

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
Board of Education
“Building a Bright Future for All Learners”

Special Board Meeting
Monday, May 14, 2012
6:00 p.m. Closed Session
7:00 p.m. Open Session

Marengo Ranch Elementary School
1000 Elk Hills Drive, Galt, CA 95632

AGENDA

Anyone may address the Board regarding any item that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. However, the Board may not take action on any item which is not on this agenda as authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2.

Community members and employees may address items on the agenda by filling out a speaker's request form and giving it to the board meeting assistant prior to the start of that agenda item.

Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes or less pending Board President approval.

- A. 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session: Marengo Ranch Multi-purpose Room Stage**
- B. Announce Items to be Discussed in Closed Session, Adjourn to Closed Session**
 - 1. STUDENT MATTER, Education Code §35146, 48918(c),
 - Expulsion Case 11/12-16
 - 2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
Government Code §54957
 - 3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/RESIGNATION
Government Code §54957
 - Marengo Ranch Elementary School Principal [Resignation]
 - Marengo Ranch Elementary School Principal [Appointment]
 - Food Services Supervisor [Appointment]
- C. Adjourn Closed Session, Call Meeting to Order, Flag Salute, Announce Action Taken in Closed Session**
- D. Report and Board Discussion**
 - 1. School District Transportation
- E. Recommended Actions**
 - 1. New Business**
 - 111.289 Board Action Regarding Student Matter; Expulsion Case 11/12-6 MOTION
 - 111.290 Board Consideration of Approval of Safe Routes to School Letter of Support From GJUESD Board Members to City of Galt Mayor MOTION

F. Pending Agenda Items

G. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda
Public comment should be limited to three minutes or less pending Board President approval.

H. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the GJUESD Board of Education: May 25, 2012

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GJUESD transportation information will be presented concerning personnel, fuel costs, supplies and insurance along with what has been covered by District and State funding. 2012-13 bus route options will be presented, should we receive State funding. The Board of Trustees will discuss the information and provide staff direction to prepare for transportation changes in 2012-13.

School District Transportation



**GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MAY 14, 2012

Report Overview



- 1. STATE BUDGET CRISIS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPACT**
- 2. GJUESD TRANSPORTATION SERVICES & COSTS**
- 3. PARENT SURVEYS**
- 4. TRANSPORTATION ROUTES DEPENDING ON STATE FUNDING**
- 5. GOVERNANCE TEAM DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION**

How Did We Get Here?



- ❑ In January of 2008 school districts receive their first mid-year cut.
- ❑ In 2008-09 school districts only received 92 cents on the dollar in State Revenue per ADA.
- ❑ In 2009-10 and 2010-11 school districts only received 82 cents on the dollar in State Revenue.
- ❑ In 2011-12 school districts are only receiving 79 cents on the dollar in State Revenue per ADA (*down from 80 cents due to the mid-year Trigger cuts*).
- ❑ In the last 10 years, school districts across the State have received less than 100% of their State Revenue in 7 out of the 10 years.

Five Years of Cuts



- Galt Joint Union Elementary School District has made cuts of almost \$6 million to personnel, programs, facilities, supplies/services and employee pay reductions over the last 5 years.
- We will be entering our sixth year of budget deficits in 2012-13 with very few options available for budget cuts.

