

Minutes
Monday September 14, 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, September 14, 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

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

Item #2 Recognitions:

The Technology Department was recognized for its awesome work on getting the Chromebooks checked in, tagged and delivered to each campus. The technology team consists of Chief Tech Officer, Renee Fairchild, John Owens, Ruty Decou, Julie Burek, Liz Alvarez, Jenny Needham, Jami Owens, and Abbie Dolezal. The team also had a few others that helped in the process. The Technology Dept. created the One to One handbook, the Teacher/Student Handbook, and the New Staff Handbook for the Chromebook process. The Technology Department is working diligently to get all technology information updated. At this time, the district has 185 access points and 420 hotspots for our online students. Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent, also shared a Power Point with the board showing the individuals hard at work. Mr. Schumacher mentioned businesses working with the district includes the City of Gonzales, Region 13, GVTC and GVEC to help with the hotspots using ATT thru GVEC towers. Much was said for the great work the Technology team has done in the process of getting the district going thru these difficult situations.

Item #3: Public Comments- NONE

Item #4: New Business/Action Items

Before the new business and action items took place, the board heard from our community doctors, Dr. Hisey and Dr. Rivas. Both doctors shared their opinions regarding the return of the students back to school in person. They shared some of the data and the support they had for the district in allowing the students back to school for face-to-face instruction. Dr. Hisey reported that there were only nine active cases in the county. He also reported that the active cases had dropped off significantly. Even though the students came back to school, the doctors had expected more cases, which did not happen. The physicians support the district in getting the students back to a face-to-face instruction, and the data supported this decision. Communication would go out soon to the parents and staff regarding the return to school on Sept. 22, 2020. Dr. Rivas shared that the surrounding districts were also experiencing similar outcomes. One of the Board members asked if wearing face masks should be continued. Dr. Hisey recommended that the students continue wearing the face mask until the recommendations go away at the national level. He also suggested that the district continue doing what they are doing for the safety of the students and staff through wearing mask, washing hands, and social distancing, etc. Mr. Schumacher shared the number of students that were already in class and how many were still doing the online classes. The Superintendent mentioned that data supports having students return to face-to-face instruction on September 22, 2020.

- A. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of August 10, 2020, August 17, 2020 Special Board Meeting and August 24, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Budget Amendments: (A revised copy was received titled (Z.3))

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

There were no comments or questions.

Sue Gottwald made the motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

B. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Delegate/Delegate Alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly

The Superintendent informed the Board members that the annual Texas Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly was going to be held this year in conjunction with the TASB/TASA Convention and that it was time to name a delegate and an alternate delegate.

There was some discussion and then a motion was made.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to name Josie Smith-Wright as the Delegate to the 2020-2021 TASB Delegate Assembly. (No Delegate Alternate was named at this time). The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider possible action to approve the Curriculum Department permission to repurpose all out of date textbooks.

Ms. Amanda Fullilove shared with the Board the plan for the out dated textbooks. At this time, it had been requested that all out of adoption textbooks would be repurposed and given out to students as optional reading material and supportive resources to be used as supplemental reading material.

There were no questions or comments

Sandra Gorden made the motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the repurposing of all out-of-date Textbooks as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

D. Discuss and Consider action to approve the 2020-2021 GISD District Improvement Plan (DIP)

Ms. Tessa Cain and Ms. Fullilove shared information with the Board regarding the 2020-2021 DIP. A Power Point was shared with the Board showing the descriptions and the plan for the DIP for 2020-2021 school year.

There were no comments or questions.

Justin Schwausch made the motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve the 2020-2021 GISD District Improvement Plan as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

E. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Gonzales ISD Asynchronous Plan

Ms. Fullilove explained to the Board that this year in response to the COVID-19, TEA was requiring Local Education Agencies to submit an asynchronous plan for remote learning. Ms. Fullilove explained the Asynchronous Plan with a Power Point showing the plan outline to the Board.

No questions or comments were made.

Justin Schwausch made the motion, with a second from Ross Hendershot, III to approve the Gonzales ISD Asynchronous Plan as presented. The motion passed 7/0.

F. Discuss and Consider possible action to approve the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) members for the 2020-21 school year.

Ms. Robin Trojcak presented the Board with the list of members in the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Trojcak explained to the Board the purpose of SHAC and their duties. The advisory group represents segments of the school staff, parents and community leaders. This council promotes school and community health programs, and provides a bridge between school and community on understanding and supporting school health.

