

# Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

October 18, 2023

6:00 p.m. Closed Session

7:00 p.m. Open Session

## Galt City Hall Chamber

380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632

**Zoom Meeting ID:**

Webinar ID: 892 8015 3155

## Board Members

Wesley Cagle

Traci Skinner

Casey Raboy

Annette Kunze

Katherine Harper

Lois Yount

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano

Kuljeet Nijjar

Alejandra Garibay

## Administration

Tina Homdus

Jennifer Porter

Judith Hayes

Stephanie Simonich

David Nelson

Joshua Saldate

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

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

### B. Wesley Cagle called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the following items:

1. STUDENT MATTER, Education Code §35146, 48918(c)

- Case No. 23/24-01

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

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE §54957

### C. Closed Session adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Wesley Cagle announced no action was taken in closed session followed by the flag salute.

Mr. Cagle moved the presentation from the Student Council, River Oaks Elementary, to the top of the open session agenda.

#### 1. Student Council, River Oaks Elementary

Tina Homdus, Principal of River Oaks Elementary, introduced the Student Council members. The students shared information on the start of the school year and provided a video of all the exciting things they have done in school to date.

D. Lois Yount, Superintendent, shared the **Revised Board Meeting Protocol**.

E. **Presentations & Recognitions**

2. **Leesa Klotz, Galt Community of Character Coalition: Character Education Month**

Ms. Klotz thanked the Board for allowing her to commemorate Character Education Month.

The Galt Community Character Coalition (GCCC) is a nonprofit organization that recognizes individuals and organizations demonstrating outstanding character through their actions and focusing on the community's strengths. The coalition began in 2007 with six character traits chosen by the community to highlight individual stories, experiences, and behaviors. The six character traits are integrity, honesty, respect, responsibility, caring, and compassion. Every other month, one trait is awarded to acknowledge individuals' character efforts and accomplishments, making Galt the Great American Little Town it is. She provided a history of past recipients.

Ms. Klotz said the GCCC promotes character development in many other ways by supporting events such as diversity days, heritage festival, sunshine food pantry, community garden, and just this month, stepping up to Co-Sponsor Stars, the unique teen and adult recreation program.

Ms. Klotz asked that the Board continue encouraging ongoing participation in character-building programs. She invited the community to join their work. The GCCC meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 400 Fourth Street at 4:30 p.m.

3. **Lorenzo Hines Jr., Galt City Manager: Commercial Cannabis**

Mr. Hines reported on Galt's voter attitudes toward cannabis issues. He indicated FM3 Research was used to determine opinion, research, and strategy. Mr. Hines summarized survey specifics and methodology:

- Less than one-third of voters are aware that it is illegal to sell cannabis products in Galt.
- A majority of voters support lifting the ban on cannabis sales in Galt, with an overall increase in support in the past two years.
- Voters are most comfortable allowing 1-2 cannabis businesses within city limits.
- Voters offer the strongest support for requiring independent testing of products and onsite security.
- Prohibiting cannabis cafes and onsite consumption receives the least support.
- Nearly three-quarters of voters see a need for additional funding.
- More than two-thirds support a 10% gross receipts tax on cannabis businesses initially.
- Three in five say they will likely vote "yes" on a proposed tax measure.

Mr. Hines emphasized that this sampling of approximately 340 voters in Galt of over 25,000 residents is just a point of reference. He encouraged members of the public to contact him or city council members to express their opinions.

F. **Communications**

1. **2023-2024 LCAP and Adopted Budget Report**

Lois Yount reported the LCAP was approved by the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE). SCOE noted that the District collaborated in the Differentiated Assistance process to investigate root causes of disparities, develop and implement actions and services responsive to identified student needs, and integrate these actions and services into the LCAP. Additionally, the SCOE noted that both certificated and classified salary negotiations have not been settled for 2023-2024. The District must meet the public disclosure requirements of Government Code

section 3547.5 before the Board of Education takes action on a proposed collective bargaining agreement.

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

**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. Cosumnes River Preserve and Grant Funding**

John Durand, Educator, Cosumnes River Preserve & GJUESD, provided an overview. He stated the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had selected 21 restoration landscapes across 11 western states to:

- Restore public lands
- Strengthen communities and local economies

The really big news is the Cosumnes River Preserve and Galt was selected as one of the 21 sites throughout the Western United States. He indicated this is significant for the Galt community. He said the GJUESD submitted a cooperative agreement proposal to BLM to:

- Increase access for underserved youth and adults during school & afterschool
- Expand the canoe program
- Fund bus transportation
- Ensure program continuation and continuity

Mr. Durand stated that Lois Yount, Superintendent, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to purchase large canoes and a trailer to increase outdoor education and recreation opportunities. The large canoes are 24 feet long and hold ten passengers. Funding for the canoes came from a grant from the Nature Conservancy with significant funding from the Sierra Club. He said Wilderness Inquiry updated their fleet to fiberglass boats, allowing the GJUESD to purchase the canoes.

