

# Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

## Regular Meeting

June 17, 2026

Location: Galt City Hall Chamber

380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632

Zoom Meeting ID:

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## Board Members

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

Lois Yount  
Kuljeet Nijjar  
Alejandra Garibay  
Stephanie Simonich  
Leah Wheeler

## Administrators

Joshua Saldate  
Laura Marquez  
Jessica Rogers  
John Lyman  
Crystal Grooms  
Adam McLearn

- A. Closed Session Location:** Galt City Hall Chamber Conference Room
- B. AT 6:00 p.m., Katherine Harper announced items to be discussed in Closed Session, Adjourn to Closed Session.**
1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Government Code §54957.6  
Agency Negotiator: Lois Yount, Kuljeet Nijjar, Alejandra Garibay, Stephanie Simonich
    - Employee Agency: (GEFA) Galt Elementary Faculty Association
    - Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employees Association
    - Unrepresented Employees
- C. The Closed Session was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Katherine Harper called the open meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.** She announced no action was taken in closed session, followed by the flag salute.
- D.** Lois Yount shared the **Board Meeting Protocol**. She indicated that the protocol would be revised, beginning with the August 2026 regular meeting, to remove the email public comment option.
- E. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda**
1. Veronica Kaufman addressed the Board regarding BP 6142.1 Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
  2. Hilda Jimenez addressed the Board regarding the California Healthy Youth Act: Comprehensive Sexual Health Education
- F. Reports**
- LCAP GOAL 1**  
*Engaging all learners with a focus on academic rigor using inclusive practices in a variety of learning environments.*
1. **Spring District Assessment Data**
    - District Reading Assessments (DRA) End of the Year Results, June 2026
    - Measures of Academic Progress (MAP): Reading

– iReady Diagnostic: Math

Stephanie Simonich, Curriculum Director, reported that across the District, 65 % of students met all District Reading Assessments (DRA) and each school site was near or above 60%, meeting all benchmarks. She indicated the growth goal is to increase DRA results by 10% each year. She shared some of the results and highlighted areas of growth at Lake Canyon, Marengo Ranch and Greer Elementary.

Ms. Simonich reported on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). She shared the percent of student groups meeting the 60th percentile in reading and added that it is a good indicator of students likely to meet or exceed expected achievement levels on state assessments. Ms. Simonich said next year's MAP reading assessment will be replaced by iReady and will include kindergarten, a change from the MAP assessment. She shared some MAP highlights and indicated that principals are preparing for the beginning of year academic conferences using this information.

Katherine Harper asked if iReady Math scores are comparable to MAP; specifically, is the District seeing similar performance trends?

Ms. Simonich said there was a strong correlation between winter MAP scores and SBAC scores and she is hopeful that there is a strong correlation with iReady as well.

## **2. 2025-26 CA School Dashboard Local Performance Indicators**

Stephanie Simonich, Curriculum Director, reported on the following indicators:

- Priority 1: Appropriately Assigned Teachers, Access to Curriculum-Aligned Instructional Materials, and Safe, Clean, and Functional School Facilities. Ms. Simonich said the California Department of Education (CDE) has not yet updated Dataquest Appropriately Assigned Teachers for the 2024-25 school year. This indicator will be reported at the next regular board meeting.
- Priority 2: Implementation of State Academic Standards. Ms. Simonich said rubrics are given to Administrators to complete. She indicated there is an overall score and a rating scale from 1 (exploration) to 5 (full implementation and sustainability). She shared the resulting ratings, indicating some 3s (Initial Implementation) for the Career Technical Education and Health Education Content Standards.

Kuljeet Nijjar, Educational Services Director, reported on the following indicators:

- Priority 3: Parental Involvement and Family Engagement. Ms. Nijjar said this indicator considers three areas. The first area is how a school district builds relationships between schools and families. She indicated that the District uses the Healthy Kids surveys completed in the spring to gather information and feedback from the community and shared some of the survey results to confirm the District is meeting the item area. The second area addresses how the District partners for student outcomes. Again, she cited the survey results to confirm the District is meeting the item area. The third area requires the District to seek input for decision-making with the parent community. She again referenced the survey results to confirm that the District is meeting the item area, as well as the LCAP feedback sessions and advisory committee feedback.
- Priority 6: School Climate. Ms. Nijjar referenced the survey results to confirm the District is meeting the item area. Areas the District continues to monitor and address through actions and services include meaningful participation and students reporting that school is boring.

