

Jefferson School District
Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
September 12, 2023

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

In attendance: Emily Stroup, Director of Human Resources; Bertha Ramon, Administrative Assistant

I. OPEN SESSION

a. Call to Order at 5:30 PM

b. Roll Call to Establish Quorum – all members were present

c. Approval of Agenda

d. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

MSA (Wetherell/Palya) – Approve the agenda as presented

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

Carlson, Jackman

Palya, Wetherell, Wingo

e. Closed Session Adjourn to Closed Session to discuss 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 the Board President

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent's Report

Student Body Reports

In Closed Session

MSA (Carlson/Wingo) - Approved personnel action for certificated employee #'s 12714,12715

The Board also approved the personnel action for classified employee #'s 12716,12717,12718, 12719,12720,12721,12722

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

Carlson,

Jackman, Palya

Wetherell, Wingo

Superintendent's Report – Jim Bridges

Busing Update- We are pleased to report that we have not had to cancel any bus routes this year. We had two days that we were down drivers, but we could combine buses and make extra runs to get everyone to school. Mr. Seymore has moved all afternoon rural riders off the buses to vans to streamline the routes and continues to shift students between buses to shorten the rides home. We plan to add a fifth bus for PM minimum days to the rotation. This will start once Bus #2 returns from being serviced in October.

Construction- Corral Hollow Elementary School remains on track for an August 2024 opening. Later this month, we will be working with staff and students to plan for classroom and library furniture.

Franklyn Cole Elementary School in Ellis is still awaiting numerous agency approvals before Jefferson School District may take ownership and begin construction. Due to these outside agency delays, the school opening has been pushed back to August 2027 at the earliest. The TK upgrades at the temp campus at Hawkins came in at \$1.3 million, not including the additional portable restroom and classroom buildings. The total project cost is approaching \$1.75 million. Based on the current construction market, we will look at other long-term options for our TK classrooms.

Curriculum/Instruction- In the last week of August, the site administrators, Scott Andrews and I, went to each site to observe the use of our pilot math program, Eureka Math 2. We were pleased to see the amount of student discourse around math concepts and the productive struggle in each classroom. Pacing is the biggest challenge, and Scott is working to provide additional support to help teachers streamline the lessons. Today, your site's Positive Behavior Intervention Support teams worked with the Stanislaus County Office of Education to continue fine-tuning our program at each location.

Student Body Reports-

Avni Gahonia ASB president Jefferson- We had sunglasses and flip-flops on September 1 after my previous report. Of course, Jefferson's spirit always comes out on top, so it was quite a sight to see. We also had our first volleyball games today, even though we lost again for eighth grade. What matters the most is our constant effort and our great sportsmanship. Also, thank you to Mr. Pease for coaching. We also started our fifth and sixth-grade math olympiad signups to get that show on the road. Continuing we also began to work on sorting out our musical for the school year, which is Shrek. We are excited to see how it turns out, mainly because you couldn't beat last year's musical. Let's see. Let's see how they do.

Also, Jefferson's First Movie Night of the school year was very successful. So many families came out, an excellent way to see the Jefferson community unite. So now, ASB has planned our first rally of the school year for this Friday. The theme is extreme green and gold. So you bet we're going all out, not just with our spirit but our attitudes. To not spoil all the details, but briefly, our NJ PFA, Monticello, and Jefferson Carnival is next Friday. Come out to support, and there will be food and fun games. Don't tell anyone I told you guys, but there will be a dunk tank, and guess who will be Mr. Strickland? I know I'm going to try and dunk him. So please come out. Have some fun. It'll be a great night, just as we had last year. My report next month will be even better than this one because of a few exciting events in October. I can't wait to be here. Have a great rest of your evening. Bye.

Isabella Soto ASB president Hawkins- So we elected our SP officers treasurer. Secretary, former vice president Arman Sharma, President myself, we had our first fundraiser. We raised \$21,586, and Mr. Spikes and Mrs. Bessette got slimed. On Friday, September 15th, we'll have Freaky Friday spirit day.

Trisha Dasgupta ASB president Monticello- Our first fire drill was on August 10. All of the students came out and followed the procedures correctly. Monticello and Jefferson's will have a carnival on Friday, September 22, at the Monticello campus from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Prizes, games, auction baskets, food, and entertainment will be there. It is our biggest fundraiser. We invite all of you to come. We had our first ASB meeting on September 5. Thank you for listening to my report.

