

**GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2025

Administration Building of Galena Park Independent School District
14705 Woodforest Blvd.

Houston, TX 77015

6:00 PM

The Board of Trustees of Galena Park Independent School District met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025 with the following members present: President, Norma Hernandez; Vice President, Ramon Garza; Secretary, Linda Clark Sherrard; Trustees: Adrian Stephens, Noe Esparza, Jose Jimenez, Amanda Erebia and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:01 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session as authorized by Sections 551.001 through 551.084, et seq of the Texas Government Code pursuant to:

- A. **Section 551.071 Attorney/Client Consultation - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.**
- B. **Section 551.074 Personnel - Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public employee.**
 - 1. Consider Board Member responsibilities.
 - 2. Consider Superintendent responsibilities.
 - 3. Discuss and approve the Superintendent's Evaluation.
 - 4. Discuss the Superintendent's employment contract.

At 6:00 p.m., Mrs. Hernandez announced that Executive Session was adjourned, and the Board would meet in Public Session for the following action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Mrs. Hernandez called for a motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Adrian Stephens. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:01 p.m., Mrs. Hernandez called the meeting to order. Jose Jimenez opened the meeting with a prayer, Cunningham Middle School Airforce LOTC presented the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS:

- A. **Public Comment for Posted Agenda Items**
There were no public comments for posted agenda items.
- B. **Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items**
There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Ramon Garza recognized the following:

A. Business Partner:

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize United Community Credit Union for its generous donation that benefited twenty at-risk families.

B. Student:

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Galena Park High School 11th graders Brian Piedra and Bryan Aguilera for their courageous intervention on behalf of a Galena Park High School Teacher.
- 2. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board for their leadership and dedicated service to their schools and community.

Members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board include:

- CTE Early College High School - Alonso Castañeda, Rogelio Hinojosa, Frida Ortiz, Jose Padron Jr., Mia Peña, Melanie Perez, Priscilla Piña, and Jeshua Puente
- Galena Park High School - Adam Alvarado, Mia Balderas, Lorenzo Delgadillo, Alizay Fuentes, Vania Munoz, Cairo Nieto, Kayla Ramirez, and Richey Vazquez
- North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center - Aniya Brown and Angel Gutierrez

- North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center - Joslynn Cisneros and Lynel Hunter III
- North Shore Senior High School - Dulce Bonilla, Kyla Eckford, Luke Melendez, and Jase Tapiz
- 3. Galena Park ISD will recognize Alex Sauz, a Pyburn Elementary School 5th grader, and Evelyn Gomez, a North Shore Middle School 8th grader, for their inclusion in the 2024 Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibition.
- 4. Galena Park ISD will recognize North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center student Jorge Guerra for being the first male swimmer to qualify for the University Interscholastic League Swim and Dive State Meet in 35 years.

BOARD COMMENTS: There were no board comments.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Karen Haynes, Director for Mental Health & Social Services presented the Academic Spotlight, with a video highlighting some of the outstanding programs and initiatives from the Mental Health & Social Services Department.

FINE ARTS SPOTLIGHT: Sam Harris, Director of Fine Arts & Academic Enrichment, presented the Fine Arts Spotlight. Mr. Harris highlighted the Galena Park High School Banda and the North Shore Senior High School Folkloriko dancers with a live performance.

REPORTS: Norma Hernandez, Board President, reported on Galena Park Independent School District Board Members' continuing education credits. She was pleased to announce that all board members met all of their continuing education requirements.

