Jefferson School District

Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
March 08, 2022

Present: Phil Raya, President; Brian Jackman, Vice President; Pete Carlson, Clerk; Debbie Wingo, Member; Jim Bridges, Superintendent

In attendance: Emily Stroup, Director of Human Resources; Monica Emeldi, Director of Special Education; Sarah Steen, Curriculum Coordinator; Tessa Bunch, Christina Orsi, Ken Silman, Alyssa Wooten, Principals; Celli Coeville, Administrative Assistant

I. OPEN SESSION

a. Call to Order at 4:40 PM
b. Roll Call to Establish Quorum – Mr. Jackman arrived late to Closed Session
c. Approval of Agenda-
d. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

MSA (Carlson/Wingo) – Approve agenda as presented

Ayes – 4	Nays – 0	Absent – 1	Abstain – 0
Carlson,		Jackman	
Raya, Wingo			

e. Closed Session Adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing matters expressly authorized by Government Codes 3549.1, 54956.7, 54956.8, 54956.9, 54956.95,54957, 54957.8, Education Codes 49079(c), 48912, 48918

f. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

II. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 6:33 PM

Welcome from Board President Mr. Raya
Pledge of Allegiance
Superintendent's Report – Dr. Bridges announced that in the past month the District has seen a steady decline of COVID cases in the District. In January we were averaging over 100 cases per week and in the past month this has declined to 8 cases per week. This past week the District had 5 cases. So far this week, we only have 1 case.

Dr. Bridges provided a quick update on Corral Hollow Elementary School. The District has received responses from five modular construction companies. Dr. Bridges will be meeting with PJHM architects, and our inspector on March 14, 2022 to review the proposals and prepare a presentation for the developers. Dr. Bridges had the pleasure of meeting with a number Tracy Hills residents to discuss Corral Hollow Elementary School. He appreciated the opportunity to hear their perspectives and open the line of communication with the community.

Finally, Dr. Bridges was pleased to announce that the District is continuing to work with McRel on Classroom Instruction that Works and classroom walkthroughs.

In Closed Session-

MSA (Wingo/Carlson) - For certificated employees, the Board approved the employee #'s 12280, 12281, 12282, 12283,12284, 12285, 12286, 12287, 12288, 12289, 12290, 12291, 12292, 12293, 12294, 12295 and 12296; the Board approved classified employee #'s 12297, 12298, 12299, 12300, 12301, 12302, 12303, 12304, 12305, and 12306

Ayes – 4	Nays – 0	Absent – 0	Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman			
Raya, Wingo			

Resolution 2022-03-02
MSA (Jackman/Carlson) approve Resolution 2022-03-02
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

Student Hearing 2022-03-01

On a Motion by Board Member Mrs. Wingo and Seconded by Board Member Mr. Jackman

It is moved that the Board of Trustees expel Student No. 2022-03-01 from all schools in the District for violations(s) of Education Code section 48900(b)/48915(a.2) through the third trimester of the 2021-2022 school year based upon the stipulated expulsion agreed to by the parents and the District.

It is further moved that the Board conclude that:

a) Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct.

[and/or]

b) Due to the nature of the offense, the Pupil's presence causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the Pupil or others.

In support of these conclusions, it is moved that the Board make the findings of fact which were discussed by the Board and contained in the stipulated expulsion agreement.

It is further moved:

1. That Pupil 2022-03-01 shall be reviewed on or after May 26, 2022 for readmission to a District school for the 2022-2023 school year.

2. That Pupil shall be subject to the rehabilitation plan recommended by the District.

3. That the Board suspend the enforcement of the expulsion if Pupil agrees to comply with the terms of this suspension of the expulsion order, he/she shall be allowed to attend the San Joaquin County Office of Education Independent Study Program on continued suspended enforcement (the expulsion order would still be in effect) through May 26, 2022.

4. That the authority to determine whether Student 2022-03-01 is in compliance with such conditions and to revoke the suspended enforcement of this order without further hearing be delegated to the Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote:
MSA (Wingo/Jackman)
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

Student Hearing 2022-03-02

On a Motion by Board Member Mr. Jackman and Seconded by Board Member Mr. Carlson

It is moved that the Board of Trustees expel Student No. 2022-03-02 from all schools in the District for violations(s) of Education Code section 48900(b)/48915(a.2) through the first trimester of the 2022-2023 school year based upon the stipulated expulsion agreed to by the parents and the District.