State Budget Crisis: GJUESD IMPACT

4 Years: Restructure/Cuts/Reductions



2008-2009: Partial School District Restructure	2009-2010: Full Restructure	2010-2011: Further Program Reductions and Personnel Cuts	2011-2012: Personnel Cuts and Site Supply Reductions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two 6-8 Middle Schools consolidated to one 7-8 Middle School. ▪ West side elementary schools operate as grades 2-6 for one year with Fairsite serving Pre-K- through Grade One students. ▪ School site budget cuts. ▪ Certificated reductions due to declining enrollment. ▪ Board of Trustees 10% reduction in Benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fairsite closes as a K-6 school. ▪ New boundaries implemented with fewer bus routes. ▪ Personnel reductions include: elementary assistant principals, custodians, maintenance workers, district office receptionist, and bus drivers. ▪ Reading Specialist and English Learner Resource Teacher positions cut and replaced by Academic Coaches. ▪ Classroom teachers laid off. ▪ Certificated, confidential and management took 3 furlough days. ▪ Certificated lottery reduction of \$150 each. ▪ Board of Trustees 10% reduction in Benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Library and outreach counseling services reduced. ▪ District office management positions cut: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~Assistant Superintendent ~Maintenance Supervisor ▪ Additional custodial cuts. ▪ Classroom teachers laid off. ▪ Instructional Assistants reduced. ▪ Academic Coaches reduced. ▪ GATE Coordinator cut. ▪ School Site budgets cut by 50%. ▪ Management took 5 furlough days. ▪ Confidential office staff and outreach counselors took 3 furlough days. ▪ Certificated staff took 3 furlough days. ▪ 2 Classified Furlough Days. ▪ Summer School eliminated. ▪ Certificated lottery reduction of \$200 each. ▪ Board of Trustees 10% reduction in Benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Music Teacher ▪ Outreach Consultant ▪ 4 Furlough Days for Certificated, Classified, and Confidential ▪ 6-7 Furlough Days for Administrators and Supervisors ▪ 50% of School Site Allocation and Lottery Carryover ▪ District Office Unfilled positions for 6 months ▪ K-8 Teachers ▪ Board of Trustees reduction in benefits
<p>Total Savings: 1,180,000.</p>	<p>Total Savings: \$1,800,000.</p>	<p>Total Savings: \$1,800,000.</p>	<p>Total Savings: \$930,000.</p>

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Conditions & Budget Impact



1. Galt Joint Union Elementary School District is one of the highest performing districts in Sacramento County with an API of 825. This is not “luck.” We have excellent students, caring families, and committed, and hard working employees. In the last four years, we have continued to rethink resources use and have made difficult but student-centered decisions. Our unions have worked with us along the way.
2. We currently prepare for a major shift in curriculum, instruction and assessment to prepare students to be college and career ready, experience success in a global economy and be prepared through rigorous content and applications of higher order thinking skills. STAR state testing will be replaced with a national exam in 2014-15.
3. The State Budget has impacted the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District since 2008-09 with education cuts of 16%
4. Since 2008-09, Galt Joint Union Elementary School District has addressed the lingering state budget crisis. GJUESD has made over \$5 million in cuts including reconfiguration with school closure, boundary changes and transportation route reductions. This has also included employees taking furlough days and/or salary freezes.
5. In 2011-12, our children are attending 4 fewer days of school and will attend 5 fewer days next year (175 days).
6. There are no additional Federal Stimulus funds from the federal government and the district continues a trend of declining enrollment that also reduces revenue on top of the continuing State budget shortfall. Continuing furlough days and salary freezes must be bargained with employee groups.
7. The Governor’s budget assumes voters approve a \$6.9 billion tax measure in November. Should the tax initiative pass, districts would sustain flat funding levels of 2011-12. Even with the tax initiative, districts are still not fully funded.
8. The Governor’s budget leaves California school districts in need of at least two plans. One plan that assumes the tax initiative passes and another plan without the tax initiative passing.
9. Given the cuts in personnel across the district at all levels in the last four years, we are running out of cutting options to address continued cuts and remain fiscally solvent with a 3% reserve.

