

**Minutes**  
**Monday, March 8, 2021**  
**Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Location of Meeting: North Ave Intermediate Campus, Band Hall Gonzales Texas 78629**

**Board Members Present:** Glenn Menking, President  
Gloria Torres, Vice President  
Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary,  
Sue Gottwald  
Justin Schwausch

**Board Member Absent:** Sandra Gorden, Ross Hendershot, III

**Item #1. Call to Order**

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, March 08, 2021, at the North Ave. Intermediate Campus, Band Hall, Gonzales, Texas. President, Glenn Menking called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

A quorum was declared with five members present

**Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement**

Sue Gottwald gave the Invocation, Gloria Torres led the Pledge to the Flag, and Justin Schwausch read the Mission Statement.

**Item #2 Public Comments:** Mrs. Ildiko Rigney-Spoke on Safety Protocols. Ms. Rigney wanted to share her gratitude to the board for keeping up the CDC protocols in the district for the remainder of the school year.

**Item #3: Recognitions.**

Superintendent John Schumacher asked Ms. Robin Trojcak to present the recognitions for the month. Ms. Trojcak recognized the Counselors of the District. The Counselors were recognized for the hard work and dedication they have for the students of GISD. Certificates were presented to the Counselors that attended the meeting, Nancy Pesek, Jackie Kridler, and Brook Upstrom. Those that were not able to attend also received a certificate.

**Item #4: New Business/Action Items**

A. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes: March 8, 2021
2. Budget Amendments:

Ms. Amanda Smith, CFO, shared information regarding the Budget Amendments that were presented.

There were no comments or questions.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second by Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 5/0.

B. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates, District 4 and District 7 for the May 1, 2021 Trustee Election.

The Superintendent reported to the board that this is an annual item. The Superintendent explained to the board that since there were no opposing candidates, the Texas Election Code requires the secretary of the board to verify the unopposed status to the authority responsible for ordering the election. It was recommended that the board accept the Certification of unopposed candidates for District 4 and District 7.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch to approve the Certification of unopposed Candidates to Josie Smith-Wright for District 4 and Sandra Gorden, District 7 for the election of officers for School Board Trustee as presented. The motion carried 5/0.

- C. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Order of Cancellation for the May 1, 2021 Trustee Election, District 4 & District 7.

The Superintendent reported to the board that this is a required item. The Superintendent explained that according to the Texas Election Code, the governing body of a political subdivision may by order or ordinance declare each unopposed candidate elected to the office. It was recommended that the board approve the Order of cancellation and that the unopposed candidates be declared elected to office.

There were no questions or comments.

Justin Schwausch made the motion, with a second from Sue Gottwald, to approve the Order of Cancellation as presented thereby, canceling the election scheduled to be held on May 1, 2021, and declaring the unopposed candidates Josie Smith-Wright, District 4 and Sandra Gorden, District 7, elected as school trustees. The motion carried 5/0.

- D. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the 2021-2023 agreement with Nixon Smiley Consolidated Independent School District to continue the Inter-local Cooperative Arrangement with the Cooperative Disciplinary Alternative Education Program known as DAEP, to include the Cooperative Level III Disciplinary Alternative Education Program Known as "(Level III DAEP) and the PACE Program ( a credit recovery and generation program

Superintendent Schumacher explained to the board that the program was the same as before however, this contract would be a two-year contract to lock in the cost for two years.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the Agreement with the Nixon-Smiley Consolidated Independent School District that includes an Interlocal Cooperative Arrangement with the Cooperative Disciplinary Alternative Education Program Known as (DAEP), the Cooperative Level III Disciplinary Alternative Education Program known as the (Level III DAEP ) and the PAVE program ( a credit recovery and generation program) as presented. The motion passed 5/0.

- E. Discuss and Consider action to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar

Ms. Sarah Gottwald explained to the board the steps taken to select the 2021-2022 school calendar. Ms. Gottwald shared information with the board regarding the process of the selected calendar.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the Option D version of the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented with the start date to begin on August 19, 2021. The motion carried 5/0.

- F. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Gonzales Independent School District Waiver for Missed School Days for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ms. Sarah Gottwald explained to the board that this waiver was dated from Feb. 16-Feb. 19, 2021 and would allow the district to code the instruction School Minutes for each day as waiver minutes in place of the operational minutes. This request would ensure that GISD would not have to make up any instructional minutes due to the Winter Storm which caused the school closure period.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the Waiver for Missed School Days as presented. The motion passed 5/0.

