

Minutes
Monday November 9, 2020
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
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, November 9, 2020 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 seven members present.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Josie Smith-Wright gave the Invocation, Justin Schwausch led the Pledge to the Flag, and Gloria Torres read the Mission Statement.

Item #2 Public Comments:

The Board President read the public comments procedures. He then recognized Arribela Reyna for Public Comment. Ms. Reyna is a HS Student from GISD that shared her concerns regarding staff, remote learning, lunch breaks, and the extra-curriculum activities.

Item #3: Recognitions.

Superintendent John Schumacher asked Ms. Robin Trojcek to present the recognitions for the month.

Ms. Trojcek recognized Veterans who are district employees. The district Veterans were recognized with a video presentation expressing thanks and gratitude from the District for their service. The Veterans also received a free meal on Veterans Day as a token of the District's appreciation.

FCCLA Report

The FCLAA report was moved up to the top of Action Items to give the FCLAA students an opportunity to share their required report with the Board. Ms. Lizbet Alvarez and one of her fellow officers presented their report regarding the FCCLA and the things they are able to do to help in the community. They also told how they have grown as an individual through this program.

Item #4: New Business/Action Items

A. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of September 14, 2020
2. Budget Amendments:

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

There were no comments or questions.

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

B. Discuss and Consider action to Rescheduled December 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. John Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, informed the Board that the regular December Board meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2020. Since the Winter Break starts during the week of December 14th, it was asked to move the regular Board meeting to December 7, 2020.

There were no questions or comments.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Ross Hendershot, III, to reschedule the regular December Board meeting from December 14, 2020 to December 7, 2020 as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve rescinding Policy AE(Local)

Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, informed the Board that our TASB policy consultant recommended that the District rescind the AE (local) policy. This policy is regarding the District Mission Statement, which is not a required Board policy.

There were no questions or comments.

Sue Gottwald made the motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve rescinding Policy AE (local) as presented. The motion passed 7/0.

D. Discuss and Consider Action to Accept the Annual investment Report and Approve a Resolution Related to Review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategies.

Ms. Ashley Wilke, Business Manager, reported on the Annual Investment Report and shared some highlights with the Board. Ms. Wilke informed the Board that DCA (local) requires that an annual comprehensive report on the investment program and activity be prepared and presented to the Board. It also requires the Board to adopt a written resolution stating that the investment policy and investment strategies were reviewed and that any changes made to either the policy or strategy are recorded in the instrument.

Justin Schwausch made the motion, with a second from Ross Hendershot, III, to accept the annual investment report and approve & adopt the resolution, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Purchase of a School Bus

Ms. Ashley Wilkie, Business Manager, reported to the Board that proposals were received for the new bus purchase. The administration recommended purchasing one regular yellow school bus from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC.

There was a question with a response to the Board member.

Ross Hendershot, III made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the purchase of one regular school bus from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

F. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Gonzales High School Targeted Improvement Plan

Mr. Garza, HS Principal and Ms. Amanda Fullilove, Secondary Director of Curriculum and Instructional Development, shared with the Board the Complete Plan for the Development and Implementation of the 2020-2021 Gonzales High School Targeted Improvement Plan. The plan outlined the yearlong accountability goals for 2020-2021 including detailed strategies with specified timelines for monitoring of implementation. Ms. Fullilove shared her reporting on the Campus Rating for the 2019-2020 school year, and the Effective Schools Framework with 5 HS levers and more. Mr. Garza shared information as well. Mr. Garza spoke on parts of Strong School Leadership, Positive School Culture, and Effective Instruction. The overall goal is to go from a C to a B.

There were several questions from the Board, which were answered by either Mr. Garza or Ms. Fullilove. According to some of the Board members there was concern on approving this item because they felt they did not have enough time or information to make a good decision on the item. After several questions and a few comments, a motion was made.

Mr. Menking made a motion, with a second from Sue Gottwald, to approve the Gonzales High School Targeted Improvement Plan as presented. The motion passed 4/3. (With Smith-Wright, Torres, and Schwausch opposed)

G. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve & Accept the GISD Education Foundation Grant Funding to be use for Future Grant Disbursements and Amend the Budget

Mr. Schumacher requested approval for the Education Foundation Funds that were received from the Foundation to use for Future Grant Disbursements and amend the budget.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the acceptance of the \$38,875.00 from GISD Education Foundation and add the \$38,875.00 to the revenue and expenditure budget, by budget amendment as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Item#5 Reports:

A. FCCLA Report – Done Earlier in the meeting

B. Financial Report

Ashley Wilke, Business Manager, shared the financial report with the Board. Ms. Wilke spoke on several items consisting of (1) 2019-2020 Financial Highlights, (2) Updated TEA Foundation Payment Schedule & (3) Tax Payments.

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: None

Dates of Interest

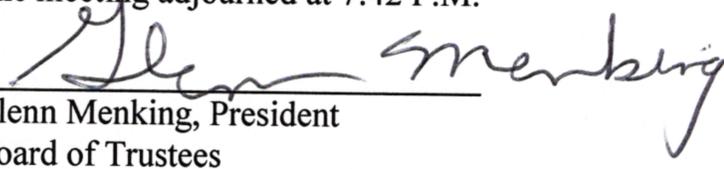
November 3, 2020	Election Day
November 9, 2020	Staff Development/Student Holiday/
November 9, 2020	Regular Board Meeting
November 11, 2020	Veterans Day
November 23-27	Staff /Student Holidays: Thanksgiving
November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Day
December 7, 2020	Board Meeting (pending approval)

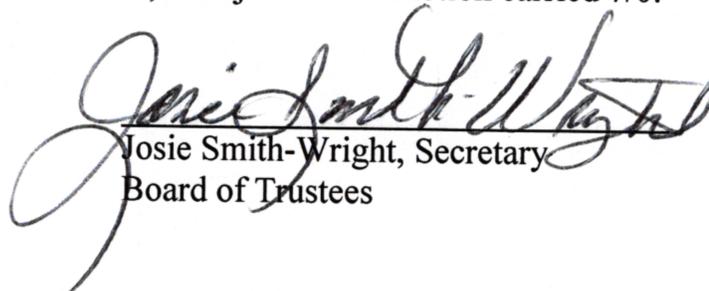
Item #7 Personnel Matters, Section 551.074, Property Matters: Section 551.072, Security Matters: Section 551.076, and Legal Counsel Matters: Section 551.071

The Board adjourned into closed session at 6:13 P.M. for personnel matters and returned to open session at 7:40 P.M.

Item #8 Adjourn

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to adjourn. The motion carried 7/0. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.


Glenn Menking, President
Board of Trustees


Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
Board of Trustees