Jefferson School District

Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
August 15, 2023

Present: Brian Jackman, President; Debbie Wingo, Clerk; Todd Wetherell, Member; Soyeb Palya, Member; Emily Stroup, Director of Human Resources; Celli Coeville, Chief Business Officer; Bertha Ramon, Administrative Assistant

I. OPEN SESSION

a. Call to Order at
b. Roll Call to Establish Quorum – Pete Carlson-absent
c. Approval of Agenda
d. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

MSA (Wingo/Palya) – Approve the agenda as presented
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0
Jackman, Wingo, Wetherell, Palya Carlson

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 –

Welcome from the Board President
Pledge of Allegiance
Superintendent's Report
Student Body Report

Dr. Bridges gave an update on the construction of Corral Hollow School by presenting a slideshow showing the site's progress.

In Closed Session
MSA (Wingo/Wetherell)- Approved personnel action for certificated employees #'s 12680,12681, 12682,12683,12684,12685, 12686,12687,12688,12689,12690,12691,12692, 12693, 12694, 12695, 12696, 12697 The Board also approved the personnel action for classified employee#'s 12698, 12699, 12700, 12701, 12702, 12703, 12704, 12705, 12706, 12707, 12708, 12709, 12710, 12711, 12712, 12713
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Palya, Jackman Carlson

Conference with Legal Counsel- Keenan Claim # 624634 This claim was rejected by the board.
MSA (Wingo/Wetherell)
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Palya, Jackman Carlson

Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): San Joaquin County Grand Jury Report - Case No.0322)
MSA (Wingo/Wetherell): The board provided Dr. Bridges with guidance on the response to the grand jury to be sent out tomorrow.

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

Superintendent's Report
Dr. Bridges thanked everyone for attending and thanked the teachers and staff of the district for a great start to the school year. He also introduced a couple of new administrators to the Jefferson family. The new principal at Anthony Traina, Nico Sandoval, and vice-principal William DeLong, also the new vice-principal for Corral Hollow, are currently working at the TK interim campus, Heather Copeland. And last but not least, the director of MOT, Jason Seymour.

Busing Update-
Dr. Bridges shared with the board the efforts made during the summer to hire one additional driver and MOT director and two employees currently working on their bus driving licenses. This has led to the ability to go from two buses last year to four running this year. Our ridership has gone from 400 students the previous school year to 542 students today. And so far, in the first seven days of school, there have been no interruptions to the bus service. However, we are still working on a few hiccups like ensuring that the kids arrive at school on time in the morning and that siblings ride on the same bus. Additionally, we have received some requests from Tracy Hills and Ellis residents for additional stops; however, due to the ridership, additional stops are not possible now. This request would mean an earlier pick-up at Tracy Hills, and we're already getting complaints about the seven a.m. time. Our earliest pickup time in the rural areas is six-forty-five, which aligns with every other district around us.

Construction Update-
Dr. Bridges provided updates on both Franklin Cole Elementary and Corral Hollow as follows; Franklin Cole was planned to be opened in August of 2026; however, the district does not currently own the property where the school will be built. The district is now waiting on the city of Tracy, the developers, and Shell Oil to do things to the site before we can acquire it. The district can't start construction, so at the moment, the best-case scenario is a January 2027 opening. Furthermore, due to an important meeting postponed by the city of Tracy, I think a realistic timeline is August 2027. Dr. Bridges gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the advancements that have taken place at the building site, including completing some classrooms and the gymnasium.

Student Body Report:

Jefferson-Avni Gahonia, I am the ASB president of Jefferson for the second year in a row. Welcome back. Jefferson had an amazing first week of school, and thanks to Mr. Strickland, we celebrated with Kona ice as a cold treat on a very hot day. But before school even started, ASB set up a fifth-grade orientation barbecue, which was a hit to show our newest Wildcats around; not only that, but we also had a leadership camp, which prepared all ASB members to make sure to put out a great event. We look forward to picture day volleyball sign-ups tomorrow and another great year at Jefferson as an eighth grader. My friends and I are so excited about all the upcoming events and are already working hard towards it. Have a great rest of your week, and I can't wait to see you guys next time.

