

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

Special Board Meeting

June 16, 2026

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

1018 C Street, Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632

Zoom Meeting ID:

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Board Members

Katherine Harper
Casey Raboy - Absent
Annette Kunze
Wesley Cagle
Matthew Ward

Administrators

Lois Yount
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Kuljeet Nijjar
Alejandra Garibay

- A. Open Session Location:** Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Conference Room
- B. 6:01 p.m.** – Katherine Harper called the Open Session to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the flag salute.
- C.** Lois Yount shared the **Board Meeting Protocol**.
- D. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda**
There were no public comments.

242.725 A Public Hearing and Board Review of the GJUESD 2026-27 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) was held. There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
HEARING

Lois Yount, Superintendent, shared some of the following highlights from the 2025-26 school year:

- Transitional Kindergarten Enrollment
 - Full implementation for all eligible four year old students serving 174 students.
- Dual Language Enrollment
 - Program continues to grow enrollment, extending to grade 3 next school year at Valley Oaks Elementary.
- Expanded Learning Program
 - Served over 570 TK-8th grade students.
- Mental Health Services
 - Six clinicians and one family navigator to support all students and families.
- Measure H
 - New playground structure at Greer Elementary
 - New playground structures scheduled for River Oaks and Valley Oaks Elementary Schools.
 - Administrative building expansion beginning at Valley Oaks Elementary

- CA Distinguished School Award
 - McCaffrey Middle School for closing the achievement gap.
- Future Farmers of America (FFA) Program
 - AG and FFA continue to grow. Nine students showed animals at the Sacramento County Fair and three students earned special accolades.
- Curriculum Adoption
 - Full Option Science System (FOSS) Next Generation Science Curriculum.
- Kitchen Upgrades
 - Modernized kitchen operations through the replacement and addition of high-performance, energy-efficient equipment.

Kuljeet Nijjar, Educational Services Director, provided a summary of the LCAP. She indicated feedback was solicited from educational partners, including students, families, staff, and community members, through multiple opportunities. She shared the overarching questions and resulting feedback, which included the following:

1. What is key to supporting academic growth?
2. What is key to supporting staff growth and motivation?
3. What is key to improving safety at school?
4. What is key to improving student engagement?
5. What is key to improving parent participation?
6. Additional Ideas or Feedback

The feedback will be shared with the administration team for reflection. Ms. Nijjar added that she met with students in grades 5 and 6 this year. She indicated their feedback included a desire for more hands-on opportunities, clubs, and outside learning opportunities. More meaningful learning opportunities were prevalent. Students also said they felt safe at school.

Alejandra Garibay, Chief Business Official, reviewed the Parent Budget Overview. She indicated it aligns with the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and that this document was created to summarize the LCAP budget components.

Kuljeet Nijjar said this is the 2nd year of the 3-year LCAP cycle. She addressed the priority areas aligned with the LCFF and shared the LCAP. Ms. Nijjar said the data sets reflect last year's California Dashboard and show growth in all areas. Additionally, the data sets are broken down by student groups to identify discrepancies.

Ms. Nijjar reported a change to the following metrics for Goal 1:

- Metric 1.2: MAP Math assessment will be discontinued and replaced with iReady Math assessment.
- Metric 1.4: MAP Reading assessment will be discontinued and replaced with iReady Reading assessment.
- Metric 1.12: With the implementation of full transitional kindergarten for all eligible four year olds. The District will no longer report out on preschool assessments.

There are no changes to Goal 2.

- 242.726 A public hearing of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) 2026-27 Budget was held. There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
HEARING

Alejandra Garibay, Chief Business Official, reported. She provided an overview of the budget. The overview included:

- COLA
- Employee Retirement Systems
- Enrollment/ADA Projections
- Unduplicated Pupil Percentage
- State Funding

Ms. Garibay noted that the budget is based on projected enrollment at the time the budget is completed. She said the District has since seen an increase in enrollment. Currently, the District is expecting 90 fewer students than at this time last year.

Matthew Ward asked if surrounding school districts are experiencing declining enrollment. Ms. Garibay said yes; they have been experiencing declining enrollment over the last couple of years. This is the first year the GJUESD has experienced a more significant decline in enrollment.

Annette Kunze acknowledged the school district for being good stewards of public dollars. She also appreciates the report addressing the uncertainty of revenue numbers at the state level.

Ms. Kunze asked how the new maternity leave benefit for teachers is addressed in the budget. Ms. Garibay described how districts calculate an approximate amount for teachers and classified staff, as the new benefit applies to classified staff also. She said the final language for the benefit should be released on July 14, 2026.

- E. **Public Comments** for topics not on the agenda
There were no public comments.
- F. **Pending Agenda Items**
- G. **Adjournment** 7:03 p.m.

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