Human Resources and Other Cuts

People Power	Programs / Projects / Services	Facilities / Employee Resources	Pay or Benefit Reductions
K-6 Assistant Principals	Deferred Maintenance Projects	Consolidated two middle schools to one	23 Furlough Days over 4 years: Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent	Visual and Performing Arts Funding/Projects	Close Fairsite School	21 Furlough Days over 4 years: Management
District Office Receptionist	Community Based English Tutoring (El Cielo) for English Learner Families	New State Textbooks (last adoption was 08/09)	15 Furlough Days over 4 years: Certificated Employees
Maintenance Supervisor	School and Library Improvement Block Grant Projects	50% cut School Site Supply Budgets	15 Furlough Days over 4 years: Confidential Employees
33% Cut: Maintenance Workers	Transportation walking distance increase	50% cut School Supply and Lottery Carryovers	11 Furlough Days over 4 years : Classified Employees
50% Cut: Library Technicians laid off	Reduced Bus Routes with Boundary Changes		10% Benefit Cut to School Board
25% Cut: Night Custodians Laid off	Summer School Eliminated		
Gate Coordinator			
K-8 Teacher Cuts			
25% Cut: Outreach Consultants			

Second Period Interim Budget

Non-bargainable Cuts



2012-13

• Declining Enrollment	\$233,000
• Youth Development Coordinator	\$51,500
• K-6 Band	\$43,000
• K-8 Library Services	\$106,000
• Student Support Services Unrestricted	\$401,425
• 67% of Reg. Ed. Transportation	\$277,000*
• Admin./Clerical Restructure	\$178,000
• Operations	\$50,000
• Close two schools	\$900,000
• Current Reserve	\$1,500,000

* Current district contribution to transportation is \$260,000 which is 55% of the total cost.

3-Year Analysis



	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
• Revenue	\$ 29,746,278	\$ 27,057,860	\$ 26,464,319
• Expense	\$ 30,965,414	\$ 28,583,463	\$ 29,308,941
• Difference	\$ (1,219,136)	\$ (1,525,603)	\$ (2,844,622)
• Reserve	\$ 2,432,577	\$ 906,974	\$(1,937,648)
	<i>7.86%</i>	<i>3.17%</i>	<i>(6.61%)</i>



Students Transported

Elementary= 136
(k-6 west side to east side)

Middle= 211
(7-8 west side to east side)

K-8 Rural = 225

Total Regular Ed.= 572



2011-12 Routes and Students Served

Transportation Costs



	Current	Projected
	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>
Driver Salaries/Benefits	151,676	150,814
Supervisor/Mechanic/Trainer	141,447	119,296
Dispatcher	29,834	29,834
Driver Extra Time and Substitutes	56,605	53,340
Fuel	83,000	82,659
Supplies	49,370	45,270
Bus Insurance	14,940	14,940
Other Services	23,266	20,000
Field Trip Reimbursement	(18,100)	(18,100)
Total 2011-12 Transportation	532,038	498,053
Galt High School Reimbursement	55,478	44,699
Migrant Ed. Summer Reimbursement	5,101	5,000
Contribution without State Income	471,459	448,354
State Income	211,462	211,462
Contribution with State Income	259,997	236,892



Transportation Survey Overview



A survey was sent home with students on Friday, May 3, 2012.

School Transportation options are being identified by parents including carpooling or use of South County Transit services.

K-6 School Preference for School Placement is being identified:

- Student can remain at current east side school with transportation provided by parent.
- Parent can request a west side school.



Transportation Survey Findings as of May 10, 2012

Comments:

Leave district or go to private or charter school.

Charge for transportation.

Sad to relocate to another elementary school.

No car (9 comments)

If not bus, my kids have to walk on streets without sidewalks.

She will have to walk in the wind and rain.

Need buses. What if you had to walk 8 miles?

No bus then she can't get to and from school.

Requests for early drop off of their children if transportation is not available.

