Jefferson School District

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

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

In attendance: Monica Emeldi, Director of Special Education; Sarah Steen, Curriculum Coordinator; Christina Orsi, Alyssa Wooten, Principals; Kelle Patrick, Vice Principal; Celli Coeville, Administrative Assistant

I. OPEN SESSION

a. Call to Order at 5:35 PM
b. Roll Call to Establish Quorum – Mr. Carlson and Mr. Wells were absent
c. Approval of Agenda- Agenda Amended to add Student No. 2022-02-01 to Closed Session
d. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

MSA (Jackman/Wingo) – Approve the amended agenda with the addition of Closed Session item, Student Hearing, Student No. 2022-02-01

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
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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 – 6:30 PM

Welcome from Board President Mr. Raya
Pledge of Allegiance
Superintendent's Report – Dr. Bridges pleased to announce a steady decline in the number of COVID cases in the District. So far this week there are only nineteen cases in the District. Dr. Bridges thanked our consultant, Shin Green, CBO, Dena Whittington, and bond team as the refinancing bond closed today. This will save taxpayers over $23M in interest and access remaining $2M in bond proceeds.

Dr. Bridges provided an update with some history regarding the Corral Hollow Elementary School. The developer has committed $30M to the District to the cost of construction alone with equates to roughly $415/sq.ft. The District has committed an additional $5M which brings the total construction budget to $35M which is $450/sq.ft. Otto Construction bid the project in November and December of 2021 and the cost of the school is $54M, which is $748/sq. ft. The $54M is for construction costs only and does not include additional costs such as architect fees, inspector fees, utility hook ups and furniture and equipment all which total roughly $5M.

Dr. Bridges reviewed next steps in the process. In January 2022 the District discussed solutions with the developer. They were open to looking at other delivery models or making design changes to reduce the cost. Dr. Bridges has been working with our architect, PJHM, and our inspector comparing site construction versus modular construction for classroom buildings only, removing the eating corral between the two main buildings and other various site savings. In February 2022, the District put out a request for proposal to five modular companies in California to design, provide a timeline and provide a cost estimate for modular classrooms. In the coming months, in March, we will review the cost comparisons and determine the best way to move forward based on cost and timeline. The District will meet with the developer to set a more realistic budget considering the

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current cost of construction. In May, 2022 we will look to resubmit to the Division of State Architects to try and get an expedited review. The original school opening was planned for August, 2023. Depending on budget, DSA timing and bidding the best case scenario would be a mid-year opening in January 2024 but more likely we will have an opening in August 2024.

In Closed Session-

MSA (Jackman/Wingo) - For certificated employees, the Board approved the new hire for employee #12271, the new position for employee #12272 and 12273; the re-hire of classified employee # 12274 and #12275; the new position for employee #'s 12276, and 12277; the resignation of employee # 12278 and the new hire of employee # 12279

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
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Student Hearing 2022-02-01

On a Motion by Board Member Debbie Wingo and Seconded by Board Member Brian Jackman

It is moved that the Board of Trustees expel Student No. 2022-02-01 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

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 2022-02-01 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 2022-02-01 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 – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
Jackman, Raya,		Carlson, Wells	
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III. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was one public comment for an item not on the agenda:

Jesse Ramirez/Parent: Good evening everyone. My name is Jesse Ramirez. First of all, I'd like to start by saying I love and appreciate our teachers and staff. Thank you for letting me voice my concerns regarding mask mandates. We are about a year overdue to end the mask mandates. There are many studies concluding that masks have little effect and cause more harm than good to kids. Two years into the pandemic vaccines, boosters, and most importantly natural immunity, and our children are still being forced to mask up because of some people's never ending fears. My child's human decency and freedom should not stop because some are so risk adverse they do not want to catch COVID at all costs. The reality is that COVID is not going away. We all know that the survival rate is high amongst adults and especially in children. And especially with the new Omicron variant which is highly transmissible but very weak. Why are we pretending that we can avoid COVID? Why are we treating our children like inconvenient beings that we can just mask up so that we feel safe? Why are we hindering our children's communication and reading skills? Don't you know that kids need to read lips and facial expressions so that they can develop their communication and social skills? Why are we weakening their immune systems? Why are we making them dependent on masks? Why are we contributing to insecurities making them more fearful of public speaking by hiding them behind masks? Masks on children are dehumanizing and demoralizing. You will still catch COVID or be exposed to it regardless of masks, that is just reality. I guarantee that everyone in this room including myself has had COVID or been exposed to it. You know how I know that COVID is not that serious anymore? Because we can walk into a restaurant with face masks and then take them off when we sit down. Let our children breathe and be kids. Let them see each other's smiles including their teacher's. Lastly this has nothing to do with health and safety, it is all political. Top down control and fear. Some of our leaders don't want to let this pandemic go. At this point COVID is not the problem it is the reaction to COVID that is the problem. Now I understand that some of you may agree with me but you are in a tough position. I'm sure many of you don't want to wear masks and you shouldn't have to and that should be your choice. And it should be the parent's choice if we wish to mask up their kids. I understand that you are in a hard spot because you are funded by the State. Governor Newsom, who has proven multiple times that his own rules don't apply to him, yet he makes our own children breathe their own carbon dioxide six to eight hours a day. Meanwhile he gets to hang out at the French Laundry, football games and other places mask-less. Due to the mask hypocrisy all around the country and especially in California, I ask that you defy and not enforce the governor's mask mandates, we will back you up. Let our kids breathe and learn, no more mask mandates regardless of COVID cases. Also no vaccine mandates which I know is coming next. Enough is enough. Please stand up and help our kids. Thank you.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – Regular Board Meeting January 11, 2022
4.2 Warrants – January 2022
4.3 Financials – January 2022

MSA (Wingo/Jackman) approve the consent agenda as presented

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
Jackman, Raya, Wingo		Carlson, Wells	

V. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

5.1 Family Life Education Curriculum: Puberty, 5th Grade-

MSA (Wingo/Jackman) approve the Family Life Education Curriculum: Puberty, 5th Grade as presented

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
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5.2 2021 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Data- This is an informational report.