Stephanie Simonich reported on Priority Area 7:

- Priority 7: Access to a Broad Course of Study. Ms. Simonich reported that this essentially ensures that schools provide a well-rounded education, preparing students for the future. She said the District uses the Williams review process to validate access for all student groups. Additionally, the middle school just completed a master schedule to support this priority.

3. **2025-26 Fairsite State Preschool Program Self-Evaluation**

Laura Marquez, Fairsite Principal, reported that the goal of Fairsite is to prepare children for kindergarten. She indicated that this year's preschool staff consisted of three general education teachers and six instructional assistants. Special education had four teachers and ten instructional assistants, and school readiness staff. Ms. Marquez then shared information on enrollment and playgroup participation. She then presented a snapshot of Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) where she highlighted two of the multiple assessment measures used. Ms. Marquez said areas for growth are language, literacy development and instructional support and areas of strength include emotional support and classroom organization.

Ms. Marquez said the preschool parent survey indicated parents are overall satisfied with the quality of the program. She indicated they received feedback from families about not receiving information on how children develop at different ages. An area that she plans to address. She then shared pictures of the program.

Lois Yount added that a representative from the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), Director of Early Learning, who visited the transitional kindergarten program at Fairsite, reported that the early literacy program at Fairsite is a very good program and could be a model program.

**OTHER REPORTS**

1. **California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly | May 16-17, 2026**

Annette Kunze, Board Member and CSBA Delegate, reported that she attends two delegate meetings per year. She indicated that a big focus of CSBA is a sponsored four-bill package called SOS for Student Achievement. Ms. Kunze said that Local Education Agencies (LEA) are held responsible for student achievement but there's a feeling, generally, that the state itself does not have an accountability measure at the statewide level. The four bills are designed to address this. They work in tandem to create a plan, align it with the state budget, and establish a commission to oversee it. She indicated that this package will go to the Senate Education Committee next week. If it passes, it will go to the Governor for signature. A toolkit is available if anyone has questions. Ms. Kunze said part of the assembly meetings included breakout groups. She said she is part of the strength and local governance group that discusses ideas and puts forward the ones that "rise to the top" from the group discussions.

The next step is for the delegate assembly to vote on them. One idea would make it easier for districts to make facility improvements or repairs without some of the stricter requirements and regulations. Another huge topic for the assembly is streamlining reporting and credentialing requirements. There was also a lot of talk about funding Average Daily Attendance (ADA) versus funding based on enrollment.

Ms. Kunze indicated there was no discussion about *Mirabelli v. Bonta*. She said that seemed to be a pretty large gaping hole in the discussion, given the United States Supreme Court decision but they did talk about some other impactful cases. She said there is one related to sovereign immunity and whether a local school district can be sued. Depending on this case, it could be pretty big. (*Kluwe v. Huntington Beach Union High School District*) There's another one that deals with the statute of limitations, where they found in favor of the school district. (*JR v. Ventura Unified School District*) She added that there was a lot of discussion about the Proposition 98 maneuvers and about encouraging people to speak out about that. They also discussed a couple of legislative items, one related to substitute teachers (AB 2490). That was put forth previously but vetoed by the governor. This bill is a newer version of that bill, designed to address the items the governor included in his veto message. Then there's also one related to inter-district transfers. Due to some discontent with this piece of legislation, CSBA worked with the author to modify it so it could move forward as well.

Ms. Kunze said she learned she is supposed to recruit CSBA delegates, so if anyone wants to join the fun, definitely consider it when the elections come up. She said the next delegate meeting is in December, right before the annual CSBA education conference.

Katherine Harper asked if there is a limit to the number of delegates. Annette Kunze was not sure but that the information could be brought back to the Board. [Note: delegates are selected by geographical regions except in significantly larger districts]

2. **California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference (AEC) 2026**

Lois Yount reported that the CSBA AEC is scheduled for Dec. 3-5, 2026, in San Diego, CA, and that she would reach out to board members individually to see if they would like to attend. She indicated she and one cabinet member would also attend.

