

**Minutes**  
**Monday, March 7, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 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 (arrived @ 6:23 P.M.)

**Board Member Absent:**

**Item #1. Call to Order**

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, March 7, 2022, at the Administrative Office Board Room, Gonzales, Texas. President, Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

A quorum was declared with 6 members present. Ms. Torres arrived at 6:23 p.m.

**Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement**

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

**Item #2: Public Comments:** No Public comments

**Item#3: Recognitions:** Ms. Robin Trojcak recognized the Bus Drivers and the Maintenance/Grounds Department. Ms. Trojcak also mentioned that it was Texas Public School Week and she wanted to recognize all the GISD Educators.

**District Students Recognitions:**

Ms. Faith Lester was also recognized for receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Breeding Beef Heifer Show at the San Antonio Livestock Show and also won a \$10,000 Scholarship at the Junior Shoot-Out sale. Also recognized was Kinley Cernosek, as she earned a gift certificate to Cole's Fine Guns, some shells, and a belt buckle for Runner-Up Champion in the Open Girls' division of the San Antonio Livestock Show Junior Shoot-Out. Another student recognized was Coy LaBuhn, who earned a new shotgun and buckle as the Class 4 Trap Champion at the San Antonio Livestock Show Junior Shoot-Out. Additionally recognized were Kamren Cavit, who received a white ribbon for his handmade table at the sale for the Junior Ag Mechanics Show, and Michael Mariscal, Abel Martinez, Jay Marquette, and Hadley Borrer, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their class and made it to the live auction, where the trailer sold for \$15,000.00 plus add-ons. The trailer was marketed/sold by Kinley Cernosek, Lauren Johnson, and Jay Marquette.

**Item #4: New Business/Action Items**

A. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes: February 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, & February 21, 2022, Special Meeting.
2. Budget Amendments:

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

There were no comments or questions to address.

Glenn Menking, made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to adopt the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

B. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Superintendent Search Firm

Interim Superintendent Strozier explained to the Board the need to select a Superintendent Search Firm. The Board President Ross Hendershot, III shared a few words and asked if there were any questions, concerns, or requests. Butch Felkner, a representative of TASB, was at the meeting in case there were some questions from the Board.

There were several questions and comments which were addressed by Mr. Felkner.

Justin Schwausch, made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve TASB as the Superintendent Search Firm, as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar

Ms. Sarah Gottwald explained to the Board the steps taken to select the 2022-2023 school calendar. Ms. Gottwald shared information with the Board regarding the process used for selecting the calendar.

There were a few questions that were addressed.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the Option A version of the 2022-2023 school calendar, as presented, with the student start date of August 17, 2022. The motion carried 6/0.

D. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the 2022-2023 GISD District Improvement Plan Goals

Ms. Amanda Fullilove, Director of Accountability and Strategic Planning, explained the District Improvement Goals to the Board, beginning with Goal 1 and ending with Goal 7. Ms. Fullilove shared a draft report of the DIP with the required changes and district updates that would take place. It was explained by the Superintendent that these goals lead to the development of the district improvement plan itself and the campus improvement plans are aligned with these goals. It was requested that with the forthcoming change in District leadership and to maintain the integrity of the current district improvement plan, changes to goals wait until a new superintendent is approved. Therefore, the same goals were presented for the Board's approval. The only goals that will be updated are those that show they were achieved according to the Academic report data in which case the numbers were adjusted but the purpose and intent of goals remain unchanged.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the 2022-2023 GISD District Plan Goals as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

E. Discuss and Consider Action to renew the GISD District of Innovation Plan

Ms. Amanda Fullilove explained to the Board that the District of Innovation Plan would expire in April 2022. The administration is requesting the renewal of the proposed plan which was presented at the Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. It was shared that the DIP was posted for 30 days as required on the district website.

Ms. Fullilove explained the purpose of the renewal with a power-point presentation. She also shared information about the new required certifications and updated certifications.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve and renew the Gonzales ISD District of Innovation Plan as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

F. Discuss and Possible Action to approve Representatives for Lone Star Investment Pool

Interim Superintendent Strozier explained to the Board that at this time it is being requested to approve new representatives (personnel) to the Lone Star Investment Pool. The three additional personnel to be added are the Interim Superintendent, the new accounting specialist, and the new data entry clerk.

