

Minutes
Monday, May 2, 2022
Regular Board Meeting at 5:45 P.M.
Location of Meeting: GISD Administrative Board Room, 1615 St Lawrence St.
Gonzales, Texas 78629

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

Board Member Absent:

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, May 2, 2022, at the Administrative Office Board Room, Gonzales, Texas. President, Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

A quorum was declared with 7 members present.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

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

Item #2: Public Comments: There were no public comments

Item#3: Recognitions: Ms. Robin Trojcek recognized Students/ Faculty/ and Staff. The student recognitions were as follows: Student Excellent Achievement, GHS UIL Academics, GHS Track, and the Culinary Arts Class. Staff Recognitions were as follows: Principal Appreciation Day, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, School Lunch Hero Day (Food Service Appreciation Day), and National School Nurse Appreciation Day. Ms. Trojcek presented the names, and pictures, of Students, Faculty, and Staff, as recognized.

Item #4: New Business/Action Items

A. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes: April 11, 2022, Regular Meeting and April 19th, April 25th, April 26th and April 27, 2022, Special Meetings.

2. Budget Amendments:

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Kim Strozier, shared with the Board the information regarding the Consent Agenda and the Budget Amendments.

There were no questions but a comment regarding the BA's (\$7835.00 being a donation from the booster club).

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to adopt the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

B. Discuss and Consider Action to Appoint Crystal Cedillo, Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector, as the person to Calculate and Prepare the 2022 No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates for Gonzales ISD

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Kim Strozier explained to the Board that this was an annually required item to specify the person to be responsible for calculating and preparing the Tax Rate. The administration recommends Crystal Cedillo, Gonzales County Tax Assessor, as the appointed individual to calculate and prepare the 2022 No-New Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates for Gonzales ISD.

There were no questions or comments.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, that the board appoint Crystal Cedillo as the person to calculate and prepare the 2022 No-New Revenue and Voter-approval Tax Rates for Gonzales ISD, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Date for the Public Meeting on the 2022-23 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate.

Dr. Strozier, Interim Superintendent, informed the Board that this was an annually required item to set the date for the public hearing before the adoption of the tax rate. The administration is recommending that the public meeting for the 2022-2023 budget be set for August 22, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

There were no comments or questions.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to hold the public meeting for the 2022-23 proposed budget and tax rate on August 22, 2022, at 5:30 P.M., as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

D. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the 2022-2023 Allotment & TEKS Certification Form

Interim Superintendent, Kim Strozier, shared with the Board that to receive the Instructional Material Allotment funding the district was required to complete the TEKS certification form certifying that the funds would be used as intended according to the Code. It also certifies that the district will use the state adopted list or meet the expectations on the list. Three corrections are part of the recommendations. The corrections that need to be made as part of the recommendation begin on page 22 (correction on a name spelling), page 23 (add Spanish reading Language Arts as a choice), and on page 24 Eduphoria was included for all of the choices.

There were no questions or comments to be addressed.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Sue Gottwald, to approve the 2022-2023 Allotment and TEKS Certification form, with corrections, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the purchase of UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) upgrades to support the districts network infrastructure.

Dr. Strozier shared with the Board that this item went hand in hand with the next item. This first item is part of a bigger plan where the district is upgrading to meet the needs of the increased service the district is providing. Technology was awarded 4 main purchases through ESSERII funds. This included Chrome Book, Uninterrupted WIFI and WIFI upgrades, and the new (HUB) location. This service that is being recommended will allow 1-2 hours of power outage service, if the power goes out, to be allowed to use internet or phone service. The original budget amount was \$187,000 and the actual cost is \$139,820.56.

There were a few questions that were addressed.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the purchase of the UPS upgrades as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

F. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the purchase of WIFI upgrades to support the district's network infrastructure.

Interim Superintendent Dr. Kim Strozier explained to the Board that this is the second half of the UPS and WIFI Upgrades to go with the information just shared for the UPS item.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the purchase of the WIFI upgrades as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

G. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Fuel, Lubricant, & Oil contract

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Kim Strozier, informed the Board that this item was annual as well. This item follows the Board policy in approving the fuel, lubricants, and oil purchases for the upcoming year. It is also over the \$75,000.00 range that needs Board approval. It was recommended to go with Schmidt and Sons.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to award the Fuel, Lubricant, and Oil Contract to Schmidt & Son, Inc. as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

H. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Grounds Services Contract

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Kim Strozier, informed the Board that this too was an annual required item. It was recommended to approve Gonzales Lawn Pro as presented.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to award the Grounds Services Contract to Gonzales Lawn Pro, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Item#5 Reports:

A. Financial Investment Report

Dr. Strozier shared a brief report on the Districts finances report along with the Enrollment and Attendance percentages.

There were no questions or comments.

B. Summer Hours

Dr. Strozier informed the Board of the summer hours for Gonzales ISD. Beginning May 31st thru July 29th most of the district personnel will work a 9.5-hour day Monday-Thursday. The auxiliary staff will work a regular work week. The administration office will be closed on Fridays during this time. The district will also be closed to the public the week of July 4th.

C. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported on the student enrollment and attendance rate updates with the financial report.

Item#6 Board Business

Board Correspondent: None

Month of May	
May 2 nd , 2022	Board Meeting
May 1 st -May 8 th , 2022	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 3 rd – May 13 th , 2022	Testing
May 6 th , 2022	School Lunch Hero Day
May 11 th , 2022	Public School Paraprofessional Day
May 12 th , 2022	National School Nurse Day
May 25 th , 2022	Last Day of School for Students/Early Release & EOY Awards for Faculty and Staff
May 26 th -May 27 th , 2022	Teacher PD/Planning/Prep Days
May 27 th , 2022	Graduation
May 30 th , 2022	Memorial Day/ Staff Holiday

Dates of May 9th, 11th, and 12th were left out of the board business dates – these dates were the Special Meeting regarding the Supt search.

Item #7 Adjourn to Closed Session:

Under Texas Government Section [551.071](#) (Consultation with Attorney), Code Section [551.072](#) (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), [551.73](#) Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift, Texas Government Code Section [551.074](#), (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee), Texas Government Code Section [551.076](#) (Deliberation regarding implementation of Security, personnel or devices) and Section [551.082](#): School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint, Section [551.083](#): Certain School Boards;

Meeting Regarding Consultation with Representative of Employee Group, Section 551.084: Investigation; Exclusion of witnesses from a hearing.

The Board adjourned into a closed session at 6:25 P.M. The Board returned to the open session at 6:46 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the Emergency Operations Planning Team with the addition of adding the new Superintendent, once he is named. The motion carried 7/0.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the list of contracts as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the EOP changes. Motion carried 7/0.

Item #9 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot, III adjourned the meeting at 6:47 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III President
Board of Trustees



Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Board of Trustees