Katherine Harper noted Anna Trunnell, GHSD Superintendent, is on the planning committee.

**G. Routine Matters/New Business**

242.727 Lois Yount highlighted the retirees and donations.

Annette Kunze thanked Lois Yount for correcting her comments about the location of an event for the minutes from the last board meeting.

Lois Yount provided an overview of the agreements on the consent calendar.

Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Matthew Ward. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 ayes.

a. Approval of the Agenda

**Consent  
Calendar**

b. Minutes

▪ May 20, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting

- c. Payment of Warrants
- Payroll Warrants: 5/29/26
  - Vendor Warrants: 26657211-26657250; 26657818-26657819; 26658594-26658680; 26660842-77014510; 26662435-77014583

d. Personnel

| Resignations/Retirees                 |                                              |                |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Name                                  | Position                                     | Effective Date | Site                       |
| Ayala Carrillo, Guadalupe             | Instructional Assistant / Bilingual          | 05/28/2026     | Vernon E. Greer            |
| Cannon, Jodie                         | Art Teacher                                  | 06/03/2026     | Robert L. McCaffrey Middle |
| Cruz, Lizeth                          | Expanded Learning Site Coordinator           | 06/08/2026     | Fairsite                   |
| Dymond, Brian (Retirement, 23 years)  | Custodian                                    | 6/11/26        | Lake Canyon                |
| Ekstrom, Linda (Retirement, 31 years) | Teacher                                      | 06/03/2026     | Lake Canyon                |
| Fuentes, Briana                       | Special Education Instructional Assistant II | 06/03/2026     | Vernon E. Greer            |
| Haren, April (Retirement 26 years)    | Administrative Assistant                     | 06/30/2026     | District Office            |
| Kendall, Kristin                      | Teacher                                      | 06/03/2026     | Valley Oaks                |
| Lopez, Angie                          | Instructional Assistant                      | 05/28/2026     | Lake Canyon                |
| Pamplona, Adriana                     | Expanded Learning Program Site Assistant     | 06/03/2026     | Marengo Ranch              |
| Pamplona, Ariana                      | Expanded Learning Program Site Assistant     | 06/03/2026     | Marengo Ranch              |
| Pineda Macedo, Diana                  | Food & Nutrition Assistant I                 | 5/29/2026      | Lake Canyon                |
| Quintana, Abby                        | Special Education Instructional Assistant I  | 06/03/2026     | Valley Oaks                |
| Rose-Dorward, Holly                   | Teacher                                      | 06/03/2026     | Vernon E. Greer            |
| Salim, Samia                          | BFLC Technician                              | 06/09/2026     | Vernon E. Greer            |
| Tranum, Angela                        | Expanded Learning Program Site Assistant     | 06/03/2026     | Marengo Ranch              |
| Walton, Kim (Retirement, 23 years)    | Secretary II                                 | 06/12/2026     | McCaffrey Middle           |

| Leave of Absence Requests |                                    |                |               |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Name                      | Position                           | Effective Date | Site          |
| Bachmann, Madeline        | Expanded Learning Site Coordinator | 05/26/2026     | Marengo Ranch |

| New Hires/Reclassifications/Status Changes |              |                  |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Name                                       | Position     | Site             |
| Carrillo, Ingrid (status change)           | Secretary II | McCaffrey Middle |

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Harris, Tyler                    | Teacher, Social Studies                      | McCaffrey Middle |
| Hernandez, Daniela               | Expanded Learning Program Site Assistant     | District Wide    |
| Levin, Bryan                     | Yard Supervisor                              | McCaffrey Middle |
| Lopez de la Cruz, Rosa           | Yard Supervisor                              | Vernon E. Greer  |
| Martinez, Yasmine                | Expanded Learning Program Site Assistant     | McCaffrey Middle |
| Martinez-Hernandez, Jennifer     | Classified Substitute                        | N/A              |
| Mclemore, Danielle               | Classified Substitute                        | N/A              |
| Rice, Jessica                    | Special Education Instructional Assistant II | Vernon E. Greer  |
| Rodriguez, Fatima                | Classified Substitute                        | N/A              |
| Valencia, Isabel (status change) | Secretary I                                  | McCaffrey Middle |

e. Donations

Valley Oaks

Mary Lou Rios donated a wardrobe consisting of 12 skirt-and-blouse ensembles along with hats and masks valued at \$1,850.00 to the Kindergarten Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program classrooms of Kindergarten teachers Ms. Mendez and Ms. Carrillo-Ambriz.

