

**Jefferson School District**  
**Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Of the Board of Trustees**  
**January 9, 2024**

Present: Debbie Wingo, Vice President; Soyeb Palya, Clerk; 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 – Pete Carlson and Brian Jackman absent

c. Approval of Agenda

d. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

MSA (Carlson/Wingo – Approve the agenda

Ayes – 3            Nays – 0            Absent – 2            Abstain – 0

Wingo, Wetherell, Palya

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 Vice-President Debbie Wingo

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent's Report

Student Body Reports

In Closed Session

MSA (Wetherell/Palya) - For certificated employees, the Board approved the new hire for employees The board approved the new hire for employee #'s for classified employees 12767,12768,12769,12770,12771

Ayes – 3            Nays – 0            Absent – 2            Abstain – 0

Palya, Wingo, Wetherell

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

Busing Update

I'm pleased to announce that we have not had to cancel a single bus route for the entire year.

Construction

Corral Hollow Elementary School remains on track for an August 2024 opening. The final critical piece to complete the site, the electrical switchgear, was received on December 20, 2023. The construction team continues to work to complete the interior finish work in the gym, kitchen, and classroom. The playground structures are being installed this week, and the final major push will be made on the office and library over the next two months.

## Student Body Reports

Avni Gahonia, Jefferson School ASB President- I am super excited to be back from winter break and bouncing back from break right away. Our girl's basketball team is working hard for championships approaching next week. Once the girls are done with their season, our boys' basketball team will start theirs shortly after. Math Olympiad signups are out, and we're looking forward to putting together our strongest teams yet. Not only that, but thanks to the Lawrence Livermore Lab, who donated drones to our school, allowing us to create another after-school class. Mr. Pease will be taking charge of this new drone class, and we will be having signups for seventh and eighth graders only, along with the new drone class. We will also add a few new coding classes for all students interested; as a community, we are implementing See Something Say Something, which is teaching our students to have integrity and be against bullying. We also set up the bus training for all our bus riders on what to do in emergencies today. It's been a smooth transition from break to school. So we haven't had a lot of activities going on. But we have a bunch of fun things planned for next month, such as a board game rally, so I can't wait to report back in February. Have an amazing evening.

Karaliya De Perio Anthony Traina ASB president- Good evening, Dr. Bridges and district trustees. As of right now, we only have a few activities happening on campus. But the girl's basketball season has been playing for about a month and a half, and their season is coming to an end. They have about two more regular season games and playoff games. The boys' basketball season is coming, and many students have been formed to try out for the teams. The leadership team has also been discussing having a dance in February, the week of Valentine's Day. Thank you for your time.

Isabella Soto Tom Hawkins ASB president- I'm so sorry I couldn't attend, but I hope you all had an amazing break. Before the break, we had the ugly sweater contest. There were three to four winners per grade level. And every student that went had terrific sweaters. The day after that, we had a red and green day. All the students loved it. But the hit of the week was pajama day. Almost every student participated. We have classes in which everyone participated. Next, we have a dance. Everyone's excited about the winter dance coming up. Students, staff, and ASB are extremely excited because we know this event will be fantastic. In a few weeks, we'll have Kindness Week, which is five days filled with kindness from everyone in the school. Thank you for your time. I can't wait to see you all next month.

Trisha Dasgupta Monticello ASB president- This month, here are my updates for January 2024. We will have the great kindness challenge and Monticello, focusing on spreading kindness at our school. We also have our first book fair since the pandemic on January 22. Monticello fourth graders have two field trips this month; the third is in-house, the Walkthrough California. Fourth graders are memorizing excerpt cards and have to dress up as a California historical figure. Thank you for listening to my report.

## PUBLIC COMMENT- Kelsey Chatard, teacher- Instructional Coaches

Hello, Jefferson board and Dr. Bridges. My name is Kelsey Chatard. And I teach seventh and eighth-grade math at Hawkins. I understand ensuring enough teachers in the classroom has been a struggle. Still, tonight, I'd like to advocate for instructional coaches as this may help those teachers with less than a traditional path to teaching, and that means there was no student teaching time. I'm very lucky to work alongside two of our previous coaches currently. I've learned so many skills from these previous coaches that I would not have had the opportunity to learn these practices or not only build my skills as a teacher but our techniques that are gaining more instructional minutes while having these past coaches in the classroom is wonderful. I'd like to state how much impact they could have if we had full-time coaches. With so many teachers taking non-traditional past teaching and the growth of Jefferson School District, we would best support all of our teachers and students

by having instructional coaches thank you for your time. Thank you for your input.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – Regular Board Meeting December 12, 2023

4.2 Warrants –December 2023

4.3 Financials – December 2023

MSA (Wetherell, Palya) Approved the consent agenda as presented

Ayes – 3            Nays – 0            Absent –2            Abstain – 0

Palya, Wingo, Wetherell

#### V. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

5.1 Student Enrollment – Dr. Bridges shared that the district continues to see higher enrollment numbers, and it's getting close to three thousand students. He also shared that a new kindergarten class was added at Traina to aid with numbers. This class is expected to be filled in the next few weeks.

5.2 Special Education Update- Mrs. Alyssa Wooten, Director of Special Education and Student Services, presented to the board. She gave a comprehensive background on how special education works and the numbers that the district is currently servicing.

#### VII. BUSINESS AND FACILITIES

7.1 December 2023 FY 23-24 Budget Adjustments

MSA (Wetherell/ Palya) Approved the December 2023 FY 23-24 Budget Adjustments

Ayes – 3            Nays – 0            Absent – 2            Abstain – 0

Palya, Wingo, Wetherell

7.2 Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Audit Report

MSA (Palya / Wetherell) Approved the Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Audit Report

Ayes – 3            Nays – 0            Absent – 2            Abstain – 0

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 and Capital Facilities Fund.

Ayes – 3            Nays – 0            Absent – 2            Abstain – 0

Palya, Wingo, Wetherell

7.4 Williams Act Quarterly Reporting- This is typically an informational item; however, it was agendized as an action item; therefore, the board took action as follows.

MSA (Wetherell/Palya) Approved that no complaints were filed with any school in the district during the quarter indicated.

Ayes – 3            Nays – 0            Absent – 2            Abstain – 0

Palya, Wingo, Wetherell

## VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

### 8.1 Naming Tracy Hills School Site #2

Dr. Bridges gave a breakdown of the procedure used in the previous naming of schools, including a committee. He also presented a list of potential names that have already been submitted and reviewed the board policy on naming facilities. Dr. Bridges then asked for guidance from the board. The board decided to table the discussion to allow the two absent board members to give their input.

ADJOURNMENT – MSA (Wetherell/Palya) 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Bridges

Secretary to the Board