Traina ASB President- We have many exciting things taking place on campus—our annual bookstore begins on Monday, September 25. With a special appearance from Antonio, the tiger, we will continue throughout the week with parent-teacher conferences. Kindergarten will be receiving reading buddies this Friday. Officer elections will be next week. I am looking forward to setting up

the spirit calendar for this week. Of course, we've also started volleyball and cross country, which allows our fourth graders to participate in school sports for the first time. Students are excited to earn and use their tiger tickets for good behavior. Kimball High School also came to share with students and demo their instruments while showing what it's like being in the band in high school. Lastly, our Traina PTA has started its first fundraiser of the year. We're off to a roaring start. I can't wait to share it with you.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Kelsey Chatard- I'm a parent and teacher at Hawkins Elementary School, and I'm here tonight on behalf of our Hawkins current faculty club. We are constantly on the move to help better our community, and we would like to start using some of the funds we have raised to improve our school. And we need your guys' help. We have spoken with other people, but we know we need to bring it to you to go forward. We would like to start using the funds. After talking to parents and staff, we've concluded that there are two things we would like to support and see at our school. The first would be having a covered structure over our car lines to help keep our students out of the sun and the rain as they stand up there waiting. You know our car line has been a challenge of its own. And we're working on that, but we'd like to keep them dry. Our second project is what we would like, but we have not announced it to the group or community in general since we've spoken to our district librarian and library. We would like to help to expand the library at Hawkins. Part of the issue we've come across is we have all these lovely new textbooks and nowhere to put them in our library that are in excess and not in our classrooms. So they need some sort of space, a few upgrades, things like that. And so we're looking at the larger project of potentially expanding the library's physical space.

It's a lot of projects, and it will take time. We want to start the motion, and our community will support this if you tell them that this is what we're trying to get right now: we're doing school improvement. That's our goal. They would back that. And as Isabella Soto had mentioned this year, we made just over \$21,000 in our fund run. However, last school year, which was six months ago, we made \$25,000. We thought this one would be much lower because of how stupid it was. It would enormously impact our students, families, or staff, supporting the library to read, and they would rally around it. And we want to make this happen and know what steps to take to move forward. Thank you.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – Regular Board Meeting August 15, 2023

4.2 Warrants – August 2023

4.3 Financials – August 2023

MSA (Jackman/Wingo) approved the consent agenda as presented.

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman, Wingo, Palya

V. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

5.1 Student Enrollment -

Jim Bridges- Enrollment continues to grow, although it has slowed some as we usually lose students at the beginning of the school year. My projection for the end of this school year is 3,000 students. We currently see more students coming from Ellis than Tracy Hills, probably due to sales and closings.

5.2 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan Guide

MSA (Palya/Wetherell) approved the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan Guide as presented

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman,

Palya, Wingo

Jim Bridges- As a reminder, we must now provide nine hours for students on campus for TK through sixth grade, including instructional time and a half hour before and forty-five minutes after school. To implement this requirement, students can arrive at school by 7:30, and we have the boys and girls club at all sites until 6:00 p.m. This program is open to all students, although we have a waiting list within the district and continue working with the Boys and Girls Club to pull in students if students drop out.

VI. PERSONNEL SERVICES

6.1 Teacher and Administrator Induction

MSA (Wingo/Wetherell) approved Teacher and Administration Induction as presented

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman,

Palya, Wingo

6.2 Local Assignment Options

MSA (Wingo/Palya) approved Local Assignment Options as presented

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman,

Palya, Wingo

VII. BUSINESS AND FACILITIES

7.1 August 2023 FY 23-24 Budget Adjustments

MSA (Palya/Wetherell) approved August 2023 FY 23-24 Budget Adjustments as presented

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman,

Palya, Wingo

7.2 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals

MSA (Carlson/Wetherell) approved Unaudited Actuals as presented

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman,

Palya, Wingo

7.3 Resolution 2023-09-01 Sufficiency Of Instructional Materials

MSA (Wingo/Carlson) approved Sufficiency of Instructional Materials as presented

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman,

Palya, Wingo

7.4 Resolution 2023-09-02 GANN Appropriations Limit Resolution

MSA (Wetherell/Palya) approved Resolution 2023-09-02 GANN Appropriations Limit Resolution as presented

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman,

Palya, Wingo

7.5 Resolution 2023-09-03, 2023-24 Committed Fund Balance

MSA (Wingo/Carlson) approved Resolution 2023-09-03, 2023-24 Committed Fund Balance as presented

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman,

Palya, Wingo

7.6 Consolidated Application for Funding (CARS) 2023-24

MSA (Wetherell/Palya) approved Consolidated Application for Funding (CARS) 2023-24

As presented

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman,

Palya, Wingo

7.7 TMD Construction Services, Updated Fee Schedule for Corral Hollow Elementary School

MSA (Wetherell/Palya) approved Construction Services and Updated Fee Schedule For Corral Hollow Elementary as presented

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

Carlson, Wetherell

Jackman,

Palya, Wingo

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

8.1 Items for the Next Board Meeting

Jim Bridges- Bringing to the board the Grand Jury Report.

ADJOURNMENT – MSA(Jackman/Carlson) 6:56pm

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Bridges
Secretary to the Board