Mr. Durand reported the National Director of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) came to Galt to learn about the Cosumnes River Preserve and see where the funds were going. Mcfarland Ranch, approximately 107 acres will be added to the preserve, partly from the funding from a Federal grant. The visit was an opportunity to highlight GJUESD education program with the BLM Director, State BLM Director, Preserve Manager, and other dignitaries.

Mr. Durand added that this funding has allowed for more than one staff person to help implement the program for the first time in 24 years. He introduced Mr. Bill Beckett.

Bill Beckett, Environmental Coordinator, reported. He indicated he has introduced himself to all school staff at site meetings to foster questions and communication between himself and those interested in outdoor education. He thanked the GJUESD staff for inviting him to participate in a Take Away Tuesday on October 3, 2023 where he provided outdoor education resources to use in classrooms and at school sites. He added that he is coordinating with Galt Expanded Learning (GEL) at all sites to revive and/or expand site gardens at all sites. Mr. Beckett shared some current activities. They include nature journaling and acorn collecting.

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, stated it is a unique opportunity for the GJUESD to be a partner among landowners. All the partners bring resources with them. The GJUESD brings the future. It brings children. She said John Durand has cultivated this partnership over 30 years and now Bill Beckett is a part of that. She thanked both of them.

Lois Yount said the GJUESD would like to try to partner with other districts and counties to help grow the program.

Wesley Cagle acknowledged John Durand's passion, hard work and commitment.

## **2. Professional Development Days: October 12-13, 2023**

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano reported. She indicated each year, the District has three days during the school year that are devoted or dedicated to professional learning. Last week, the first two were held. The third professional learning day will take place in March. She shared the agenda for both days. The agenda included the following:

- **Certificated Staff**
  - Building Thinking Classrooms
  - GJUESD Mandatory Training
  - Benchmark
  - Benchmark Advance
  - Step Up To Writing
  - Pre-K, TK and K- Dual Language Immersion
  - Physical Education and Music
  - Middle School: Thinking Classrooms, MAP Analysis, Program Evaluation
  - Specialists
- **Classified Staff**
  - Positive School Culture
  - Positive Conditions of Learning & Homeless
  - GJUESD Mandatory Training
  - CPR/First Aid Skills Assessment
  - Ladder Safety
  - Crisis Prevention & Intervention (CPI)

Annette Kunze, Board Member, asked if there were any "aha" learning moments.

Principals responded with their experiences from the sessions they attended. Principals were pleased with the high level of collaboration among sites and grade levels.

Gayleen Gomez, Teacher and Galt Elementary Faculty Association (GEFA) President, responded it was good to learn how equipment and programs are intended to be used for the First Tee Golf program.

### **LCAP GOAL 2**

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

#### **1. 2023 Lights on Afterschool**

Kuljeet Nijjar, Educational Services Director, reported the 2023 Lights on Afterschool event is on October 26 at Greer Elementary School. She indicated the event celebrates afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of

children, families, and communities. There will be games, raffle prizes, and food that the GJUESD food services department is providing.

OTHER REPORTS

**1. Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) Quarter 1 Report**

Lois Yount reported no complaints for the Quarter 1 report.

**2. Galt Schools JPA**

Lois Yount reported the Galt Schools JPA Board took action on October 9, 2023 to approve a resolution acknowledging the termination of the Joint Powers Agreement and the Galt Schools Joint Powers Authority and assigning certain actions to the GJUESD. The current tax revenue is sufficient to make the final bond payment as scheduled on November 1, 2023 and all intended facilities projects have been completed.

Ms. Yount anticipates approximately 1.6 million dollars in revenue after paying off all professional services and the debt. This amount will be split equally between the GJUESD and the GJUHS. The funds can only be used for facility projects.

Ms. Yount said Trustee Casey Raboy and Annette Kunze currently serve on the JPA committee that is now dissolved.

**3. School Calendars**

Principals highlighted an event(s) from their school calendars. Lois Yount highlighted Fairsite Elementary's calendar.