Ross Hendershot, III made the motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the Gonzales ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Membership for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Item#5 Reports:

A. Financial and Quarterly Investment Report

Amanda Smith, CFO, spoke to the Board on five items: (1) CFO Summary, revenues, expenditures, and changes in Fund Balance as of July 31, 2020 (2) Monthly Expenditures Level Comparison, (3) Tax Collection Status Report as of July 31, 2020 (4) 4th Quarter Investment Report and (5) Historical Interest Rates.

There were no questions and comments.

B. School FIRST Overview & Rating

Amanda Smith presented to the Board the School FIRST rating report. Yearly, TEA applies a Financial Accountability Rating to Texas public schools. In addition, that rating is known as the School FIRST Rating. FIRST is the acronym for Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. School districts are required to hold a public hearing within 60 days of receiving the notice and this report completes that requirement. The information was based on the school year 2018-2019 data. The district has received a Superior or 'A' rating, which is the highest rating available. The primary goal is to ensure quality financial management practices and improved performances in management of resources in school districts. It is also to ensure that the maximum amount of resources are used on instructional purposes.

There were no questions or comments.

C. Communities In Schools Report

Ms. Amanda Fullilove reported to the Board that at this time the district did not have a contract with Communities in Schools for the 2020-2021 school year. The department is gathering information from the past year and considering other family and community engagement programming before renewing a contract with Communities in Schools.

There were no questions or comments.

D. Facility Service Report

Gene Kridler introduced the TASB representative, Mr. Grady Slaton. . Mr. Slaton gave the Board the report on the next step of facilities Assessment. Mr. Slaton spoke on the Long Range Facility Planning process which included a Power Point. He spoke on the purpose, components, process, period, and product.

E. Superintendent Report

1. Dr. Hisey/Dr. Rivas COVID 19 Report (moved up before action items)
2. Student Enrollment & Attendance Update (Student Enrollment was at 2739 instead of 2702 shared with the Board)
3. Campus Reports
 - a. Ms. Bell shared the GPA/EA campus report.
 - b. Ms. Nerada shared the Gonzales Elementary campus report.
 - c. Ms. Ramirez shared the North Ave Campus report
 - d. Mr. Thompson shared the Jr. High Campus report
 - e. Mr. Garza shared the High School Campus report

Item#6 Board Business

Board Correspondence: Josie Smith-Wright read a thank you received from Glenn Menking thanking the Board for the plant sent for the funeral of his sister, Diane Floyd.

Dates of Interest

Sept. 7, 2020	Staff / Student Holiday/Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 14, 2020	Board Meeting-NA Band Hall
Sept. 18, 2020	End of First Six Weeks
Sept 21, 2020	Beginning of 2 nd six weeks-Student Holiday/Staff Development
Sept. 22, 2020	Fall Begins
Sept. 28, 2020	Team of 8 meeting (added)
Oct. 12, 2020	Board Meeting (added)

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

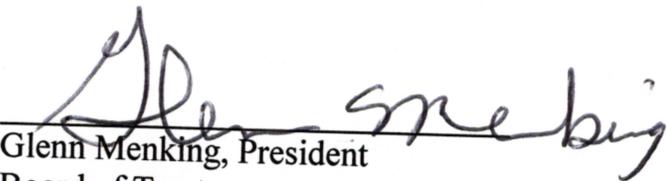
The Board adjourned into closed session at 7:05 PM for personnel matters and returned to open session at 7.35 PM.

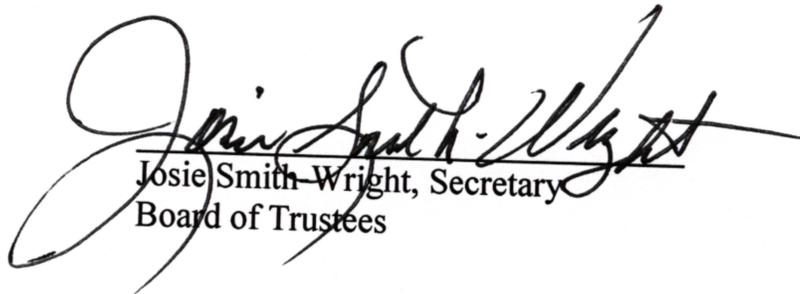
The report of the Resignation, New Hires and New Positions was shared with the Board.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Ross Hendershot, III to approve the addition of 1 FTE as a PPCD aide for Gonzales Primary Academy. The motion carried 7/0.

Item #8 Adjourn

Ross Hendershot, III made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to adjourn. The motion carried 7/0. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.


Glenn Menking, President
Board of Trustees


Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
Board of Trustees