

Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2019
Regular Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Gonzales Junior High School Library, 426 N. College Gonzales, Texas

Board Members Present: Glenn Menking, President
Gloria Torres, Vice President
Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
Sandra Gorden
Sue Gottwald
Ross Hendershot, III
Justin Schwausch

Board Members Absent:

Item #1 Call To Order:

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Gonzales Junior High School Library. President Glenn Menking called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A quorum was declared with seven board members in attendance.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Sandra Gorden gave the invocation, Gloria Torres led the Pledge to the flag and Justin Schwausch read the Mission Statement.

Item #2 Public Comments: None

Item #3 Recognition: Mr. Schumacher introduced Ms Angelica Raley from Mohrmann's Pharmacy. Ms. Raley gave the board information regarding a community outreach program that Mohrmann's wants to partner with GISD. This new Community Outreach Program would recognize one student a month. This student would be the student that was always dedicated, always showing up, always doing the right thing, the "Apache Student". This program would allow the teachers, administrators or counselors to name five students. One student would be chosen to decide on an organization in which they would like to donate. The student would get a certificate, a picture taken, and a donation to an organization would be made in their name.

Item #4 Reports:

A Facilities Report

Mr. Kridler gave a facilities report to the board regarding the summer projects. Many projects from the air conditioners, pipelines, etc. were completed prior the projected completion date. Mr. Kridler shared that the contractor (TRANE), who worked on the air conditioners, had been very helpful and did a very good job for the district. He was very pleased.

A few questions were asked by the board members and Mr. Kridler answered each question satisfactorily.

B "Start with Hello Week"

Dr. Bartlett shared a report on the "Start with Hello Week". This program was reported to be free and easy to implement to help reduce social isolation and to create a positive school culture for GISD

students. All necessary materials would be provided to the counselors. Dr. Bartlett invited the board members to visit a campus and to be part of the activities the week of Sept. 23 thru Sept. 27.

No comments or questions were asked.

C. Bilingual and ESL Report

Dr. Bartlett reported to the board that this was a required report regarding the bilingual and ESL programs. She briefly explained the process of the programs that were offered in the district, including what each program is, what it does, and how it is administered.

(Get the report that was shared with the board). (The board members did ask to have the PowerPoint sent to them.)

There were a few questions and comments made by the board. Dr. Bartlett was able to response to every question.

D. Communities in Schools Report

Dr. Bartlett reported to the board on the Communities in School Report that shared information regarding the students at risk. This program works directly with the campus staff, students and their families. The areas of focus are attendance, academics, parental involvement, and college career readiness. They provide additional services above what the district can provide, such as food, clothing, and referrals to more complex organizations outside the district's ability. Dr. Bartlett shared that the Community and Schools also helps in counseling, emotional support and whatever it takes to help the student succeed. Dr. Bartlett shared that this was not coming out of local budget, but was grant funded and approved by TEA. The impact this program can have on our community goes beyond GISD boundaries. Dr. Bartlett also introduced Mr. Henry Guajardo, Director for Community and Schools.

(Need the handout two hands with a heart)& (six components activities guide).

Dr. Bartlett addressed some questions and comments.

E. Financial Report

CFO, Amanda Smith gave the financial report to the board. It was reported that the VFW once again has donated \$25.00 for school supplies for students. These funds were divided equally among the campuses. After the original budget was finalized, there were additional E-Rate monies awarded. These funds allowed an amendment to bring the funds into local budget. The next BA was to increase budget to function 33, which in the original budget was budgeting for an LVN to support the North Ave Campus. However, the district was fortunate to find a very experienced RN to serve the students at that campus. This comes with an additional cost. The other BA's are showing revised reclassifications for three personnel positions, and an additional BA to support a part-time support staff for the truancy needs of the district. On another note, the Gonzales County tax collector is doing an amazing job with almost 99% collections for the 18-19 fiscal year. The last thing on the CFO summary report is an estimated payment schedule from TEA for our State Aide for this year. On a final note, we have been in touch with the Gonzales County Central Appraisal District to ask about the potential impact concerning the GBRA announcements regarding draining the lakes. Unfortunately, they were not able to answer the question. Since the appraised values are based on sales prices, and since that announcement no one has sold any properties. Until someone sales a property they will not be able to answer that question. They do not plan to do a reappraisal on such properties.

