

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 21, 2024

6:00 p.m. Closed Session

7:00 p.m. Open Session

Galt City Hall Chamber

380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632

Webinar ID:

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Board Members

Traci Skinner

Casey Raboy

Katherine Harper

Annette Kunze

Wesley Cagle

Lois Yount

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano

Kuljeet Nijjar

Alejandra Garibay

Administrators Present

Tina Homdus

Jennifer Porter

Carlos Castillo

Leah Wheeler

Judith Hayes

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

B. Traci Skinner called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the following items:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE, Government Code §54957

Present for closed session Item 1: Traci Skinner, Casey Raboy, Katherine Harper, Annette Kunze, Wesley Cagle, Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Kuljeet Nijjar, Alejandra Garibay

2. 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

Present for closed session Item 2: Traci Skinner, Casey Raboy, Katherine Harper, Annette Kunze, Wesley Cagle, Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Kuljeet Nijjar, Alejandra Garibay

6:34 p.m. Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Kuljeet Nijjar, and Alejandra Garibay exited closed session.

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Government Code §54957
 - Superintendent

Present for closed session Item 3: Traci Skinner, Casey Raboy, Katherine Harper, Annette Kunze, Wesley Cagle, and Lois Yount

6:41 p.m. Lois Yount exited closed session.

6:51 p.m. Lois Yount re-entered closed session.

C. Closed Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Open session began at 7:05 p.m. followed by the flag salute. Traci Skinner announced the following action taken in closed session:

Upon the motion of Casey Raboy, seconded by Katherine Harper by a vote of 5 to 0, up to seven (7) temporary and intern teachers to be released no later than at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

D. Presentations/Recognitions

1. Vernon E. Greer Elementary choir students performed for the Board.

E. Lois Yount shared the Board Meeting Protocol.

F. Public Comment: Arianne Aguilera addressed the Board regarding the GJUESD music showcase at Greer Elementary on March 13, 2024. All school sites will participate.

G. Communications

1. Lois Yount shared a communication from the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) regarding the 2023-2024 First Interim Report indicating the District received a positive certification.

H. 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. Governor's Proposal for the 2024-25 State Budget and K-12 Education

Alejandra Garibay, Chief Business Official, reported. She indicated the Governor's budget measures a \$37.9 billion budget shortfall primarily due to 2023 tax collections being well below the budget's assumptions.

The Governor's budget proposal protects the education budget against the local impact of a nearly \$12 billion reduction in Proposition 98 resources. However, the \$26 billion shortfall of tax revenues for 2022-23 turned an average year into one where the state provided money above the minimum guarantee. Ms. Garibay said the District received a large Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) last year. This year, education faces a COLA-only year where the projected statutory COLA is significantly less than 2023-24. She indicated there are recommendations for no COLA for next year and even reductions in current budgets for this year. She provided examples of grants and one-time money that could be reduced because the Governor has to decide how he will make up the budget shortfall.

Ms. Garibay shared what the reduced COLA means for GJUESD versus what was reported in the first interim.

Ms. Garibay said the Governor's budget proposes no cuts in Proposition 98 resources. She highlighted the following information:

- Financial Projection Dartboard
- Minimum Wage – Future Forecast
- Certificated and Classified Layoffs and State Budget Timelines

The following steps in the process are controlled by the legislature, which is responsible for vetting the Governor's proposals during budget hearings over the next several weeks and months.

Ms. Garibay said multi-year budget projections will be reported at the next regular meeting.

Annette Kunze, Board Member, restated that although the Governor's budget was just released last month, there are already significant changes.

Lois Yount said this is correct. There are so many anticipated changes with the May Revise that Trailer Bill language is not being considered at this time.

Ms. Kunze added that there are also laws that have gone into effect at the beginning of this year that could, in her opinion, potentially exacerbate the Governor's budget deficit because there is potentially going to be a demographic change where more people are relying on social services, that could potentially increase costs. She wanted to put that out there regarding trends to be aware of.

Ms. Kunze asked if the recent Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant (LRE) settlement agreement could affect the District budget. As she understands it, the Governor initially considered sweeping Emergency Block Grant funds.

Alejandra Garibay concurred that it could affect the District.

2. **CalSCHLS Healthy Kids Survey**

Lois Yount reported the CalSCHLS Healthy Kids Parent Survey is open February 8-28, 2024. She encouraged parents and guardians to complete the survey. She indicated the survey is an opportunity to communicate perceptions and opinions about their children's school. Participation is voluntary but very important to help guide the District and school efforts to promote safety, enhance learning supports and improve student achievement.

LCAP GOAL 2

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

1. **AR/E 3517 Facilities Inspection and Education Code 35292.6**

Lois Yount reported that that each school sites' multi-purpose room has a menstrual product dispenser in the boy's restroom. The education code language states the product dispenser must be in at least one men's restroom. She opened the report up for discussion.

