Jefferson School District

Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
November 8, 2022

Present: Phil Raya, President; Brian Jackman, Vice President; Pete Carlson, Clerk; Debbie Wingo, Member; Todd Wetherell, Member; Jim Bridges, Superintendent
In attendance: Emily Stroup, Director of Human Resources; Celli Coeville, Chief Business Officer; Alyssa Wooten, Director of Special Education; Fiona Bessette, Tessa Bunch, Grace Strickland, Jason Strickland, Principals; Bertha Ramon, Administrative Assistant

I OPEN SESSION –5:30 PM

a. Call to Order at 5:30 PM
b. Roll Call to Establish Quorum
c. Approval of Agenda-
d. Public Comment for Closed Session Items

MSA (Carlson, Wingo) – Approve the agenda as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent –1 Abstain – 0
Raya, Carlson Jackman
Wetherell, 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, 54956.95, 54957.8, Education Codes 49079 (c), 48912, 48918 (c)

f. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

II. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 6:30 PM
Welcome from Board President Phil Raya
Pledge of Allegiance

In Closed Session-
For certificated employees, the Board approved employees #'s12560, 12561, 12562, 12563, 12564, and 12565, and the Board approved classified employees #'s 12566, 12567, 12568, 12569, 12570, 12571, 12572, 12573, 12574, 12575, 12576,12577, 12578, 12579, and 12580
MSA (Wingo, Carlson)
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent –1 Abstain – 0
Raya, Carlson Jackman
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Student Body Report-
My name is Avni Gahonia. I am the ASB president for Jefferson School. We finally had our first school dance of the year last Friday. It was masquerade-themed, and over 100 students showed up. We plan to have two more dances and are excited to see what else is in store for us. We also completed red ribbon week off on Monday, October 31st, by dressing up for Halloween. We get a break from school on Friday because of Veterans Day. Our boy's basketball tryouts are coming up, and we've already seen so much excitement and competition. Our current school sports, like volleyball, end next week with a championship game. The Wildcats might have lost all games this

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season, but they had a fun year and were so grateful to have a season after many years. We have started signups for our spring play and are happy to announce that we will return the winter concert to Jefferson. We have had many events making a return, and everyone is super thrilled.

Hi everyone, my name is Violet Howard-Menteer, and since the last meeting, we've had the Festival of Lights; I could not attend, but I heard the turnout was excellent. And the same for the Fall Festival: snacks, games, candy, a pumpkin patch, and spooky Halloween figurines to paint. Our ASB membership has sold over 217, with 70 in k through fifth grades; the rest are in middle school. We had our first dance of the year, Halloween-themed, with over 100 people attending. For Halloween, we had a Halloween parade with good participation from students and staff. Every Wednesday in October, we wore pink to show our support for breast cancer awareness. Also, in October, we had Red Ribbon Week and a BMX assembly, which students liked. Cross country finished yesterday, and we're proud of all our participants. Our spelling bee winners were Angaddeepp Singh, 8th grade; Navin Shook, 7th grade; Shriyansh Kandukuri; and Vivan Reddy Thouti Reddy, grade 4. We have boys' basketball and the first fun Friday of the year in the upcoming Hawkins events. Our first dance will be on November 18th, and it's fall-themed; ASB is busy making posters to advertise. In other sports news, our volleyball tournament is coming up, and our teams are preparing for that. We also have our Hawkins vs. Hawkins game coming up and sixth and seventh vs. eighth grade today. Jefferson played our sixth and eighth graders at our school; our sixth graders lost, but our eighth graders won. We were very proud of all of them. Finally, we have our Dinner Night Out Fundraiser at Panda Express tonight, just in case you haven't had dinner.

Presenter for Traina School Jocelyn Maranon- To begin with, all of our fifth graders have pledged to live a balanced life free from drugs and alcohol. They had an evening DARE graduation where students performed different songs, and awards were presented for community service. ASB is making plans for the winter dance, which will take place on December 9th. The PTA will also sell tickets for fourth grade game night, held on the same night but in the gymnasium. Our students have been busy over the last month as TK and Kindergarten classes learn how plants grow and filter light at the pumpkin patch. They had lots of fun and were able to take a pumpkin home. The Tiger Times Newspaper published its first edition. The writers are all fourth graders working with teachers to post their second edition. The Emerging Leaders Academy had over 72 students apply to attend a weekly volunteer morning class with principal Strickland using the book The Seven Habits Of Highly Effective Teens. To get into the academy, students had to write a short paragraph about wanting to be a leader. Many of the students said they wanted to help people. The first group will meet this week at 7:30. Many of our students participate in our spirit days each week the staff has also gotten involved. In October, we had our Halloween parade with many interesting costumes, which the younger students enjoyed. On Thursdays and Fridays, students participate in a coding class with Ms. Walton, and our librarian has started a gingerbread house contest with recycled items. Our school sports are also popular, with many students staying after school to support our teams. Traina also participated in the spelling bee. Congratulations to our winners who will be representing Traina in San Joaquin County. The ASB is focusing on other campaigns, including implementing a blackout bullying awareness day and everyone doing their part to keep the campus clean by throwing their trash away.