It is further moved that the Board conclude that:

a) Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct.

[and/or]

b) Due to the nature of the offense, the Pupil's presence causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the Pupil or others.

In support of these conclusions, it is moved that the Board make the findings of fact which were discussed by the Board and contained in the stipulated expulsion agreement.

It is further moved:

1. That Pupil 2022-03-02 shall be reviewed on or after November 4, 2022 for readmission to a District school for the second and third trimester of the 2022-2023 school year.

2. That Pupil shall be subject to the rehabilitation plan recommended by the District.

3. That the Board refer Pupil 2022-03-02 to the San Joaquin Community Day School or Independent Study Program through November 4, 2022.

4. That the authority to determine whether Student No. 2022-03-02 is in compliance with such conditions and can be reinstated into the District without further hearing be delegated to the Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote:
MSA (Jackman/Carlson)
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – There were three comment cards for items not on the agenda.

Robyn Forester/Parent:
My name is Robyn Forester and I just wanted to talk a little bit about the COVID measures and the mandates that are coming down. I'm glad that the masks have finally been removed it's a little too late personally for this policy for our kids. I wanted to go over some CDC information about the COVID vaccine. I'm not sure if you guys realize how insignificant the risk is of COVID death is in our kids. I'm not sure if you guys are aware of the CDC. Basically the CDC, this is per the CDC, the COVID deaths in kids was about 300 annually, 300 annually. So out of 60 million kids ages 5-10 that's one in 200,000. Half of those kids, per the CDC again, half of those kids were classified as hospitalized were actually there for other conditions and just happened to test positive. They didn't die of COVID they happened to have COVID at the time. Kids are more likely to die from car accidents, commit suicide, being murdered, drowned, be accidentally poisoned, get cancer, or die of heart disease. COVID does not actually even get ranked in deaths in kids, it's not even top 10. Do you want to know that the first one is? It's number 2 actually in ages 15-19 is suicide. 20 times higher than death with COVID not death from COVID. There are 9 million children under 18 in California. There were 6,202 all cause deaths, 63 of those involved COVID, not from COVID. So, statistically speaking death involving COVID mortality rate for kids under 18 0.0007 percent. For over 700 days, 700 days we've placed this burden on our children. The burden of protecting adults that are hypochondriacs for these children. Children should never protect adults, ever. So for over 700 days with statistically 0 % risk, we need to end the nonsense and refuse these vaccines. They are not safe, they are not necessary. I am asking you guys to please, please send letters, send emails, call our legislators, and refuse, refuse these mandates on our children. It should always be a choice. Where there is risk there must be choice. Please call them, let them know your name, let them know who you are, commit to opposition, and protect these kids. These mandates

that are coming down are in Senate right now. Senate Bill 871 requiring children 0-17 to be vaccinated to go to school. Senate Bill 866 allows kids 12-17 to be vaccinated without parental consent. Do you think that your 12-year old knows her family history and can tell you if she's had any adverse reactions to anything? Do you think she or he has the knowledge to provide that to a caregiver? Do you think that it's right that a caregiver can do that and not tell you? What if your child comes home and is sick from an adverse reaction and you don't know how to help them because you don't know what happened? Senate Bill 1749 requires schools to continue testing. I personally am not going to allow my children to be tested anymore. My 8-year old was tested so much in January and February she had sores inside of her nose. She's 8. The Pfizer vaccine has been proven to be only 12% effective against Omicron in kids 5-11. If our kids had 12% in school, we would flunk them out of school. 12% that's ineffective. I don't know if you saw the Pfizer pages the documents that they just released, that they wanted to wait 75 years to release. Most of us will be dead by then. 75 years to tell us the adverse reactions and adverse events. You guys they just released part of them and 9 pages of them are adverse reactions. We should be asking more questions. We should be allowed a choice. So again, I'm asking you guys please, please make your opposition known to our legislators and please stand up for these kids. Thank you.

