

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

**Regular Board Meeting
February 15, 2023**

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

**Zoom Teleconference
Webinar ID: 838 4195 5566**

- A. 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session Location:** Galt City Hall Conference Room
Present for the closed session, Wesley Cagle, Traci Skinner, Casey Raboy, Annette Kunze, Katherine Harper, Lois Yount, Nicole Lorenz, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Donna Mayo-Whitlock
- B. Closed Session was called to order at 6:02 p.m.** by Wesley Cagle to discuss the following items:
1. STUDENT MATTER, Education Code §48918
 1. Student Expulsion No. 22/23-01
 2. Student Expulsion No. 22/23-02
 3. Student Expulsion No. 22/23-05
 2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Government Code §54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Lois Yount, Nicole Lorenz, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Donna Mayo-Whitlock
 - Employee Agency: (GEFA) Galt Elementary Faculty Association
 - Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employee Association
 - Non-Represented Employees
 3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE, Government Code §54957
- C. Closed Session adjourned at 7:06 p.m.** Wesley Cagle announced action taken in closed session.
- Item 3 – Upon the motion of Wesley Cagle, seconded by Katherine Harper, an administrator was released from an administrative position and non-elected as a probationary certificated employee. The vote was unanimous.
- Item 3 – Upon the motion of Traci Skinner, seconded by Casey Raboy, to release up to seven (7) temporary and intern teachers to be released no later than at the end of the 2022-23 school year. The vote was unanimous.
- D.** Lois Yount, Superintendent, shared the **Board Meeting Protocol**.
- E. Public Comments** was moved to after Presentation/Recognition

F. Presentation/Recognition

1. Marengo Ranch Elementary School Choir
 - The Marengo Ranch Elementary School Choir performed a Marengo Ranch themed song for the Board.

2. Marengo Ranch and Valley Oaks Elementary Spelling Bee Winners
 - The Board recognized Levi Peterson, 5th grade, Marengo Ranch. Levi has won the spelling bee twice.
 - The Board also recognized Marco Gonzalez, 6th grade, Valley Oaks. Marco has won the spelling bee three years in a row!

G. Public Comment

1. Adrienne Aguilera, Music Teacher, addressed the Board regarding a Galt Musical Show Case Event on March 22, 2023 starting at 5:00 p.m.

H. Communication

1. Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE): 2022-2023 First Period Interim Report

Lois Yount and Nicole Lorenz, Chief Business Official, shared the communication from David W. Gordon, Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Gordon's communication concurs with the District's positive certification with the following comment:

- The multi-year projections indicate that the Unrestricted General Fund balance will decrease by \$165,559 in 2022-23, increase by \$1,728,438 in 2023-24, and increase by \$2,607,397 in 2024-25.
- It is noted that Certificated salary negotiations were recently settled. Classified salary negotiation settlements are in process. The costs of both settlements will be included in the District's Second Period Interim Report.

I. 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 Proposals for the 2023-24 State Budget and K-12 Education

Nicole Lorenz reported the Governor's January initial budget proposal for the 2023-24 State Budget kicks off the 6-month process of developing the State budget. She provided an overview of the following:

The state budget and the state economy:

- Persistent inflation
- The state's revenue outlook is substantially different than the prior two years
- The Governor's revenue forecast assumes slower economic growth but not a recession

Proposition 98 and Education Funding:

- Proposition 98 resources grow leaner in the Governor's Budget, as do the proposed investments for K-12 schools and community colleges
- Governor Newsom remains committed to key priorities in transitional kindergarten (TK) and expanded learning
- The Governor preserves investments made for education

- Education Code limits local school district reserves to 10% when certain conditions are met
- The account balance continues to exceed the 3% trigger
- The cap remains operative in 2023-24

2023-24 LCFF Funding Factors and the Financial Projection Dashboard.

The Governor's Budget includes an additional amount in Proposition 98 funding for an 8.13% COLA for multiple programs outside of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

Statewide Enrollment Trends.

There is ongoing enrollment loss. Ms. Lorenz added that this could be due to the COVID disruption and families moving out of the state.

Governor continues to prioritize Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) Implementation.

- Provides an additional investment in the ongoing general fund to implement the second year of UTK
- Includes a provision for a 10:1 ratio starting in 2023-24, but this is subject to funding specifically for this purpose, and the Governor's Budget does not include funding to reduce the ratio further

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools – Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act.

- Beginning with the 2023-24 fiscal year requires the state to provide additional, dedicated funding originating outside of Proposition 98 for arts and music education.
- The annual amount equals 1% of the prior-year Proposition 98 minimum guarantee.
- The Governor proposes reducing the Arts, Music, and Instructional Material Block Grant by \$1.2 billion of the \$3.5 billion one-time funding provided in the 2022-23 enacted budget package, bringing the appropriation down to \$2.3 billion.

