

Jefferson School District
Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
January 10, 2023

Present: Brian Jackman, President; Pete Carlson, Vice President; Debbie Wingo, Clerk; Soyeb Palya Member; Todd Wetherell Member; Jim Bridges, Superintendent

In attendance: Emily Stroup, Human Resource Director Celli Coeville, Chief Business Officer; Bertha Ramon, Administrative Assistant

I. OPEN SESSION

a. Call to Order at 5:30 PM

b. Roll Call to Establish Quorum – All present

c. Approval of Agenda

d. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

MSA (Carlson/Wingo – Approve the agenda

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 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. Jackman

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent's Report

Student Body Reports

Traina Tiger Times

In Closed Session

MSA (Wingo/Palya) - For certificated employees, the Board approved the new hire for employees #'s 12599, 12600, 12601, 12602. The Board approved the new hire for employee #'s for classified employees 12603' 12604

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0

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Superintendent's Report – Dr. Bridges updated the following:

Construction- For the past few weeks, the rain has impacted the progress of Corral Hollow Elementary School. The footings were poured on building B, allowing that building to move forward. The district is working with BHM construction on ways to winterize the site further. I will be able to provide a clearer picture of the weather on the schedule at the February board meeting.

Academics- Jefferson School District, along with most districts in San Joaquin County, became

eligible for Differentiated Assistance from SJCOE for pupil achievement and pupil engagement of our students with disabilities. Low ELA/Math scores and attendance, and this is the first year district students enrolled in county programs included in our district scores. We will be working with SJCOE over the coming months to develop a plan to address these areas for growth.

Bussing- I'm pleased to announce that we have a third licensed bus driver in the district. Our Mechanic earned his license and will serve as a backup driver for the two regular drivers, and this should eliminate the need to cancel bus routes in emergencies. Furthermore, we have three additional drivers that are going through training.

Storm- Limited damage at each site. Mostly downed trees and some standing water/drainage issues. Jefferson School was under an evacuation advisory due to flooding southeast of the school. Linne, Bird, Lehman, and Chrisman were all closed yesterday afternoon.

Student Body Reports-

McKenna Malloy Monticello ASB president- Since our last meeting, we have had time off of school. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Monticello is starting the new year with many fun activities, including participating in the Acts of Kindness week from January 23-27. Monticello students will be encouraged to complete as many acts of kindness as possible. Each student will be able to submit a list of kindness acts performed for the week of kindness challenge.

Violet Howard Menteer Hawkins ASB president- Hi, everyone. I hope you all had a good break and a happy holiday season. I'd like to start off by mentioning how well our basketball teams are doing as we kick off the season. All teams, fifth and eighth, won their first games, and even though six and seven lost, we are still proud of how they are playing and look forward to seeing how they improve in the course of the season. Go Huskies! On Friday, January 27, Hawkins will be hosting our second dance of the year from 6-8 pm; the theme is Winter Wonderland in semi-formal attire. To wrap things up, ASB is preparing for our next Fun Friday; they are gearing up to provide intense games at the beginning of February. Speaking of hearts, we are also getting ready to show our good-hearted nature on national Kindness Day. I could tell you what we got in store, but that would ruin the surprise. That's all I have for this evening, and thank you for your time.

Jocelyn Maranon Traina interim ASB president- December was a full month for our Traina Tigers, beginning with an eighth-grade band concert. We had a Disney spirit day, and it was great to see all of us on campus showing off our school spirit. Students who are interested in technology are getting a chance to explore coding. Last Tuesday night, our basketball teams played their first game; unfortunately, they all lost their games, but they will continue to work hard on improving. We held a dance between the two dances from fifth through eighth grade; we had over 300 students attend. Fourth grade held their winter wonderland holiday party; they had a great turnout with dancing, photos, and activities. The parents club held their annual holiday gift fair with many local vendors in our community selling their gift items just in time for Christmas. Traina's first-ever spirit team will start practicing to come together and share their love for dance and school spirit with our school. The police department provided a patrol event for a safe trip to school on December 14, 2023, and provided students with pencils and stickers. The Emerging Leaders Academy had officer Abercrombie as a guest speaker; he discussed what it takes to wear multiple hats and what keeps him motivated in his career. Our seventh and eighth graders are meeting with Kindergarten to do activities focused on content areas. We also had a great winter break.