Ashley Negron/Parent:
Hi, good evening. My name is Ashley and I am a parent at Monticello. Over the last 2 years our children have been negatively impacted due to COVID, the COVID measures that you have implemented. Their educational, mental and social health have been severely delayed and now we being forced to make a decision to pull our kids out of school due to this experimental vaccine. Our children have suffered the most and remain the least effected. In San Joaquin County we've had 1 death of a child with COVID. Bills like SB 871 to mandate the emergency use authorization of COVID vaccine in public school while removing the religious and personal choice exemptions, and SB 1479 to continue testing would make sense if our children were actually in harm's way. They are not. Bills like SB 866 that allows 12+ to vaccine without parental consent, is exactly what I was afraid of when I contacted Jim at the beginning of the school year. These bills are arbitrary as there is no scientific evidence that requiring the COVID vaccines in all children in California will reduce infection, transmission and severity of cases and number of deaths within our schools or community. If these bills pass in our state it would only further cause the divide and discrimination some of us have already experienced over the last 2 years. 27% of teens and 62% of children ages 5-11 are not vaccinated. That's a lot of children to lose. This could lead to independent study programs being overwhelmed. Children or children leaving the public school system entirely. I urge to all to make the decision or to have the discussion to make the decision. Please reach out to your assemblymen, congress members and let them know the Jefferson School District decides that they will be standing with parents and parent's choice to vaccinate. I'm concerned that children will not be able to experience school like we did. We were taught not to treat each other differently based on our personal religious beliefs or on the way somebody looks. Now we taking away their right to a free in person education based on their medical status. I know I am not alone in my feelings this is the fullest I've seen it here. And health is not a one size fits all. We are no longer in a state of emergency and it is time that you take a stand for our children. Please do not let my family be another family to leave California. Please stand up for our children's personal, medical and religious beliefs. We are informed, we do not consent and we are the parents, we call the shots. Thank you.

Damanjeet Singh:
Hi everyone, good evening. This is Damanjeet and I am representing the Tracy Hills community. Thank you, Mr. Jim, for meeting the private group the other day. And thank you for the current update as well because that was one of major points I wanted to discuss is, are we on plan for the architectural review that was promised by the end of March or early April? So thanks for the quick update that we are on plan. There are a few other pointers that the families wanted me to address here. One was the intersection that comes to these schools there is a stop sign. This is more not the responsibility of the Jefferson School District but could be taken up with the city. So if there can be traffic signals in that area appointed which can actually help ease the traffic in and out, is one pointer. And there was also something that was brought up by the Ellis community and also Tracy Hills the trains that are passing, maybe they have a policy or ask for the legal rules that they have to honk while they are passing through the communities. That is asked for a lot if that maybe can be made as a quiet zone. This was something that we wanted to bring up, maybe again that you can help with. Again finally to request again on the school that we as parents of Tracy Hills are definitely

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looking at having the school up and ready really soon. I know that you are trying your best, this is what I wanted to talk about today. Thank you.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – Regular Board Meeting February 8, 2022
4.2 Warrants – February 2022
4.3 Financials – February 2022

MSA (Jackman/Wingo) approve the consent agenda as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

V. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

5.1 Student Enrollment – The District continues to grow enrollment; we have gained over 40 students from last month.

VI. PERSONNEL SERVICES

6.1 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar

MSA (Jackman/Carlson) approve the 2022-23 Instructional Calendar as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

6.2 Update to Intervention Program Specialist (TOSA/RTI) Job Description Title

MSA (Carlson/Wingo) approve the Update to Intervention Program Specialist (TOSA/RTI) Job Description Title as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

6.3 New Job Description and Salary Placement, Special Education Program Specialist- Dr. Bridges provided some background for this position. We currently have a Director of Special Education. The past few directors we've had in the District have expressed concern that we need an additional layer of administration and help as the District has a growing population of special education students. This position would help support the Director of Student Services and Special Education. At this point we are waiting for the results of our interviews but wanted this job available in case we choose to hire someone for this position.