There were no questions or comments to be addressed.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Sue Gottwald, to pass and approve the authorized representative's add form as presented. The motion passed 6/0.

- G. Discuss and Possible Action including a Possible Resolution, with Regard to the Texas Department of Transportation's Offer to Sell +/-1.848 Acres; D05-251-411, Located at the S. Side of UA 90 & CR 345, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas 78629, to the School District, for \$10,718.40, Plus Costs and Expenses.

Dr. Strozier, Interim Superintendent, explained to the Board that the district had received a letter from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the sale of a property. The letter was a notice of the priority right to purchase the described property. There was a resolution also available if the Board would decide to purchase the property. The Administration's recommendation was not to purchase the property because of the cost, size, and location of the property.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Justin Schwausch chose option A with a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to decline the offer by the Texas Department of Transportation and authorize the Interim Superintendent to complete the information to provide the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the Board's decision not to purchase the property and waiving its priority right to purchase the property. The motion passed 6/0.

- H. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the E-Rate Category 1 and Category 2 Proposed Bids and Budget Amendment.

Dr. Strozier, Interim Superintendent, explained to the Board the E-Rate proposed Bids and Budget Amendment. It was shared that Category 1 would allow an increase of bandwidth from 1GB to 10GB to support the needs of the district and its devices. It was stated that, if approved, federal revenue would need to be increased as E-Rate only funds 80% of the total cost. As for Category 2, it would upgrade internal switches to support the increase in bandwidth. It was also stated that if approved, Federal revenue would also need to be increased, as E-Rate only funds 80% of the total cost. Category 2 would need a budget amendment. The district would take care of 20% of the cost. It was recommended that the Board approve these bids contingent upon USAC approval and E-Rate funding, as well as, authorize the administration to amend the current budget if E-Rate funding is made available this year.

There were a few questions and comments, which were addressed by the Director of Technology.

Sue Gottwald, made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve these purchases and budget amendment, as presented, contingent upon USAC approval and E-Rate funding. Motion carried 6/0.

#### **Item#5 Reports:**

- A. GISD Police Racial Profiling Report

This is a required annual report from the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2, 133(c) Officer Gottwald gave a required report to the Board regarding the racial profiling report.

There were no questions or comments to address.

- B. Consideration of Resources for Health/PE Adoptions

The Superintendent shared the report regarding the Health/PE Adoption with the Board. It was shared that to provide flexibility in meeting student instructional needs, it is a common practice for school districts to adopt state-approved resources following the Texas Education Agency's adoption cycle. It was explained that the committee looked at four different resources, they completed and filled out rubrics to support the review and analysis of the resources. The next step is to identify the committee's selection and package options to meet the needs of campuses with a PE/Health resource. The committee plans to bring its decision to the Board in April for action.

- C. Financial Report

Dr. Strozier shared a brief report on the District's finances with the Board.

There were no questions or comments.

D. Superintendent's Report was shared with the Financial Report

The Superintendent reported on the student enrollment and attendance rate update.

**Item#6 Board Business**

Board Correspondent: No Correspondence was shared.

March 4, 2022	Bad Weather Day/Stock Show
March 7, 2022	Regular Board Meeting
March 10-12-2022	TCBSBM Summit-Kalahari Resorts & Conventions Round Rock Texas
March 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Spring Break
April 5, 2022	STAAR Testing
April 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	STAAR Testing
April 11, 2022	Board Meeting

**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 6:13 P.M. to discuss items on the agenda.

Ms. Torres arrived at 6:23 P.M. The Board returned to the open session at 7:25 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the creation and/or reorganization of Administrative positions, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

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

**Item #9 Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Hendershot, III adjourned the meeting at 7:26 P.M.

  
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Ross Hendershot, III President  
Board of Trustees

  
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Sue Gottwald, Secretary  
Board of Trustees