Traina Tiger Times- The fourth-grade students that make up the Traina Tiger publication (Hamsini Ajtith, Marlianne Bolton, Keerthi Senthikumar, Dyuti Shrivastava, Nriti Tayi, Avantika Tippabhotla, Tanvi Vijay, Bailey Yeakel, Aashrita Pidikiti) along with their supervising editor Julie Bogetti shared information with the board about their Newspaper. The students give up their recess to work on interviewing classmates and coming up with article ideas. They are supported by Mrs. Boggeti, who

helps them with their grammar. They also brought and distributed their first two publications to the board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Kristen Gama (parent) introduced herself as a district parent with four children attending Tom Hawkins school, including one receiving special education. She thanked and expressed how the district, including the special education department, has always supported her. However, she is concerned about the number of teacher vacancies in the district and how more information should be shared with parents regarding what is being done behind the scenes to rectify the situation. She also expressed her disappointment in the fact that her eighth grader has yet to have a permanent teacher in math and science. And she feels this will affect him considerably as he transitions to high school. Mrs. Gama also questioned the inability of the district to fill these open positions, as other districts she looked into had no teacher postings. Finally, she asked the board what parents and the community can do to help with this situation, as she wants our current teachers to stay energized and students to stay caught up in their education. However, she acknowledges that this problem is based on more than one department or person and wants to bring it up for discussion.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – Regular Board Meeting December 13, 2022

4.2 Warrants –December 2022

4.3 Financials – December 2022

MSA (Wingo/Carlson) Approved the consent agenda as presented

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0

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Palya, Wingo, Wetherell

V. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

5.1 Student Enrollment – Dr. Bridges explained that even though we've been told that the housing market is slowing down, we continue to see significant enrollment. With our current student population at 2680. This is the highest the district has ever been at. We're still seeing more and more students coming out of Tracy Hills right now. They're the last recording up; they have about 150 homes that are unoccupied at the moment that are closing and are coming close to being finished by the end of this month, early February. And of those, 30 have sold at this point, which is much slower than last year. But even when growth is happening like it always does. It just happens in the most heavily impacted grades; last year was second grade in the district this year in the districts in seventh grade. And so you just can't pick where the kids come from or their grades. The struggles of growing, though, are needing more staff to be able to accommodate those students

VI. PERSONNEL SERVICES

6.1 Variable Term Waiver Request for 30-day Substitute Basic Skills- P. Balamurug

MSA (Wetherell / Carlson) approved the Variable Term Waiver

Ayes –5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0

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6.2 Variable Term Waiver Request for 30-day Substitute Basic Skills- Chandrasekarar

MSA (Wetherell/ Palya) approved the Variable Term Waiver

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0

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Palya, Wingo, Wetherell

VII. BUSINESS AND FACILITIES

7.1 December 2022 FY 22-23 Budget Adjustments

MSA (Wingo / Carlson) Approved the December 2022 FY 22-23 Budget Adjustments

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0

Carlson, Jackman,

Palya, Wingo, Wetherell

7.2 Acceptance of the 2021-2022 Audit Report

MSA (Carlson / Wetherell) Approved the Acceptance of the 2021-2022 Audit Report

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0

Carlson, Jackman,

Palya, Wingo, Wetherell

7.3 Annual and Five-Year Report on Developer Fees & Capital Facilities Fund

MSA (Wetherell/ Palya) Approved the Annual and Five-Year Report on Developer Fees & Capital Facilities Fund.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0

Carlson, Jackman,

Palya, Wingo, Wetherell

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT – MSA (Wingo/ Carlson) 7:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Bridges

Secretary to the Board

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