MSA (Jackman/Wingo) approve the New Job Description and Salary Placement, Special Education Program Specialist as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

6.4 Interim Chief Business Officer (CBO) Contract & Resolution 2022-03-01 to Employ CalPERS Retiree

MSA (Carlson/Wingo) approve the Interim Chief Business Officer (CBO) Contract & Resolution 2022-03-01 to Employ CalPERS Retiree as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

6.5 Adjustment to Contracted Days, Computer Technician Position- Mrs. Wingo asked if we only have one person handling our I/T. Dr. Bridges noted that Nick Watson with us for 6 years in the District and he is incredible. This year we added a 5.5-hour position to help support Nick. When we

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were looking at the job description, this position worked 10 more days than Nick does which is why we are making this change.
MSA (Wingo/Jackman) approve the Adjustment to Contracted Days, Computer Technician Position as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

6.6 Revised Certificated and Classified Seniority List – this is an informational item

VII. BUSINESS AND FACILTIES

7.1 February 2022, Fiscal Year 21-22 Budget Adjustments –
MSA (Wingo/Carlson) approve the February 2022, Fiscal Year 21-22 Budget Adjustments as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

7.2 2021-2022 Second Interim Report – Dr. Bridges reported on the 2021-2022 Second Interim. In the 2021-22 school year where we are sitting, Dr. Bridges report that the total funded ADA was 2,235. Over the past many years, we've been watching these numbers decline and we've been projecting 50-75 students down for the last 7 or 8 years. Finally, Dena Whittington has spent a lot of time and crunched a lot of numbers and was able to get the County to agree and level off our enrollment, so that enrollment is flat as opposed to declining. This year TK students have a December 2nd cut off. Next year will be February 2nd, the following year will be April 2nd. We did some mathematical projections and estimated what the number of students we will have in TK and then the state decided 2 months later to do their projections. Once we have students in seats and can show the ADA, we will be able to continue to ramp up our projections and our budget will grow over time. It is good news that the District is trending in the right direction and no longer declining.

Dr. Bridges gave a big thank you to the principals, teaching staff, and the amazing office staff for all of the work done with Independent Study this year. We are the only district in San Joaquin County that has actually seen an increase in ADA this year. This is a testament to our staff for all of the work that they and the parents have done. Dr. Bridges showed increases in revenue all due to outside COVID grant funding over the year as well as General Fund expenditures. A General Fund Expenditure Comparison was shared. Dr. Bridges noted that we do not use one time funds for people, they are typically used for supplies.

Next steps Dena Whittington and Dr. Bridges will be working on budget development and will bringing those steps back in the LCAP process.
MSA (Carlson/Wingo) approve 2021-2022 Second Interim Report as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

7.3 2021-21 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Per Pupil Expenditure – Dr. Bridges noted that we are required to report out how much we are spending per pupil per site annual, this is a state requirement.

7.4 Acceptance of Measure J Building Fund Bond Audit Report
MSA (Wingo/Jackman) accept Measure J Building Fund Bond Audit Report
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
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7.5 Proposal for Geotechnical Exploration & Geohazards Evaluation, ENGEO- Dr. Bridges indicated that we have to do some additional geohazard work and borings under all of the buildings to see what structural changes need to made to the soil for the Franklyn Cole School. We had two different proposals from Walllace and Kuhl and ENGEO. ENGEO had the lower bid.
MSA (Carlson/Jackman) approve Proposal for Geotechnical Exploration & Geohazards Evaluation, ENGEO as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

7.6 Award of Category Two E-Rate RFP. NO. 0790-22C.1
MSA (Jackman/Carlson) approve the Award of Category Two E-Rate RFP. NO. 0790-22C.1 as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

8.1 Revised Board Bylaw, BB 9220, Governing Board Elections, Consider for Adoption
MSA (Wingo/Carlson) approve Revised Board Bylaw, BB 9220, Governing Board Elections as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

8.2 Revised Board Bylaw, BB 9222, Resignation, Consider for Adoption
MSA (Wingo/Carlson) approve Revised Board Bylaw, BB 9222, Resignation, as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

8.3 Revised Board Bylaw, BB 9223, Filling Vacancies, Consider for Adoption
MSA (Jackman/Carlson) approve Revised Board Bylaw, BB 9223, Filling Vacancies, as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman
Raya, Wingo

8.4 Items for the Next Board Meeting- Corral Hollow Elementary School update, Employee of the Year

ADJOURNMENT – MSA (Jackman/Carlson) 7:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Bridges
Secretary to the Board

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