Mrs. Hernandez introduced Ed Martir, Director for Facility Planning and Construction, provided a 2016 and 2024 Bond Program and Facilities construction update.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the 2025 summer school pay rates.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Amanda Erebria to approve the 2025 summer school pay rates as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Schematic Design for Cimarron Elementary School replacement, as presented by S. Chu Architects, Inc.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve the Schematic Design for Cimarron Elementary School as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Schematic Design for Galena Park High School Phase 3-5, as presented by PBK Architects, Inc.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve the Schematic Design for Galena Park High School as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDAS – ACTION: So that audience members might better understand the Consent Agenda process, Mrs. Hernandez stated that the Board members receive Agenda Items prior to each Board meeting and are given adequate time to go through each Agenda Item thoroughly and to ask questions of the staff, if needed.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if any item from the General Consent Agenda should be removed for a separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the General Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

A. General Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 10.
2. Consider approval of the On-Campus Compensatory Education Home Instruction waiver for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.
3. Consider approval of the Allotment and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Certification, 2025-2026.
4. Consider approval of the submission of waiver request to the Texas Education Agency for the following: Modified State Assessment Testing Days. Waiver application will be submitted to the TEA upon Board approval.
5. Consider approval of the submission of a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency for the following: Staff Development Minutes Waiver. Waiver application will be submitted to the TEA upon Board approval.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebria and seconded by Jose Jimenez to approve the General Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if any item from the Construction Consent Agenda should be removed for separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the Construction Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

A. Construction Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the selection of Salas O'Brien, as the Architect Engineer Assignment firm for the Havard Elementary School HVAC Modifications, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm.
2. Consider approval of the selection of VLK Architects Inc., as the Architect Engineer Assignment firm for the Galena Park ISD Multi-Use Facility, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm.
3. Consider approval of the LED Lighting Upgrade at Normandy Crossing Elementary School by Excel Energy Group, Inc., via BuyBoard contract #681-23 for an estimated amount of \$195,000.

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the Construction Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if any item from the Financial Consent Agenda should be removed for separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the Financial Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

A. Financial Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval to ratify the alternative transportation services through July 31, 2025, from HopSkipDrive, Inc. via Choice Partners Contract No. 23/014MR-03, at an estimated amount of \$125,000, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.
2. Consider approval to ratify the purchases of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning and Air Purification Filters through August 31, 2025, from Joe W. Fly Co., Inc., via Buyboard contract #720-23 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$200,000.
3. Consider approval to renew RFP 23-015 Garbage Collection Services, for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, from Frontier Waste K2, LLC., at an estimated annual expenditure of \$800,000.
4. Consider approval of the extension and amendment agreement for RFP 22-012 Armored Courier Services with Loomis US and delegate authority to the Superintendent or designee to execute the amendment through December 31, 2025, for an estimated annual expenditure of \$195,000.
5. Consider approval to renew RFP 22-006 Fire Alarm Systems from May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026, for renewal with Koetter Fire Protection of Houston for an estimated expenditure of \$250,000.
6. Consider approval to renew RFP 21-003 Concrete Work for the period of May 1, 2025, through April 31, 2026, with Brooks Concrete, Inc. at an estimated annual amount of \$250,000.
7. Consider approval for award of RFP 25-007 Large Kitchen Equipment for the period of April 15, 2025, through March 31, 2026, for an estimated expenditure of \$500,000 to vendors listed below:
Ace Mart Restaurant Supply Co
A-Tex Restaurant Supply, Inc
Jean's Restaurant Supply
Kijero LLC
Kommercial Kitchens
Mission Restaurant Supply
Oswalt Restaurant Supply
Stafford-Smith, Inc.
8. Consider approval for RFP 25-004 Addendum 1 Athletic Field Maintenance Services for the period of May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026, to Greenscapes Six, LLC, and Rotolo Consultants, Inc., at an estimated annual expenditure of \$85,000.
9. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of March 2025.
10. Consider approval of the purchase of four 78-passenger school buses and five special needs buses for student transportation from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast GP, Inc., for an estimated amount of \$1,176,000 via BuyBoard Contract #722-23.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

INFORMATION: The following documents were presented for information:

A. Wanna Giacona, Chief Administrative Officer, presented:

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes - February 2025
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary - February 2025

B. Ben Pape, Chief Financial Officer presented:

1. Tax Collection Report - February 2025
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of February 28, 2025
3. 2024 Bond Program Financial Report as of February 28, 2025
4. General Fund Budget Summary Report for the period of September 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Norma Hernandez, President

ATTEST:


Linda Clark Sherrard, Secretary