There were questions asked and addressed.

F. Public Information Act Report

Ms. Robin Trojcak informed the board of the changes and updates regarding the Public Information Act. It was shared by Ms. Trojcak that the district would have a designated email address for the public information requests that both Ms. Trojcak and Ms. Ratliff will oversee.

G. Superintendent/Principal Campus Reports

Each campus was asked to come up and give their campus report to the board.

Mr. Schumacher introduced Ms. Wendy Cox, Assistant Principal to give the HS board report.

Mr. Schumacher introduced Mr. Thompson, Jr. High Principal to give the Jr. High board report.

Mr. Schumacher introduced Ms. Fryer, North Ave Principal to give the North Ave. Board Report.

Mr. Schumacher introduced Ms. Nerada, Gonzales Elem. Principal to give the GE Board Report.

Mr. Schumacher introduced Dr. Womack, East Ave. Principal to give the East Ave. Board Report

Mr. Schumacher introduced Dr. Renee Fairchild, Gonzales Primary Academy Principal to give the G. P. A. Board Report.

Each principal reported the campus enrollment and calendar of events for their campus.

Mr. Schumacher then reported the enrollment.

Item # 5 New Business/Action Items

A. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Meeting August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting & August 26, 2019 Special Meeting
2. Budget Amendments: included with financial report.

There were no comments or questions.

A motion made by Justin Schwausch with a second from Ross Hendershot, III to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

B. Discuss and consider action to Authorize the Superintendent to Seek Qualifications and Proposals for a Facilities Assessment

Superintendent John Schumacher reported to the board that it is imperative to find factual data. The Superintendent is asking the board for permission to seek a qualified assessment of the district facilities. Once the criteria is received and reviewed, it will be brought back to the board for discussion and potential approval.

There were no comments or questions.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch that the board authorize the superintendent to seek qualifications and proposals for a facilities assessment, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Purchase of Workers Compensation Insurance

The Superintendent reported to the board that board policy CH (local) requires the board to approve any single budgeted purchase exceeding \$75,000. The superintendent recommended approving the purchase and renewing with Texas Political Subdivisions for a three-year term.

There was a question by a board member as to whether this was the company the district had right now and asked whether the district went out for bids. Did we go out or did we just choose to go with this company? The questions were all addressed.

Sue Gottwald made a motion with a second from Sandra Gorden that the board approve the purchase of workers compensation insurance from Texas Political Subdivisions for a three-year term, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

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

Superintendent John Schumacher explained to the board that this was a yearly item. This year the TASA/TASB Convention is to be held in Dallas. Each member school district is asked to name a delegate and delegate alternate through school board action. The delegate(s) will represent the view of the school board at the delegate assembly.

After some discussion, comments and questions that occurred with the board members a motion was made.

A motion was made by Ross Hendershot, III with a second from Gloria Torres to name Josie Smith-Wright as Delegate and Sue Gottwald as Alternate to the 2019-2020 TASB Delegate Assembly. *The motion carried 7/0.*

E. Discuss and Consider action on Election of Gonzales County Appraisal District Directors and Adopt a Resolution.

The Superintendent reported to the board that the Gonzales County Appraisal District Director is a 2-year term, which begins on January 1, 2020 and ends Dec. 31, 2021. The GISD Board was informed that they had an opportunity to nominate candidates. The board must first nominate candidates and then adopt a written resolution for consideration in the upcoming GCAD Board of Directors Elections. Each taxing unit could nominate one to five candidates, one candidate for each position to be filled.

After some discussion and comments, a motion was made.

A motion was made by Josie Smith-Wright with a second from Justin Schwausch to approve the adoption of the written resolution to approve Sandra Gorden and Sue Gottwald as the district nominations to serve on the Board of Directors of the Gonzales County Appraisal District as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

F. Discuss and Consider action on Election of the Caldwell County Appraisal District Directors and Adopt a Resolution.

The Superintendent reported to the board that the Caldwell County Appraisal District was ready to receive nominated candidates and an adopted written resolution for consideration in the upcoming CCAD Board of Directors Elections.