**I. Routine Matters/New Business**

**232.427** Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Traci Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Minutes
  - September 20, 2023 Regular Meeting
- c. Payment of Warrants
  - Vendor Warrants: 24438252-24438322; 24439611-24439670; 24441064-24441131; 24442572-24442628
  - Payroll Warrants: 9/29/2023, 10/10/2023
- d. Personnel

**Consent Calendar**

<b>Resignations/Retirees</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Site</b>
Butler, Krista	Teacher	10/31/23	Vernon E. Greer
Gray, Jennifer	Yard Supervisor	09/28/23	McCaffrey Middle
Velez, Cristina	Bilingual Community Outreach Assistant	10/13/23	Fairsite Preschool

<b>Leave of Absence Requests</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Site</b>
Durnell, Anna	Teacher	11/1/23	Lake Canyon
Giglia, Sarah	Teacher	11/3/23	Vernon E. Greer
Hill, Jessica	Teacher	09/28/23	Vernon E. Greer
Ketner, Danielle	Teacher	12/11/23	Lake Canyon
LaCayo, Jamie	Teacher	12/4/23	River Oaks
Narasky, Amanda	Yard Supervisor	9/25/23	Vernon E. Greer
Raygoza-Montes, Neyda	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	9/19/23	Vernon E. Greer
Soria, Veronica	Yard Supervisor	9/18/23	Lake Canyon
Suarez, Rosy	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	9/11/23	McCaffrey Middle
Sunde, Brianna	Instructional Assistant	9/18/23	Valley Oaks
Valencia, Isabel	Health Assistant 2	10/9/23	Marengo Ranch

<b>New Hires/Reclassifications/Status Changes</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Site</b>
Alcamo, Heather	Classified Substitute	N/A
Antolin, Diana	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Benxon, Ashley	Classified Substitute	N/A
Crandell, Alayna	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Debastiani, Janine	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	Fairsite Preschool
Derouen, Katie	Instructional Assistant	Valley Oaks
Heeney, Makayla	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Hooper, Kelly	Classified Substitute	N/A
Kellogg, Sheena	Classified Substitute	N/A
Koch, Reyna	Classified Substitute	N/A
Lopez De Vera, Fabiola (Status Change)	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Valley Oaks
Moe, Stehanie	Classified Substitute	N/A
Pamplona, Ariana (Status Change)	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Marengo Ranch
Pedraza, Samantha (Status Change)	Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	River Oaks
Plant, Darla	Certificated Substitute School Nurse	N/A
Ramirez, Alejandro	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	River Oaks
Reeve, James	Instructional Assistant	River Oaks

Sharp, Glenna (Status Change)	Preschool Instructional Assistant	Fairsite Preschool
Torres, Isabel	Bilingual Instructional Assistant	Fairsite Preschool
Usher, Claire	Yard Supervisor	River Oaks
Van Valkenburg, Barbara	Classified Substitute	N/A
Velasquez, Guadalupe	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Villalobos Hinojosa, Orlando	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	McCaffrey Middle

- e. Donations
- f. Out-of-State Conference Attendance: Vanessa Bridgeman
- g. Out-of-State Conference Attendance: Erika Duenas, Carlos Castillo, Heather Nelson, Abby Jones
- h. Non-Public Schools and Agencies Master Contracts
  - Maxim Staffing
  - Soliant

- 232.428** Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration  
No items were removed from the consent calendar. **CC  
Items Removed**
- 232.429** Traci Skinner made a motion to accept the recommendation Regarding Student Matter No. 23/24-01, seconded by Katherine Harper. The motion carried unanimously. **Student Matter**
- 232.430** Blair Aas, Director/Principal, SCI Consulting Group, presented the annual school facility needs analysis. This routine matter establishes the need for Level 2 developer fees for new residential construction in the District. The current fee is \$3.58 per square foot. It is being increased to \$3.85. **PUBLIC  
HEARING  
Level 2 Fees**
- A Public Hearing of Resolution No. 6 Approving the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District's School Facilities Needs Analysis, Adopting Residential School Facilities Fees in Compliance with Government Code Sections 65995.5 and 65995.6, and Making Related Findings and Determinations [Level 2 Fee] was held. There were no public comments.
- 232.431** Traci Skinner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 6 Approving the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District's School Facilities Needs Analysis, Adopting Residential School Facilities Fees in Compliance with Government Code Sections 65995.5 and 65995.6, and Making Related Findings and Determinations [Level 2 Fee], seconded by Casey Raboy. The motion carried unanimously. **Res 6  
Level 2 Fees**

**232.432** Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 7, Resolution Approving a Site Lease, A Sublease, and a Construction Services Agreement Relating to the Maintenance and Operations Shop Project, seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried unanimously. **Res 7  
LLB M&O**

**232.433** Katherine Harper made a motion to approve Resolution No. 8, Authorizing Continued Funding Application to the California Department of Education, seconded by Traci Skinner. The motion carried unanimously. **Res 8  
Cont Funding**

**232.434** Casey Raboy made a motion to Apply for the Bus Rebate Program through the US Environmental Protection Agency, seconded by Traci Skinner. The motion carried unanimously. **Bus Rebate  
Program**

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

**K. Pending Agenda Items**  
1. Acceleration Blocks

**L. Adjournment** 8:33 p.m.

**Board Approved: November 15, 2023**