Superintendent's Report-
Presenter Jim Bridges- On October 21 st, I attended the Frankenstein production at the Grand Theatre with about 40 Emerging Leaders from Traina School. Most of the students had never been to the ballet, and this production incorporated ballet, opera, and a live orchestra. On November 1 st, we held the annual district spelling bee. We had 8 participants 4-6 th and 6 participants 7-8 th. This year the format was new for the elementary division, and both tests were in written form. The 4-6 th competition came down to the last prepared word, and Praneet Aditya Kumaravel, 6th Grade from Jefferson, won and Lalith Sai Roshan Maddala, 4th Grade Monticello, was the runner-up. The 7-8 th grade competition was fierce, and Pranvi Rikkamalle, 7th Grade Jefferson, and Harshi Thamizhselvan, 8th Grade Traina, were the runner-up.
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Corral Hollow school is moving along as planned. Most of the underground work has been completed, and electrical and plumbing are working on bringing services to each building. Once this is completed, BHM can begin work on pouring foundations.

Busing Update

This past month was difficult for busing as we had our drivers out for various reasons and had to cancel busing for several days. Our third driver is expected to go for his CHP test in the coming weeks, and we are in the process of getting three additional drivers certified. In addition, we took ownership of our fourth school bus. Once our new drivers are certified, the plan is to add one additional bus into service and save the other bus as a backup in the event of needed repairs. The additional drivers will be on call for days when one of the three main drivers is out.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – Presenters Kelly Shook/Kelsey Chatard from HPFC inquiring about after-school programs. We were very excited about the letter sent out regarding CAASPP scores and the tagline regarding The Boys and Girls Club. We would like to offer our assistance as HPFC to help organize or continue cultivating a relationship with the club. Our other comment is related to science camp. It has come to our attention that some sites will not be able to attend the camp this year, and we would like to offer our services for possible research into the matter as we would hate for our 6th graders to miss out and not attend.

Jim Bridges- I received The Boys and Girls Club information today on the financial commitment on the district's behalf. I am working on a contract with them and the district; our goal is to have it up and running in January at Tom Hawkins and the temporary campus. We just need to finalize the details, and I will bring them to the board in December. We are committed to adding additional programs to the district, beginning with at least one site next school year as funding is available. Science Camps will not be a possibility for this school year. I started back in March to reach out to several science camp schools provided to us and within driving distance. Unfortunately, there were no vacancies, but I put all our school names on the waiting list. I followed up with them and the odds of us getting a spot in any of those is highly unlikely. However, we are on their waiting list, and I will follow up.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – Regular Board Meetings October 11, 2022

4.2 Warrants – October 2022

4.3 Financials – October 2022

MSA (Carlson/Wetherell) approved the consent agenda as presented

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0

Raya, Carlson Jackman

Wetherell, Wingo

V. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

5.1 Student Enrollment-

Jim Bridges- The enrollments keep coming; we are now at 2620 in the district. While housing sales have stopped, there's still a backlog of homes under contract, and therefore we continue to see new enrollments.

5.2 JSD Assessment Data 2021/2022

Jim Bridges- I have sent out communication regarding the comprehensive assessment data. Overall, our assessments in both ELA and Math increased district-wide; whereas the state went down, the district continued to progress. And as you can see, for ELA, we are almost at 55%; the state was at 47%. And in Mathematics, we were at 50%, and the state was at 49%. We can also see the percentages by site; for instance, Monticello and Traina are within the 1% margin of error. You can also see some growth at Jefferson of 5% and a 6% growth overall when we look at the grade levels is when you start to see some disparities between the sites. For example, there is almost a 30-point difference between students meeting the standards in some areas. What is most concerning to me is

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seeing percentages below the state standards. In our district, we've never had percentages below the state's averages, meaning there's some work to be done. However, the state saw a slight decline in mathematics, and the district had almost a 9% increase overall. Of course, this is all coming off of COVID, which played a significant role. This gives us a baseline, but work is needed to get us back to district norms. This next test is the test given to English Learners. The summative is given at the end of the school year and measures the language acquisition level. One thing to be aware of is our district standards for students to exit the ELL program are more stringent than most districts in our area. Therefore, our schools have more students taking the ELPAC test. We want the students to be proficient in English before we truly reclassify them.

VI. PERSONNEL SERVICES

6.1 District Adoption of the CDPH Testing Framework for K-12 Schools for the 2022-23 school year.

6.2 Approval of Additional 2022-2023 Local Assignment Option (LAO) via Committee on Assignment

MSA (Wingo/Carlson)
Ayes-5 Nays- 0 Absent- 0 Abstain- 0
Wingo, Carlson, Jackman
Wetherell, Raya

VII. BUSINESS AND FACILITIES

7.1 October 2022 FY 22-23 Budget Adjustments

MSA (Jackman/Wetherell) approved the October 2022 FY 22-23 Budget Adjustments as presented
Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Wingo, Carlson, Raya
Wetherell, Wingo

7.2 Letter to Tracy Little League to Vacate

MSA (Wingo/Carlson) approved the Letter to Tracy Little League to vacate as presented.
Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 Absent- 0 Abstain- 0
Carlson, Wingo,
Jackman, Raya, Wetherell

BOARD DISCUSSION AND REPORTS (Board may or may not take action on any items listed below)

8.1 Williams Act Reporting Nothing to Report

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4, 2022	End of Trimester 1
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day No School
November 21-25, 2022	Thanksgiving Break No School

ADJOURNMENT – MSA (Wingo/Jackman) 6: 53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Bridges
Secretary to the Board

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