Hawkins-Elizabeth Soto, before school started, we had a welcome back event where you could buy ASB cards, and we had Boys and Girls Club information. You can get your schedules, including your confirmation, as well. We had the PFA selling their spirit ware and an overall terrific turnout at the event. On the first day of school, we had a red carpet welcome where teachers and staff were cheering

on students as they walked down the red carpet. Many students participated, and we had a long line, probably record-breaking. First, ASB, we're currently working on electing officers. We have a lot of people running for office, way more than last year in the past years. The first birthday was on Friday, and many new Huskies wore the spirit where students have been getting to know each other and collaborating during class. On Monday, we had our first second steps. Listen, we have completed our digital citizenship and have checked out Chromebooks. We're looking forward to back-to-school night tomorrow. Thank you all for your time

III. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Usha- Tracy Hills' parent asked the board if the new school (Corral Hollow Elementary) could accommodate the number of students slated to attend that site. She voiced her concerns as new construction continues at Tracy Hills and how that will impact enrollment. Dr. Bridges addressed her question by explaining that 76 students from Tracy Hills are housed at other schools, and the capacity of Corral Hollow is around 900 students, leaving room for about 170 additional students. He also noted that the current displaced students would have priority once the school opens in 2024. However, new students can be overflowed if the building continues at its current path. Additionally, he mentioned that students from elsewhere, including Ellis, would not have priority at the new school.

Rajya Lakshmi- Tracy Hills' parent, asked the board if there could be improvements to the current transportation routes to Tracy Hills. Mrs. Lakshmi feels that the 7 a.m. pick-up and 4:30 drop-off are not in the best interest of her students. Additionally, she feels the $330 payment required for transportation this year should provide better service with pick-up and drop-offs at more reasonable times. She feels the developer or the districts are responsible for providing adequate transportation.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA
4.1 Minutes – Regular Board Meeting- June 8 & 13, 2023
4.2 Warrants – June & July 2023
4.3 Financials – June & July 2023
4.4 2023-2024 Special Education Contracts
MSA (Wingo/Wetherell) Approved the consent agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote:

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

V. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
5.1 Agreement Between McREL International and JSD
MSA (Wingo/Palya) Approve the CA dashboard Indicators as presented

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

5.2 Student Enrollment- Dr. Bridges shared with the board that we currently have 2880 students, up 160 students from the end of last school year. However, we are still under our enrollment projections from the previous spring, although some grade levels were approaching end-of-year enrollment expectations.

VI. PERSONNEL SERVICES
6.1 Provisional Internship Permit Request- J. Branson
MSA (Wingo/Wetherell) Approved the Provisional Internship Permit Request- J. Branson

Ayes – 4	Nays – 0	Absent – 1	Abstain – 0
Wingo, Wetherell,		Carlson	

Jackman, Palya

6.2 Provisional Internship Permit Request- J. DeMarco
MSA (Wetherell/Palya) Approved the Provisional Internship Permit Request- J. DeMarco
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Carlson
Jackman, Palya

6.3 Provisional Internship Permit Request- E. Turner
MSA (Wetherell/ PalyaApproved the Provisional Internship Permit Request- E. Turner
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Carlson
Jackman, Palya

6.4 MOU- Supervised Internship Agreement with the University of Massachusetts Global
MSA (Wingo/ Wetherell) Approved the MOU- Supervised Internship Agreement with the University Massachusetts Global
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Carlson
Jackman, Palya

6.5 MOU- Traditional Clinical Practice Agreement with the University of Massachusetts Global
MSA (Wingo/ Palya) Approved the Traditional Clinical Practice Agreement with the University Massachusetts Global
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Carlson
Jackman, Palya

6.6 Job Description-Student Service Specialist
MSA (Wingo, Wetherell) Approved the proposed Job Description-Student Service Specialist
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Carlson
Jackman, Palya

VII. BUSINESS AND FACILITIES

7.1 June 2023 FY 22-23 & July 2023 FY 23-24 Budget Adjustments
MSA (Wingo/Palya) Approved the June 2023 FY 22-23 & July 2023 FY 23-24 Budget Adjustments
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Carlson
Jackman, Palya

7.2 Public Notification of Water Consumer Confidence Report
MSA (Wingo/Wetherell) Approved the 2023-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Abstain – 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Carlson
Jackman, Palya

7.3 Updated Report on Corral Hollow Elementary- Dr. Bridges presented the board with a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of Corral Hollow Elementary.

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

8.1 Board Policy Update-BP6020/AR6020 Parent Involvement Title 1 School
MSA (Wetherell, Palya) Approved the Board Policy Update-BP6020/AR6020 Parent Involvement Title 1 School

Ayes- 4	Nays-0	Absent- 1	Abstain- 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Palya, Jackman		Carlson	

8.2 Updated 2023-2024 Board Meeting Calendar
MSA (Wingo/Wetherell) Approved the Updated 2023-2024 Board Meeting Calendar

Ayes- 4	Nays-0	Absent- 1	Abstain- 0
Wingo, Wetherell, Palya, Jackman		Carlson	

8.3 Items for Next Board Meeting- Presentation of the Grand Jury Report

ADJOURNMENT – MSA (Wingo/Wetherell) 7:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Bridges
Secretary to the Board