seek a waiver for school-wide program status.

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

**Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Minutes
  - March 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- c. Payment of Warrants
  - Vendor Warrants: 24472653-24472713; 24473389-24473427; 24474047-24474064; 24476723-24476814
  - Payroll Warrants: 04/10/24

d. Personnel

<b>Resignations/Retirees</b>			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Bridgeman, Vanessa	Psychologist	6/30/24	Valley Oaks
Guillen Madera, Karla	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	4/4/24	Lake Canyon
Hurtado, Maria	Bilingual Office Assistant	4/12/24	District Office
Ipson, Annie	Teacher	6/7/2024	Lake Canyon
Lopez, Shalise	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	4/19/24	Vernon E. Greer
Needham, Lisa	Teacher	6/7/24	Fairsite
Swain, Heather	Teacher	6/7/2024	Lake Canyon

<b>Leave of Absence Requests</b>			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Azua, Mike	Custodian	5/16/24	Marengo Ranch
Grace, Kimberly	Instructional Assistant	4/15/24	Valley Oaks
Haight, Sarah	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	3/12/24	Valley Oaks
Raygoza-Montes, Neyda	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	8/16/23	Vernon E. Greer

<b>New Hires/Reclassifications/Status Changes</b>		
Name	Position	Site
Amrine, Caitlyn	Classified Substitute	N/A
Anaya, Maria (status change)	Secretary 1	Fairsite
Contreras Arias, Stephanie	Food & Nutrition Assistant 1	McCaffrey Middle
Edwards, Hannah	Short-Term Instructional Assistant	Marengo Ranch
Flores, John	Custodian	Valley Oaks

Gomez, Oralia	Classified Substitute	N/A
Havens, Westin	Classified Substitute	N/A
Jauregui, Alondra	Short Term Instructional Assistant, Special Education	Vernon E. Greer
Meza, Miriam	Classified Substitute	N/A
Pollan, Kayleena	Classified Substitute	N/A

- e. Donations
- f. Fairsite Elementary School Plan for Student Achievement Amendment
- g. Tilly Therapy Non-Public, Non-Sectarian School/Agency Services Contract

- 232.488** Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration  
No items were removed from the consent calendar. **CC Items Removed**
- 232.489** Annette Kunze made a motion to approve TeamCIVX, LLC's proposal to Conduct Public Outreach on a Potential 2024 Bond Measure, seconded by Katherine Harper. The motion carried unanimously. **TEAMCIVX Proposal**
- 232.490** Traci Skinner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 16, Accepting Final Completion of Contract for the Valley Oaks Elementary School Classroom Building, S&B James Construction California, Inc., seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously. **Res 16 NOC VO**
- 232.491** Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the Job Description for Visual and Performing Arts District Coordinator, seconded by Katherine Harper. The motion carried unanimously. **Job Desc VAPA Coord**
- 232.492** Traci Skinner made a motion to approve the following Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR). [The Board pulled BP 1313 Civility], seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried unanimously. **Board Policy**
1. BP/AR 1250 Visitors/Outsiders
  - ~~2. BP 1313 Civility~~
  3. BP/AR 3515.2 Disruptions
  4. BP/AR 4119.25 Political Activities Of Employees
- 232.493** Traci Skinner made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Implementing Board Resolution No. 11 (Adopted February 21, 2024), Reduction Or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Services (Certificated), seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously. **MOTION**

The services include 1.0 FTE certificated employee reduction by 6.00 sections at Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School: Christina Ceccarelli 1.0 FTE.

**232.494** Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Implementing Board Resolution No. 12 (Adopted February 21, 2024) Reduction In Particular Kinds of Services And Abolishment of (Classified) Positions Due To Lack Of Work Or Lack Of Funds (Classified) and Implementing Board Resolution No. 13 (Adopted February 21, 2024) Reduction In Particular Kinds of Service Due To Lack Of Work or Lack Of Funds (Classified), seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The classified positions with incumbents in the position(s) who will be laid off or reduced in hours for the 2024-25 school year are below and shall be discontinued or reduced in hours to the following extent:

CLASSIFICATIONS	FTE
Instructional Assistant	3.0 Position
Instructional Assistant, Preschool	1.0 Position
Bilingual Office Assistant (8.0 hours)	1 Position – Reduce to 4 Hours
Bright Future Learning Center Technicians (8.0 hours)	6 Positions – Reduce to 6 Hours
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>

The District Superintendent or her designee is hereby authorized to give notice on behalf of the Board as required by Education Code section 45117 to the below-named employees:

Miriam Rodriguez Martinez	Andraya Rocha	Lucerito Ramirez
James Reeve	Annette Garcia	Charlene Keane
Lori Ginni	Vanessa Torres	Tammy Dettman
Rebecca Coker	Jennifer Taylor	

**232.495** Casey Raboy made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District and the Galt Elementary Faculty Association Regarding Full-Day Kindergarten Early Release Days, seconded by Katherine Harper. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

**232.496** Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District and the Galt Elementary Faculty Association Regarding Combination Team Stipend For Middle School Core Teachers, seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

**232.497** Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District And the Galt Elementary Faculty Association Regarding the Special Education Teacher Salary Schedule, seconded by Traci Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

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

**J. Pending Agenda Items**

**1. School Resource Officer (SRO) Report**

Wesley Cagle stated his support in hiring an additional music teacher for the District based on public comments regarding Proposition 28, Arts and Music in Schools Funding. Casey Raboy concurred. Lois Yount said Proposition 28 funding may be reduced in the Governor's final budget. She will bring information back to the Board in June.

Annette Kunze mentioned several legislative bills being heard in the Education committees.

1) AB 2226 and SB 1056 - relate to mandatory kindergarten. She mentioned that there was a lot of discussion at the Capitol regarding this topic and that bills are being heard in both houses.

2) AB 1825 - relating to public library materials. It's similar to last year's AB 1078 but relates to public libraries, not school libraries, as it was heard in the education committee. So, if anyone has strong feelings about that topic, they may want to share those feelings and/or track the status of this bill.

3) SB 1283 - relating to social media in schools. The bill currently defines social media very broadly, and this was discussed in the committee.

4) SB 1094 - relating to civic engagement and civics education. It would require introduction once in elementary and at the middle school levels (currently, it is high school). Dave Gordon, Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, spoke to the committee in favor of this bill.

Annette Kunze mentioned that, related to this topic, she was contacted by the adult mentor for the Galt Youth Commission, who stated they are in need of candidates to apply. Annette mentioned her two sons were on this commission, and it was a great opportunity to gain leadership experience and help the Galt community. May be a good opportunity for 8th graders leaving for high school. They have the information regarding the application posted on the City's Instagram account.

Ms. Kunze thanked Marengo Ranch for their participation in her daughter's senior project for the National Honor Society. It meant a lot to the former students to be able to return to Marengo Ranch.

**K. Adjournment 8:33 pm.**

Board Approved: May 15, 2024