Traci Skinner, Board President, opined that the menstrual product dispenser should be in the school and health offices' men's restroom to meet the education code requirement.

Lois Yount said Marengo Ranch Elementary has a gender-neutral single-stall restroom since remodeling that has a menstrual product dispenser. The goal is for all school sites to have one gender-neutral stall by the 2025-26 school year.

Katherine Harper, Board Member, recommended following the written education code and putting the dispenser in one men's restroom in the school office.

Annette Kunze, Board Member, said she can appreciate the challenges and the struggles of looking at this law. She said, in her opinion, the District may need to look at what this means for all the other policies the District has in place and how they interact. Ms. Kunze feels a lot more thought needs to be put into these. She agrees

with placing the dispenser in one men's restroom and the gender-neutral restrooms when available.

Wesley Cagle, Board Member, said he is neutral on the placement of menstrual product dispensers in the bathrooms. He concurred to follow the language of the law.

OTHER REPORTS

1. City of Galt Development Update

Craig Hoffman, Community Development Director, City of Galt, reported. He shared the following information:

- Galt's 2030 General Plan was adopted in 2009. The plan boundary supports a population of 51, 640 residents.
- 2024 City Limits population is 25, 557. The current city boundary supports a population of approximately 39,000 residents.
- 15-year residential building permit history.
- Residential Project Map and upcoming single-family and multiple-family dwelling projects.

2. City And Schools Together (CAST)

Lois Yount reported on the February 13, 2024 CAST meeting. She thanked Traci Skinner and Casey Raboy, for attending the meeting. Ms. Yount highlighted topics from the Galt High School (GHSD) District and the City of Galt. The GHSD shared information on increased security measures including adding more security cameras. They are also implementing a new software program for parents called BARK. The program uses Advanced Intelligence (AI) to identify keywords that students might use online that might trigger a student that needs to talk to someone or that they may be in danger and may need help. The GHSD is also considering reducing the number of credits required to graduate to be more in line with surrounding high schools.

The City of Galt Parks and Recreation Director, Armando Solis, represented the city. She indicated that the new interim city manager, Chris Arias, has been announced, and he will begin work with the city towards the end of February. Currently the city is working on master park planning due to additional funds the city is receiving from Measure Q.

3. Flyer Distribution Process (BP/AR 1325 Advertising And Promotion)

Lois Yount reported the District does not have a consistent process for flyer distribution so one has been created. The new process allows the District to send information to parents through the parent communication system, Blackboard. The District may also post flyers on the District website under a new page called community news. Ms. Yount highlighted that all approved fliers will be required in English and Spanish.

4. School Calendars

School administrators shared an event from their March 2024 calendars.

I. Routine Matters/New Business

232.466 Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously.

- a. Approval of the Agenda

**Consent
Calendar**

- b. Minutes
 - January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - February 6, 2024 Special Meeting
- c. Payment of Warrants
 - Vendor Warrants: 24459099-24459186; 24459847-24459872; 24461057-24461060; 24460574-24460609; 24462353-24462425; 24463973-24464033
 - Payroll Warrants: 02/09/24; 01/31/24

d. Personnel

Resignations/Retirees			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Becerra, Robert	Custodian	2/20/24	River Oaks
Cobb, Ashley	Teacher	6/7/24	Vernon E. Greer
D'Onofrio, Star	Food & Nutrition Cashier	2/20/24	McCaffrey
Gomez, Mercedes	Instructional Assistant, Bilingual	1/19/24	Fairsite
Margiott, Pamela (Retirement, 29 Years)	Teacher	6/7/24	River Oaks
McRoberts, Kelleigh	Teacher	6/7/24	Marengo Ranch
Ochoa, Bianca	Teacher	6/7/24	Marengo Ranch
Ramirez, Alejandro	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	2/9/24	River Oaks
Whitfod, Jordan	Teacher	6/7/24	Marengo Ranch

Leave of Absence Requests			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Brantley, Ricky	Yard Supervisor	1/16/24	Transportation
Coleman, Victor	Custodian	1/22/24	Lake Canyon
Evans, Bryan	Custodian	1/9/24	Fairsite
Heidrich, Paige	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	1/22/24	River Oaks
Kearney, Daryl	Bus Driver	1/1/24	Transportation
Lim, Erica	Teacher	1/24/24	Valley Oaks
Maldonado, Julie	Yard Supervisor	1/25/24	Vernon E. Greer
Martinez-Ferguson, Adriana	Food & Nutrition Assistant 1	1/11/24	Lake Canyon
Reyes, Alma	Bilingual Instructional Assistant	3/11/24	River Oaks

New Hires/Reclassifications/Status Changes			
Name	Position		Site
Arguello, Maria	Yard Supervisor		McCaffrey
Bennett, Christopher	Classified Substitute		N/A
Bramasco, Toni	Instructional Assistant, Special Education		Fairsite