Marengo Ranch

Marengo Ranch Parent-Teacher Kids Club donated \$25,000.00 toward a new kindergarten playground.

f. Sale And Disposal of Obsolete/Surplus Equipment/Supplies

| Item                     | Serial #     | Model #   | Assets # | School Site | Functioning | Lot                     |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Blodgett Convection Oven | 071205EA007S | DFG-200-L | None     | Lake Canyon | Yes         | Still installed at site |
| Blodgett Convection Oven | 091305EA020S | DFG-200-L | None     | Lake Canyon | Yes         | Still installed at site |
| Groen Steamer            | 6G38918VS    | HY-6G     | None     | Lake Canyon | Yes         | Still installed at site |
| U.S. Gas Range           | C836-7-0073  | C836-7    | None     | Lake Canyon | Yes         | Still installed at site |
| True Reach In Fridge     |              | T-49      | 2214     | River Oaks  | Yes         | Wheel comes off         |

| Description            | Estimated Condition | School Site | Reason item is obsolete |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Marching bass drums  | Good                | Greer       | Not needed anymore      |
| 11 Marching Snare/Toms | Good                | Greer       | Not needed anymore      |
| 2 Snare Cases          | Good                | Greer       | Not needed anymore      |
| 7 Electric Keyboards   | Good                | Greer       | Not needed anymore      |
| Chimes                 |                     | Greer       | Old, got a new set      |
| Trombone               | Very poor           | Greer       | Old and broken          |
| Microphone Stand       | Good                | Greer       | Not needed anymore      |

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|         | g. 2026-27 Post Retirement Consultant Agreement for Environmental Education – John Durand                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                        |
|         | h. San Joaquin County Office of Education SEIS Billing Services Agreement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                        |
|         | i. Dannis Woliver Kelley (DWK) 2026- 2028 Agreement for Professional Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                        |
|         | j. Lozano Smith Agreement for Legal Service Effective July 1, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                        |
| 242.728 | Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration<br>No items were removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>CC Items<br/>Removed</b>            |
| 242.729 | Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) 2026-27 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), seconded by Wesley Cagle. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>LCAP</b>                            |
| 242.730 | Matthew Ward made a motion to approve the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) 2026-27 Budget, seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Budget</b>                          |
| 242.731 | Katherine Harper made a motion to approve Resolution #14: Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Designating Certain General Funds as Committed Fund Balance, seconded by Matthew Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Res. 14<br/>Committed<br/>Funds</b> |
| 242.732 | Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Education Protection Act Use of Funds, seconded by Matthew Ward. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>EPA Funds</b>                       |
| 242.733 | Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Consolidated Application, seconded by Wesley Cagle. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Con<br/>App</b>                     |
| 242.734 | School administration highlighted an action or strategy from their school's SPSA.<br><br>Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Fairsite Elementary, Lake Canyon Elementary, Marengo Ranch Elementary, Robert L. McCaffrey Middle, River Oaks Elementary, Valley Oaks Elementary, and Vernon E. Greer Elementary. The motion was seconded by Wesley Cagle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes. | <b>SPSA</b>                            |
| 242.735 | Matthew Ward made a motion to approve Foss (Full Option Science System) Next Generation Science Curriculum, seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Science<br/>Adoption</b>            |
| 242.736 | Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Expulsion Panel, seconded by Wesley Cagle. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Expulsion<br/>Panel</b>             |