Employer Contribution Rates

- Contribution rates continue to rise. The Governor does not include new funding for retirement system relief for Local Education Agencies (LEA).
- The projected rates reflect an investment loss for 2021-22 based on preliminary investment returns and an anticipated decrease in normal cost due to new hires entering lower cost benefit tiers.
- The new rates will be reflected in the second interim budget report next month.

Minimum Wage Increases – Future Forecast

The minimum wage will continue to increase by the maximum amount allowed by law through 2028.

Certificated and Classified Layoffs and State Budget Timelines

The certificate and classified layoff notices must be served before March 15.

2. Transportation Services

Michelle Trujillo, Transportation Supervisor, provided a transportation update. She highlighted:

- Transportation team members
- Staffing shortages

- Routes
- Annual mileage
- Traversa Student Transportation Software Implementation
- Electric Bus Project
- In-Service Meetings and Staff Meetings
- Safe Bus Operations

Nicole Lorenz provided additional information on electric buses. She indicated that two state agencies approved both Galt school districts for grants to purchase an electric bus and charging station. Ms. Lorenz is working with SMUD to upgrade the power capacity needed to power the charging station. Supply chain issues have a key component delayed to September potentially.

Michelle Trujillo referenced Safe Bus Operations. She suggested that the reduced visibility policy of 200 feet is insufficient and should be between 400-500 feet. Ms. Trujillo shared example scenarios to support her suggestion. Ms. Lorenz will review the internal procedures already in place.

3. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Data

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, reported MAP results to indicate student achievement at the moment. She stated the goal is to determine learning patterns and reflect on the degree of effectiveness. She stated the administrative team had done a great job of supporting staff with analyzing and reflecting on data sets for their grade level at their school.

The metrics include a MAP growth goal of 5% from winter to winter. Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano highlighted grade levels by District and school that met or exceeded the 5% growth target and added district-wide grade 3 exceeded the target by 11 points.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano said Marengo Ranch Elementary saw the greatest growth in reading in third grade. She indicated something is possibly different in third grade. Things to consider are learning patterns, strategies, and core routines. The administrators who look at these numbers with their staff try to recreate a picture of what took place. We need to see what worked to improve our practice, give children what they need, and continue with that growth pattern.

Annette Kunze said it seemed like something happened between third and fourth grade.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano said that in third grade, students are learning to read. In fourth grade they are reading to learn. The other factor is class size changes from 20:1 to 30:1. She added that the current fourth graders probably had the most inconsistent learning experience due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They were the children who didn't finish first grade and attended second grade online. Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano said she debriefed with a principal after the principal met with her teaching staff. They had candid conversations about MAP results. Maybe what we've done in the past is not working for this group of kids because of what they experienced since first grade and perhaps they need to look at strategies that third grade uses, such as more small group instruction to meet the needs of this group. There are a lot of factors that contribute to what you see in fourth grade.

I. Routine Matters/New Business

212.413 Annette Kunze referenced the January 25, 2023 Special Board meeting and Study Session Minutes, where she and attorney Chris Keiner discussed the intent of Assembly Bill (AB) 992. Ms. Kunze provided a follow up to the discussion. She indicated that after the meeting, she sent the attorney her analysis of AB 992. This analysis is currently under review by Mr. Keiner, and the findings may come back to the Board for informational purposes.

Lois Yount acknowledged retirees Kimberlee Silveria and Patricia Solda, teachers, for their service.

Lois Yount highlighted the donations.

Traci Skinner made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Katherine Harper and unanimously carried.

a. Approval of the Agenda

**Consent
Calendar**

b. Minutes

- January 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- January 25, 2023 Special Board Meeting and Study Session

c. Payment of Warrants

- Vendor Warrants: 23392796-23392853; 23394159-23394210
- Payroll Warrants: 1/31/23; 1/13/23

d. Personnel

Resignations/Retirees			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Duran, David	Yard Supervisor	01/20/23	Marengo Ranch
Kluender, Karen	Food & Nutrition Assistant 2	02/03/23	Vernon E. Greer
Silveria, Kimberlee (Retirement 21 years)	Teacher	06/01/23	Vernon E. Greer
Solda, Patricia (Retirement 18 years)	Teacher	06/01/23	McCaffrey Middle

Leave of Absence Requests			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Freedman, Heidi	Teacher	01/03/23	McCaffrey Middle
Gribnau, Linda	Instructional Assistant	02/14/23	Lake Canyon
Imel, Breanne	Teacher	02/18/23	Marengo Ranch
Torres, Vanessa	Bright Future Learning Center Tech	01/30/23	Valley Oaks
Trujillo, Michelle	Transportation Supervisor	01/18/23	Transportation