5.3 2021-2022 English Learner Update- This is more information for the Board and public. Last year Districts were given a choice as to whether or not to test. The District decided to have the kids take the CAASPP to maintain our routines but the data is not usable.

5.4 Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021-22 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)- Informational regarding the LCAP – this is an informational item

5.5 2021 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC's)- Dr. Bridges thanked the principals for all of their hard work, and Mrs. Steen for her help in getting this information ready to present. The Teacher Staffing information section needs to be updated but that information isn't yet available from the State. Once completed, the SARC's will be posted to the school and District websites.
MSA (Jackman/Wingo) approve the 2021 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC's) as presented

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
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5.6 Student Enrollment – Enrollment continues to increase

VI. PERSONNEL SERVICES

6.1 Certificated and Classified Seniority List- Dr. Bridges noted that each year we are legally required to bring forward the seniority list.

6.2 Proposed New Job Description & Salary Schedule Placement, Director of Student Services and Special Education
MSA (Jackman/Wingo) approve the New Job Description & Salary Schedule Placement, Director of Student Services and Special Education

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
Jackman, Raya, Wingo		Carlson, Wells	

VII. BUSINESS AND FACILTIES

7.1 January 2022, Fiscal Year 21-22 Budget Adjustments -
MSA (Wingo/Jackman) approve the January 2022, Fiscal Year 21-22 Budget Adjustments as presented

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
Jackman, Raya, Wingo		Carlson, Wells	

7.2 Resolution 2022-02-01, Committed Fund Balance –
MSA (Jackman/Wingo) approve Resolution 2022-02-01, Committed Fund Balance as presented

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
Jackman, Raya, Wingo		Carlson, Wells	

7.3 Food Services Department Update – Director of Food Services, Debbi Rogers, provided an update for the Board and public. Mrs. Rogers highlighted the increase in meals served for the 2021-2022 school year. Last year during the pandemic, all students had the option to get cafeteria meals for free. This year, Governor Newsom has indicated that two free meals each day will be available to all California students ongoing regardless of income. Ms. Rogers spoke to the public and Board regarding supply chain issues that she is facing. The cafeterias are having use Styrofoam plates due to supply chain issues. Menu changes due to supply chain issues have occurred but have been

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relatively minor so far. Ms. Rogers shared meal participation from 2020-2021 August- December to what has been served to date and reported that our service has increased greatly. Mrs. Rogers publicly thanked her staff, some of whom were in attendance for the meeting, for all of their hard work and dedication. The Board thanked Mrs. Rogers and her staff for all of their hard work and support.

7.4 Williams Act Quarterly Reporting – there were no complaints for this reporting period

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

8.1 2022 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly – Mrs. Wingo moved that the Board vote for candidate Eric Duncan
MSA (Wingo/Jackman)

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
Jackman, Raya, Wingo		Carlson, Wells	

8.2 Policy Revision BP/AR 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures, Consider for Adoption
MSA (Wingo/Jackman) approve Revised BP/AR 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures as presented

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
Jackman, Raya, Wingo		Carlson, Wells	

8.3 Policy Revision AR 3515.6, Criminal Background Check for Contractors, Consider for Adoption
MSA (Jackman/Wingo) approve Revised AR 3515.6, Criminal Background Check for Contractors, as presented

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
Jackman, Raya, Wingo		Carlson, Wells	

8.4 Policy Revision, BP/AR 6158, Independent Study, Consider for Adoption- Mrs. Wingo thanked the teachers and principals for all of their hard work with Independent Study. Principal Wooten thanked the staff and teachers for their hard work regarding getting the Independent Study work and forms processed as well.
MSA (Jackman/Wingo) approve Revised BP/AR 6158, Independent Study, as presented

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
Jackman, Raya, Wingo		Carlson, Wells	

8.5 New Board Policy, BP 6170.1, Transitional Kindergarten, Consider for Adoption- Dr. Bridges outlined the new changes for TK coming up in the next few years. Currently students with birthdates between September 2 – December 2 may enroll in TK. This coming school year that date has been extended two months to February 2, and then the following year it will be extended two months, and so on. Staffing to student ratios will be changing as well. Starting next year there will be a 12-1 ratio of students to teachers. Dr. Bridges mentioned that there can be an option for a shorter day for TK in the new regulation but that this may or may not be helpful.
MSA (Wingo/Jackman) approved New Board Policy, BP 6170.1, Transitional Kindergarten, as presented

Ayes – 3	Nays – 0	Absent – 2	Abstain – 0
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8.6 Items for the Next Board Meeting- Corral Hollow Elementary School construction update, Second Interim, Transitional Kindergarten

ADJOURNMENT – MSA (Wingo/Jackman) 7: 16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Bridges
Secretary to the Board

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