Transportation Method	Number of Responses
Parent will transport	42
Carpool	39
Homeschool	4
Walk to middle school or east side school	9
Galt Transit Service	18
Unknown	77
Request for placement to a west side elementary school	48



Transportation Options with State Funding



	AM Only	McCaffrey Only	West to East Only
Driver Salaries/Benefits	75,407	40,772	81,210
Supervisor/Mechanic/Trainer	111,365	106,606	112,951
Dispatcher	20,884	22,478	25,779
Driver Extra Time/Subs	35,486	19,032	25,892
Fuel	41,500	21,181	49,138
Supplies	22,635	10,580	27,120
Bus Insurance	14,940	14,940	14,940
Other Services	11,500	11,500	11,500
Field Trip Reimbursement	(18,100)	(18,100)	(18,100)
Total Transportation Cost	315,617	228,989	330,430
Galt High/Migrant Ed. Reimbursement	59,013	53,826	53,097
Contribution without State Income	256,604	175,163	277,333
State Income	211,462	211,462	211,462
Contribution with State Income	45,142	(36,299)	65,871

Governance Team Clarification, Discussion and Direction





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Presenter: Karen Schauer	Action Item: XX Information Item:
<p>Given transportation changes in GJUESD, a letter has been prepared by John Gordon, Board President to submit to Barbara Payne, City of Galt Mayor. Each board member is requested to sign the letter to request City of Galt partnerships to support safe walking routes and transportation needs for students.</p>	



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April 30, 2012

The Honorable Barbara Payne
Galt City Council
380 Civic Drive
Galt, CA 95632

Subject: Safe Routes to School

Dear Mayor Payne,

The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District is facing a budget deficit of \$3.9 million for 2012-13. For the past four years, the school district leadership along with certificated and classified employee groups worked collaboratively and made financial sacrifices for the greater good. While the district was able to produce impressive gains in academic achievement amid dwindling resources, this year has proven extremely challenging.

Recently, the Board approved a reduction of classified positions that will close school libraries, eliminate outreach consultants, shrink the gardening staff, and reduce instructional assistants. Clearly, this decision was made with a heavy heart but it illustrates California's inability to adequately fund public education. Six bus driver positions are facing the same fate; however, the Board of Education is seeking additional budget information from district officials before taking formal action.

The school district typically receives categorical funding (home-to-school transportation) dedicated strictly for transportation. However, these restricted dollars never meet the district's transportation needs as general fund dollars are typically required to make up the difference. The GJUESD School Board is considering eliminating the general fund contribution, which equates to 55% of the total transportation budget. The decision to eliminate the school bus drivers is further complicated as Governor Brown has not given indication that California will continue providing the home-to-school transportation categorical funding. If eliminated, there is a possibility that the district may be forced to shutter the doors on nearly all of the school buses. The GJUESD Board of Education will be aggressively advocating to legislators the importance of protecting the state's portion of the home-to-school transportation funds.

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As a means of planning for the worst case scenario, the Board of Education would like to partner with the City of Galt to address safe walking routes and transportation needs for the students in our community. A concerted effort by the City of Galt and the GJUESD could result in creating a shared vision that would address several infrastructure needs. Through collaboration, we could create a gateway that allows walkers and bikers to safely cross over Highway 99 and access not only our middle school, but also a future Wal-Mart on the east side and a potential entertainment complex on the west.

At the April 25th school board meeting, concerned citizens expressed safety concerns with the Amador Avenue intersection as well as several unpaved streets (leading to McCaffrey Middle School. The other three available options, Twin Cities Road, Simmerhorn and C Street/Boessow Road, appear potentially even more hazardous. Considering that 96% of the students riding school buses receive free/reduced lunches, it is likely that many of these students may be forced to walk to school, which is obviously a great cause for concern for our school district and city council.

In addition, the Board would like to work with the Galt City Council to actively pursue any available funding that would result in providing safe walking routes for children attending our schools. Our community can't afford to jeopardize the safety of our children.

Finally, we would like to examine any potential joint use opportunities with the city's transit operation as a means to provide parents additional options. We hope to meet with you to further discuss these matters. Our Superintendent, Karen Schauer, will follow up with your staff to schedule an appointment. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

John Gordon

Susan Richardson

Kevin Papineau

Wesley Cagle

Gracie Malson

cc: Karen Schauer, GJUESD Superintendent
Jason Behrmann, City Manager

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