Zamora, Leticia	Teacher	01/10/23	Valley Oaks
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New Hires/Reclassifications/Status Changes		
Name	Position	Site
Ayala, Carolina	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Bean, Ashley	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Bradley, Mckenzie	Instructional Assistant	Marengo Ranch
Cavanaugh, Penny	Classified Substitute	N/A
Doberneck, Tuesday	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Valley Oaks
Evans, Riley	Classified Substitute	N/A
Farren, Dereck	Classified Substitute	N/A
Guillen Madera, Karla	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Lake Canyon
Heidrich, Saber	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Little, Ryan	Classified Substitute	N/A
Schrader, Claudia	Short-Term Instructional Assistant	Roving
Taylor, Cheryl	Yard Supervisor	McCaffrey Middle
Woznick, Scott	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Young, Jacqueline	Yard Supervisor	Valley Oaks

e. Donations

- 212.414** Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration **CC Items Removed**
- 212.415** Traci Skinner made a motion to accept the Expulsion Panel recommendation regarding Student Expulsion No. 22/23-01, seconded by Annette Kunze and unanimously carried. **Student Matter**
- 212.416** Katherine Harper made a motion to accept the Expulsion Panel recommendation regarding Student Expulsion No. 22/23-02, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried. **Student Matter**
- 212.417** Annette Kunze made a motion to accept the Expulsion Panel recommendation regarding Student Expulsion No. 22/23-05, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried. **Student Matter**
- 212.418** Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the 2022-23 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 Traci Skinner and unanimously carried. **Safety Plans**

Annette Kunze commented regarding the Pandemic Flu Response portion of the Comprehensive Safety Plan regarding response to an emergency

announcement from the California Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Division. She suggested schools use more general language. Such as "information will be considered based on applicable public guidance and existing statutes to determine the course of action to be taken." The current language suggests school closure as a response to an emergency announcement.

Donna Whitlock, Educational Services Director, thanked Ms. Kunze for her comment. She indicated information related to the pandemic flu is mandated and is the most up-to-date information from the California Department of Education. Ms. Whitlock shared health and safety code language related to infectious diseases and the District's steps during the COVID-19 pandemic based on California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines.

Lois Yount stated that the pandemic flu information in the comprehensive safety plan is a recommendation to the District. The District does have some flexibility in what information is included. She indicated she would take direction from the Board on what they would like to do in this area.

Ms. Kunze stated the perception of having school closure as the first bulleted item, as a response to an emergency announcement by the CDPH, may not be good. The District could consider other alternatives first. After learning from the COVID-19 pandemic, she said that school closures are not good for children.

Board members concurred to approve the comprehensive safety plans with the current language related to the pandemic flu response and work on revised language for next year's safety plans taking into consideration Ms. Kunze's suggestion.

- 212.419** Lois Yount shared GJUESD enrollment trends. She indicated the District has been discussing declining enrollment for the last five years. Additionally, after speaking to city officials, residential developments in the community are very slow.

**Res 9 Cert
Layoff**

Ms. Yount said that Robert L. McCaffrey middle school has declined by 200 students since 2017 and these reductions are very difficult.

Traci Skinner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 – Resolution To Reduce Or Discontinue Particular Kinds Of Services (Certificated Layoff), seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried.

- 212.420** Traci Skinner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10 – Resolution To Reduce Particular Kinds Of Service And Abolish Classified Positions Due To Lack Of Work Or Lack Of Funds, seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried.

**Res 10 Class
Reduction**

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| 212.421 | Casey Raboy made a motion to approve the Agreement Between Galt Elementary Faculty Association and Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Regarding Article V, Hours and Article XIII, Class Size, seconded by Annette Kunze and unanimously carried. | GEFA Agreement |
| 212.422 | Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the General Education Teacher Job Description, seconded by Wesley Cagle and unanimously carried. | Teacher Job Desc |
| 212.423 | Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Plan, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried. | Arts Music Inst Mat Grant |
| 212.424 | Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the 2023-24 E-rate Service Provider Comcast Business Communications, LLC Proposal, seconded by Casey Raboy and unanimously carried. | E-rate Provider |
| 212.425 | Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the Disposal of a Surplus Vehicle Through a Public Auction, seconded by Traci Skinner and unanimously carried. | Surplus Vehicle |
| 212.426 | Casey Raboy made a motion to approve the following Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and Bylaw, seconded by Annette Kunze and unanimously carried. | Policies |

Superintendent

1. BP/AR 5131.7 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
2. BB 9323 – Meeting Conduct

Educational Services

3. BP/AR 0430 – Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education
4. AR 5141.3 Health Examinations
5. BP/AR 5148.2 Before/After School Programs
 - with minor edits reflecting GJUESD specific grade levels and program updates
6. BP/AR 5148.3 Preschool/Early Childhood Education

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| 212.427 | The 2023 CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot for Sub-Region 6B (Sacramento County) did not carry due to a lack of a motion. | CSBA Delegate Ballot |
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J. Public Comments

There were no public comments

K. Pending Agenda Items

At this time, Principals and Assistant Principals shared events on their school calendars.

L. Adjournment 8:55 p.m.

Board Approved: March 15, 2023