

Minutes
Monday December 7, 2020
Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 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
Sandra Gorden
Sue Gottwald
Ross Hendershot, III
Justin Schwausch

Board Member Absent:

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, December 7, 2020 at the North Ave. Intermediate Campus, Band Hall, Gonzales, Texas. President, Glenn Menking called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

A quorum was declared with seven members present.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Sue Gottwald gave the Invocation, Ross Hendershot, III led the Pledge to the Flag, and Sandra Gorden read the Mission Statement.

Item #2 Public Comments: None

Item #3: Recognitions.

Superintendent John Schumacher asked Ms. Robin Trojcak to present the recognitions for the month. Ms. Trojcak recognized individuals that helped with functions/fundraisers throughout the community. The volunteers received a certificate of appreciation.

Item #4: New Business/Action Items

A. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of November 9, 2020
2. Budget Amendments:

Ms. Ashley Wilke, Business Manager shared information regarding the Budget Amendments that were presented.

There were no comments or questions.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second by Justin Schwausch, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

B. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Elementary Targeted Improvement Plan

Mr. John Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Ms. Tessa Cain, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Nerada, principal of GE and Ms. Bell principal of GPA/EA. Ms. Cain shared information regarding the Elementary Targeted Improvement Plan. A power point was presented to the Board that outlined the yearlong accountability goals for the 2020-2021 school year. The three points shared were (1) Positive School Culture (2) The Effective Instruction and (3) The Data Driven Instruction. Principals, Bell of GPA/EA and Ms. Nerada of GE.

A few questions and comments were addressed.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the Elementary Targeted Improvement Plan as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Annual Financial & Compliance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended August 2020 & Approve the Audit Engagement Letter from Singleton, Clark, & Company PC

Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Ms. Ashley Wilke, Business Manager to the Board. Ms. Wilke explained to the Board that Singleton, Clark & Co. completed the audit. Osea Yagomate was introduced to present the report. Before Mr. Yagomate came to the podium, Ms. Wilke reminded the Board that the district still had a one year renewal option remaining on its contract with Singleton, Clark & Co and District Administration recommended renewing the annual contract by approving the engagement letter for the audit of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021. Mr. Osea Yagomate then took the floor to explain the district annual audit.

There were no questions or comments.

Ross Hendershot, III made the motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the annual financial report and the engagement letter with Singleton, Clark, & Company, PC, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

D. Discuss and Consider Approval to Award Contract for the Replacement of Wireless Access Points.

Dr. Fairchild presented to the Board the information regarding the contract for the replacement of Wireless Access Points. As part of the tech plan to enhance the district network and ensure fiscal responsibility the district put forth an RFP for the replacement of wireless access points. Three bids were received with one coming in after the deadline date which was not considered. Using a rubric, a committee of six determined to recommend that James Telco Inc. be awarded the bid for \$78,827.00. The wireless access replacement had already been included in the original budget so it was not necessary to put in a budget amendment.

There were a few questions and comments that were addressed.

Justin Schwausch made the motion, with a second from Ross Hendershot, III, to award the contract for the replacement of wireless access points to James Telco, Inc. as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the SHARE Program

Ms. Robin Trojcek, Director of shared information of the School Public Relations, reported to the Board what the SHARE program entailed and asked the Board for approval to be allowed to continue to offer this program to the students of Gonzales ISD.

There were no questions or comments.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the SHARE program as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

F. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the proposed Campus Reconfiguration

Mr. Schumacher explained to the Board that some of the administrator had information regarding the campus reconfiguration plan of the district. The first principal that came up to speak was Ms. Bell from GPA/EA campus. Once Ms. Bell shared her points of the campus reconfiguration she passed the floor to the others that had a part in the presentation. Ms. Nicole Nerada, GE Principal, Ms. Ramirez, NA Principal, Mr. Thompson, Jr. High Campus, Renee Fairchild, Tech Dept., Gene Kridler, Operations, Mr. Wayner from food service, and Ms. Wanda Fryer.