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| 242.737 | Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the General Contractor for Site Work for Portable Classrooms at River Oaks Elementary School, seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Gen Contractor<br/>RO</b> |
| 242.738 | Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Lease-Leaseback Contract for Valley Oaks Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room Restroom and Administration Building Additions, seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                                                                                                                           | <b>VO LLB</b>                |
| 242.739 | Lois Yount provided an overview of Board Policies BP/AR 6142.1 and BP/AR 6142.8, noting that changes are necessary to comply with a new court decision (Mahmoud v. Taylor). A first reading was held on May 20, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Board Policies</b>        |
|         | Lois Yount also provided an overview of BB/E 9250, which approves an increase in Board Member compensation and health insurance contribution due to recent legislation, noting that the stipend has not been increased since 2019. The monthly compensation will increase from \$240 to \$550, and the health benefit cap will increase from \$625 to \$850. Effective August 2026.   |                              |
|         | Annette Kunze commented on board compensation. She appreciates that they have taken a judicious approach and not taken the maximum allowed. Also, feels it is important that policies related to Mahmoud v. Taylor be updated.                                                                                                                                                        |                              |
|         | Ms. Kunze asked if the sexual health instructional materials would be brought back to the board for action. Ms. Yount said it would be brought back as a presentation for the Board.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              |
|         | Wesley Cagle asked what action surrounding districts have taken on board member compensation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                              |
|         | Lois Yount said that Elk Grove Unified School District took action to increase its monthly compensation to the maximum amount. She said she does not know what action the Galt High School District has taken but she believes other districts have already increased the compensation. Her recommendation is to take a conservative approach to increasing the monthly compensation. |                              |
|         | Alejandra Garibay provided an overview of BP 3400, indicating a change was needed to the capitalization threshold for equipment and other tangible assets per the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE).                                                                                                                                                                       |                              |
|         | Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the Board Policies, seconded by Matthew Ward. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                              |
|         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BP/AR 6142.1 Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction</li> <li>2. BP/AR 6142.8 Comprehensive Health Education</li> <li>3. BP 3400 Management of District Assets/Accounts</li> <li>4. BB/E 9250 Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits</li> </ol>                                                                          |                              |



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| 242.740 | Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Initial Public Notice to Galt Elementary Faculty Association (GEFA) PUBLIC NOTICE/"SUNSHINE" for the 2026-2027 School Year, seconded by Annette Kunze. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes.                              | GJUESD to<br>GEFA Public<br>Notice |
|         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Article VII: Evaluation Procedures</li> <li>2. Article XXVI: Summer School/Supplemental Instructional Programs (ESY/Migrant Education)</li> <li>3. Appendix A: Salary Schedules</li> <li>4. Appendix B: Fringe Benefits</li> </ol>                                          |                                    |
| 242.741 | Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Initial Public Notice to California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Galt Chapter #362 PUBLIC NOTICE/"SUNSHINE" for the 2026-2027 School Year, seconded by Wesley Cagle. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes. | GJUESD to<br>CSEA Public<br>Notice |
|         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Article VIII: Employee Performance Evaluation</li> <li>2. Article XV: Transportation (Fieldtrips)</li> <li>3. Article XIX Fringe Benefits</li> <li>4. Article XX Wages</li> </ol>                                                                                           |                                    |
| 242.742 | The Galt Elementary Faculty Association (GEFA) shared their Initial Public Notice (Sunshine) to the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District for the 2026-2027 School Year. There were no public comments.                                                                                                         | GEFA<br>PUBLIC<br>NOTICE           |
|         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Article V: Hours</li> <li>2. Article XIII: Class Size</li> <li>3. Article XIV: Peer Assistant Review</li> <li>4. Article XXI: Part-Time</li> <li>5. Article XXIII: Preschool Permit</li> </ol>                                                                              |                                    |
| 242.743 | California School Employees Association and its Galt Chapter #362 (CSEA) shared their Initial Public Notice (Sunshine) to Galt Joint Union Elementary School District for the 2026-2027 School Year. There were no public comments.                                                                                   | CSEA<br>PUBLIC<br>NOTICE           |
|         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Article XX: Wages/Appendix B (salary schedule)</li> <li>2. Article XIX: Fringe Benefits</li> <li>3. Article XXVII: Community-Based Programs</li> </ol>                                                                                                                      |                                    |

**H. Public Comments**

There were no additional public comments.

**I. Pending Agenda Items**

**Board Comments**

Annette Kunze wished everyone a Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday for America.

Katherine Harper said she hopes everyone gets some rest over the summer.

**J. Adjournment 8:35 p.m.**

**Board Approved: August 19, 2026**