- G. Discuss and Consider action to approve the E-Rate Category 1 and Category 2 Proposed Bids and Budget Amendment

Dr. Fairchild, Chief Technology Officer, explained to the board the purpose and process of the E-Rate Bids and also explained the Budget Amendment behind the E-Rate Bids and Budget Amendment with attachments.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the bids and budget amendment, as presented, contingent upon USAC approval and E-Rate Funding. The motion carried 5/0.

H. Discuss and Consider action to Approve 3-year XEROX Contract

Dr. Fairchild explained to the board the 3-year contract with the revisions. A new negotiation was presented to Xerox that benefited the district in cost.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the updated 3-year Xerox contract, with the revisions, as presented. The motion carried 5/0.

**Item#5 Reports:**

A. Financial Report

Amanda Smith, CFO, shared the financial report with the board. Ms. Smith spoke on several items consisting of (1) Financial Status Highlights, (2) ADA and Enrollment, and (3) 2020 Property Value Study. CFO presented answers to these three questions, what is the Property Value Study (PVS)? What is the study used for? Why is this important to the district? What comes next?

Other information shared with the board was a copy of the financial Report, Monthly Expenditure Level Comparison Report, Tax Collection Status Report, and the 2021-2022 Budget Development Calendar.

There were no questions or comments.

B. Pre-Kindergarten Adoption Timeline and Recommendation Report

Ms. Tessa Cain gave a brief report on the Pre-Kinder Adoption Timeline and Recommendations. Ms. Cain also shared a report on the GISD Instruction Materials Adoption Process Timeline (Proclamation 2021), Committee Team Members, and Pre-Kindergarten Adoption Textbook/Resource Committee Recommendation.

There were no questions or comments

C. Superintendent Reports.

1. Enrollment-Attendance

The Superintendent shared the enrollment information with the board.

2. Campus MOY's (Middle of the Year Reports) Each campus principal or representative gave their campus report.

3. Safety Protocols

The Superintendent shared with the board that a zoom meeting was held with the Superintendent, Nurse Hagen, Dr. Hisey, Ms. Robin Trojcek, and Ms. Haley Ratliff. The discussion was regarding the safety protocols for the year. It was suggested that the district continue with the safety protocols for the remainder of the school year.

**Item#6 Board Business**

Board Correspondence: Thank you Email from the Boulder Family regarding the plant received for the newborn baby.

Dates of Interest

March 5, 2021	Bad Weather Day-Student/Staff Holiday
March 8, 2021	Board Meeting
March 15-19, 2021	Spring Break ( Staff and Student Holiday)
March 29, 2021	Special Board Meeting
April 2, 2021	BWD-Good Friday
April 6-9, 2021	STAAR/EOC Testing
April 9, 2021	End of 5 <sup>th</sup> six weeks
April 12, 2021	Begin of Sixth six weeks

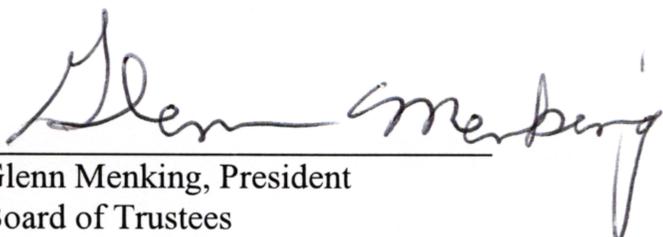
**Item #7 Personnel Matters, Section 551.074, Property Matters: Section 551.072, Attorney Matters Section 551.071 & Security Matters: Section 551.076**

The Board adjourned into a closed session at 7:05 P.M. for personnel matters and returned to the open session at 7:36 P.M.

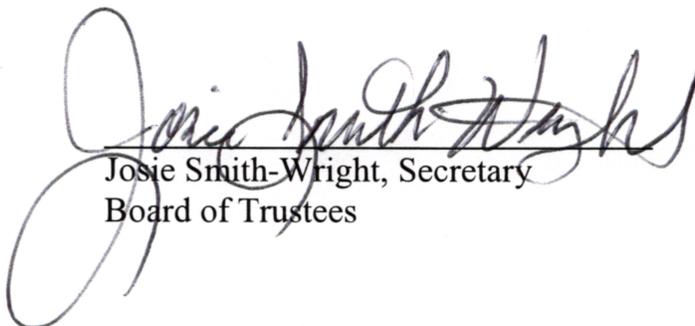
Josie Smith Wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the Administrator contracts as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 5/0.

**Item #8 Adjourn**

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to adjourn. The motion carried 5/0. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.



Glenn Menking, President  
Board of Trustees



Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary  
Board of Trustees