In short it was explained that the plan allowed for fewer transitions for students and parents from campus to campus allowing for more time to build stronger relationships between campus staff and students and their parents/guardians. Students would be able to learn and implement campus expectations and build relationships with staff for three consecutive years instead of transitioning every two years.

The reconfiguration will consist of Kindergarten joining the 1st and 2nd grade levels designing a Kindergarten-2nd grade campus. The 6th graders will join the junior high for a 6th – 8th grade junior high school campus. New Campus configurations are as follows:

GPA: Early Childhood Special Ed & Pre-Kinder, GE: Kinder-2nd Grade, NA: 3rd-5th, Jr. High: 6th- 8th, HS: 9th-12. East Ave Building would house the District Offices of Technology Dept., Curriculum & Instruction, Special Services and in the future, the Administrative Office.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the proposed Campus Reconfiguration as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Item#5 Reports:

A. Financial Report

Ashley Wilke, Business Manager, shared the financial report with the Board. Ms. Wilke spoke on several items consisting of (1) Financial Highlights, and (2) CRF Funding Reimbursement Funds. If approved eligible reimbursement expenses that included laptops, tablets, Chromebooks, and hot spots purchased between May 21, - Dec 11, 2020 would receive up to 75% of the total cost of the purchase. There were no questions or comments.

B. ACE Report

Ms. Trojcek introduced the ACE Site Coordinators to give their quarterly report to the Board. The Coordinators gave a report on how each group was doing in the classes that were being offered from the ACE program. Ms. Sarah Whitton, Ace Coordinator for Prk-5th, has 80 students enrolled, with an average of 65 students attending every afternoon. Adrienne Steen, ACE Coordinator for the 6th-8th grades has 60+ students enrolled with an averaging of 25-30 students attending regularly. Marco Alva, ACE Coordinator for the 9th-12th grade has 45 registered students with an average of 10-15 students attending regularly.

A few questions were addressed.

C. Superintendents Report

Reports shared by the Superintendent are as follows:

- A. Student Enrollment and Attendance Update
- B. Campus Updates

No Comments or questions

Item#6 Board Business

Board Correspondence: Ms. Amanda Smith sent a letter of gratitude for the plant she received for the birth of her Newborn baby.

Dates of Interest

December 7, 2020	Board Meeting
December 8-11, 2020	STAAR EOC Testing
December 16, 2020	End of Third Six Weeks
December 17-31, 2020	Staff/Student Holidays: Winter Break
Jan 1, 2021	Staff/Student Holiday: Winter Break
Jan. 4, 2021	Staff Development/Student Holiday
Jan 5, 20201	Beginning of 4 th Six Weeks-Students Return to School
Jan. 18, 2021	Staff/Student Holiday: Martin Luther King
Jan. 11, 2021	Regular Board Meeting (had been left out of calendar)

Item #7 Personnel Matters, Section 551.074, Property Matters: Section 551.072, Security Matters: Section 551.076

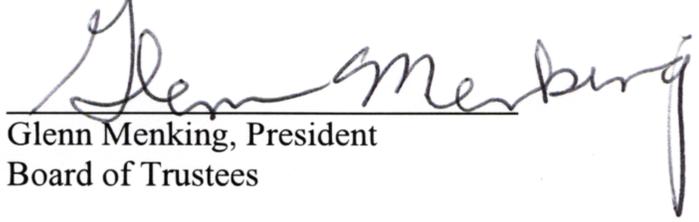
The Board adjourned into closed session at 7:17 P.M. for personnel matters and returned to open session at 7:42 P.M.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion with a second by Gloria Torres to approve a title change to Director of Community Services for North Ave. Principal Wanda Fryer. The motion carried 7/0.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second by Ross Hendershot, III to approve the superintendent evaluation instrument. The motion carried 7/0.

Item #8 Adjourn

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Justin Schwausch. The motion carried 7/0.
The meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.



Glenn Menking, President
Board of Trustees

Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
Board of Trustees