Celis, Raul	Classified Substitute	N/A
Christian, Stephanie	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	Vernon E. Greer
Collier, Keiko	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Derouen, Katie	Classified Substitute	N/A
Duncan, John	School Bus Trainee - Temporary	N/A
Garcia, Kellie	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Gonzalez, Yocelyn	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Haight, Sarah	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Valley Oaks
Michel, Joseph	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Mota, Bobbie	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Nieto, Silvino	Classified Substitute	N/A
Ratcliff, Lisa	Math Teacher	McCaffrey
Roper, Jennifer	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Sanders, Deanna (Status Change)	Fiscal Analyst	District Office
Schenone, Saret	Yard Supervisor	Vernon E. Greer
Singh, Nisha (Status Change)	Health Assistant	Lake Canyon
Torres, Maria (Status Change)	Yard Supervisor	Valley Oaks
White, Wendy	Bus Driver	Transportation
Zabriskie-Mahon, Sheena	Yard Supervisor	Lake Canyon

- e. Donations
- f. Every Special Child LLC Master Contract for Nonpublic, Non-Sectarian School/Agency Services

232.467 Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration
No items were removed from the consent calendar.

**CC Items
Removed**

232.468 Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Fairsite Elementary, Lake Canyon Elementary, Marengo Ranch Elementary, River Oaks Elementary, Valley Oaks Elementary, Vernon E. Greer Elementary and Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School, seconded by Katherine Harper. The motion carried unanimously.

**Comp
Safety
Plans**

Public Comment: Veronica Kauffman addressed the Board, urging them to vote no on items 232.469, 232.470, and 232.471.

232.469 Annette Kunze made a motion to approve Resolution No. 11 – Resolution To Reduce Or Discontinue Particular Kinds Of Services [Certificated], seconded by Traci Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

**Res 11
Certificated
Layoff**

Public Comment:

1. Maria Bernal addressed the Board regarding training for Instructional Assistants and compensation.
2. Sarah Delgado addressed the Board regarding reductions and their effect on staff.

232.470	Katherine Harper made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12 – Resolution to Reduce Particular Kinds Of Service And Abolish Classified Positions Due To Lack Of Work Or Lack of Funds [Classified], seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously.	Res 12 Classified Layoff
232.471	Traci Skinner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 13 – Resolution To Reduce Particular Kinds Of Service Due To Lack Of Work Or Lack Of Funds [Classified], seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously.	Res 13 Classified Reductions
232.472	Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14 – Resolution To Eliminate And/Or Reduce The Number Of Child Development Permit Employees Due To Lack Of Work And/Or Lack Of Funds [Preschool], seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried unanimously.	Res 14 Child Dev Permit Emp Layoff
232.473	Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Annual Report [Proposition 28], seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried unanimously.	AMS Annual Report
232.474	Wesley Cagle made a motion to vote for Ken Barnes (Robla SD) and Christine Jefferson (Twin Rivers USD) for the 2024 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly. The motion did not carry due to the lack of a second motion.	CSBA Del Ballot
232.475	Traci Skinner made a motion to Piggyback on the Santa Cruz City Schools Contract with American Modular Systems for two Modular and/or Prefabricated Structures (Building(s)), Portable Classrooms at Vernon E. Greer Elementary School, seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously.	GE Portables
232.476	Wesley Cagle made a motion to Change the June 2024 Regular Board Meeting from June 19, 2024 at the Galt City Hall Chamber to June 18, 2024 at the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Office, seconded by Katherine Harper. The motion carried unanimously.	June Mtg Date Change
232.477	Traci Skinner made a motion to approve the following Board Policies (BP), Administrative Regulations (AR) and Bylaw (BB), seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried unanimously. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. BP 0460 Local Control Accountability Plan2. AR 0460 Local Control Accountability Plan3. BP 0500 – Accountability4. BP 0520 – Intervention in Underperforming Schools5. AR 1220 – Citizen Advisory Committees	Policies

6. BP 1431 – Waivers
7. BP 3400 – Management of District Assets/Accounts
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9. BP 5116.2 Involuntary Student Transfers
10. BP 5131.2 – Bullying
11. AR 5131.2 – Bullying
12. AR 5141.21 – Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions
13. BP 5148.3 – Preschool/Early Childhood Education
14. AR 5148.3 – Preschool/Early Childhood Education
15. BP 6170.1 – Transitional Kindergarten
16. BP 6142.8 Comprehensive Health Education
17. AR 6142.8 Comprehensive Health Education
18. BP 9321 Closed Session
19. E(1) 9321 Closed Session
20. E(2) 9321 Closed Session
21. BP 1325 Advertising And Promotion

J. Public Comments: Veronica Kauffman addressed the Board regarding AR/E 3517 Facilities Inspection and Education Code 35292.6.

K. Pending Agenda Items

1. Acceleration Blocks
2. School Resource Officer (SRO) Report

L. Adjournment 9:05 p.m.

Board Approved: March 20, 2024