After a bit of discussion the board decided to take no action on this item.

G. Discuss and Consider action to approve the deletion of Policy FEE (local)

The Superintendent John Schumacher explained to the board that the FEE (local) policy is regarding the permission to leave campus during lunch for the 10th -12th HS students. As per TASB consultant, this policy is not a required board policy. Since the same information is in the student handbook, the request is to delete policy FEE (local).

There were no comments or questions

A motion was made by Josie Smith-Wright with a second from Ross Hendershot, III to approve the deletion of FEE (local) policy as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

H. Discuss and Consider action to approve the CQ Policy regarding the Internet Safety Policy, CIPA and Web Filtering.

Ms. Needham, Technology Director informed the board that in order for the district to receive the E-Rate funds, the USAC has required the district to discuss policy CQ (local) regarding the Internet Safety Policy, CIPA (Children Internet Protection Act) and Web Filtering. Each policy update was shared with the board during the Jan. 14, 2019 board meeting. The technology director shared with the board what this CQ Policy meant for the district. The technology director read to the board the CQ (local) policy.

A motion was made by Sue Gottwald with a second from Justin Schwausch to approve the policy CQ update regarding the Internet Safety Policy, CIPA and Web Filtering as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Item #6 Board Business

Board Correspondence: Bereavement card from the Gottwald Family was received and read to the board.

Dates of Interest:

Sept 2, 2019	Labor Day Holiday-School Closed
Sept. 6, 2019	Early Release/Staff Development- E3 Training
Sept. 20, 2019	End of First Six Weeks-Student Early Release/Staff Development
Sept. 23, 2019	Beginning of Second Six Weeks
Oct. 3, 2019	Student Early Release/Staff Development
Oct. 4, 2019	Staff Development-Student Holiday
Oct. 7, 2019	Bad Weather Day (Come & Take it)
Oct. 18, 2019	Student Early Release/Staff Development

Truck for Food Services Operation Arriving 8/30/19 (Information Only)

The "new to us" completed truck unit for Food Services will be arriving Friday, August 30 (new truck with used cargo trailer and lift gate). This truck replaces a 1993 van and should benefit the program for years to come. It has a lift so it will be easier for our team members to load and unload items. A photo is attached. We are currently evaluating whether to keep the van for use in another capacity or sell it.

Amanda to Serve on TASBO Committee (Information Only)

Amanda was asked by the Executive Director of TASBO (Texas Association of School Business Officials) to serve on their Accounting & Auditing Advisory Committee. It is designed to be a max 4-year term with meetings being held approximately six times per year around the Austin area. The TEA Director of Financial Compliance leads the meetings. There are about 20 people serving on the committee from various districts around the state.

The purpose of the Committee is to serve as a resource to the Texas Education Agency on the financial management and operation of public schools and to provide guidance to the Agency on the development of rules and regulations, including updates to the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide and other education related areas, as requested.

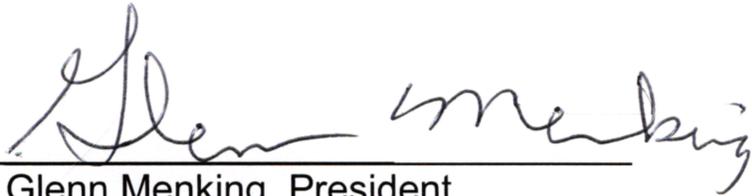
Item #7 Personnel Matters

The Board adjourned into executive session at 7:04 pm for Personnel Matters/Property Matters/Security Matters and returned to open session at 7:48 p.m.

The Superintendent reported the list of resignations and new hires.

Item# 8 Adjourn

There was a motion by Josie Smith-Wright with a second by Ross Hendershot, III to adjourn. The motion carried 7/0. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Glenn Menking, President
Board of Trustee



Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
Board of Trustee