

Minutes
Monday, February 14, 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

Board Member Absent:

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, February 14, 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 7 members present.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

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

Item #2: Public Comments: No Public comments

Item#3: Recognitions: Ms. Robin Trojcak recognized the counselors of the School District as it was The National School Counselor Association Week from February 7th – 11th, 2022. The Counselors were recognized. They were also presented with a small token of appreciation. All 7 counselors were Recognized. Ms. Sandra Brown, GPA Counselor, Ms. Nancy Pesek, GE Counselor, Ms. Jackie Kridler, North Ave Counselor, and Ms. Brook Upstrom, GJH Counselor were able to attend.

Item #4: New Business/Action Items

A. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes: January 10, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, January 10, 2022, Public Hearing, and February 4, 2022, Special Meeting.
2. Budget Amendments:

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

There were no comments or questions to address.

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

B. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Ranking of Offers for the Gonzales High School Practice Field Turf and Lighting Project and the Delegation of Contract Negotiations (Was moved to the bottom of the agenda as the consultant had not yet arrived.)

Mr. Gene Kridler, Director of Operations, shared information with the Board regarding the Ranking of Offers for the GISD Practice Field Turf and the Lighting Project and the delegation of contract negotiations. The consultant was available to share information on the project changes. Mr. Kridler and the consultant shared information with the Board stating that the bid received was higher than the amount approved. After Mr. Kridler and the consultant shared the changes that were made, it was requested if the Board wished to go back for bid with the current changes to the base proposal and alternates or if the board preferred that negotiations begin with the current bidder for changes.

There were several questions and comments which were addressed.

Sue Gottwald, made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to take no action, redesign and request new proposals, as presented. The motion carried 5/2, with Ms. Torres & Ms. Smith-Wright voting against the motion.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Order and Notice of Election for the Gonzales ISD School Board District, District 1, and District 2

Mr. Schumacher informed the Board that it was time to approve the Order and Notice of Elections for the GISD School Board District 1 and District 2.

There were no comments or questions to address.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the Order and Notice of Elections for the GISD School Board District 1 and District 2, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

D. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the additions/revisions/deletions of (local) policies resulting from the Policy Review Sessions conducted on April 15th and May 18th, 2021, with recommendations prepared by TASB Policy Services.

Mr. Schumacher explained to the Board that the Gonzales ISD Policy Review took place during two prior meetings with TASB Policy Services which were attended by administrators and directors. The Board reviewed the information that was shared in the Board packet. The Board Secretary read each policy change that occurred before action was taken.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to add, revise, and delete (LOCAL) policies following the recommendations resulting from the Policy Review Sessions conducted on April 15th and May 18th, 2021 with the removal of DCE (local). The motion carried 7/0.

E. Discuss and Possible Action to approve the purchase of additional Chromebooks to complete the 1:1 replacement cycle process.

Chema Chavez, Director of Technology, shared with the Board the need to purchase 200 additional Chromebooks to complete the 1:1 replacement cycle. Mr. Chavez further explained to the Board the reason for this practice and the timing of the planned replacements.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Sue Gottwald, to approve the purchase of the additional Chromebooks for the replacement cycle process as presented. The motion passed 7/0.

F. Discuss and Possible Action to Approve the Purchase of one Regular Education School Bus and one Special Education School Bus.

Mr. Gene Kridler, Director of Operations, explained to the Board the reason behind the purchase of the two new buses. Funds are already allocated for the purchase of these buses but he would like to recommend moving forward with these purchases.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the purchase of one regular school bus from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC and one special education school bus from Thomas Build Buses as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

G. Discuss and Consider Action to approve and adopt the proposed revisions to Local Policy DFE.

Haley Ratliff, Chief HR Officer, explained to the Board the reason for the revisions to local policy DFE. This revision would allow designating not only the Superintendent but also an alternate, the chief HR Officer, to receive and accept contract employee resignations. This will allow the district the ability to receive and accept resignations in the absence of the Superintendent or the Chief HR Officer.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Sue Gottwald, made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve and adopt the proposed revisions to Policy DFE (local), as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Item#5 Reports:

A. Financial Report

Amanda Smith, CFO, shared with the Board the financial Report. The 3 topics that were shared were the Current year revenue estimates, current year property values, and next year's budget development.

There were no questions or comments.

B. Superintendent Report

The Superintendent gave his report on the student enrollment and attendance rate update.

There were also Campus Updates and Department Reports.

Jr. High Principal, Veronica Ramirez, informed the Board of the Handbook Update that would be taking place. This update was in regards to the Tardy Policy in the Student Handbook which will affect, North Ave, Gonzales Elementary, and Jr. High Campuses. Ms. Ramirez informed the Board that the Handbook adjustments would be the same adjustments that the HS campus had reported on during the November 2021 Board meeting. 3rd grade thru 8th grade will be affected by these changes. These changes would reflect the changes that would take place for each offense. An attachment with the changes on the consequences was shared with the Board. The Board was informed that these changes would be effective immediately. It was mentioned that the changes on these guidelines were intended to support diligence in attending classes daily and to be on time. This will support all students in academic achievement.

A report concerning the new phone system was given by Mr. Chema Chavez, Director of Technology. The district is getting a new phone system. This system would help the staff to become more effective and efficient from the workplace or home, if necessary.

At this time the board moved back up to Item 4, section B as the consultant for the Practice Field Turf and Lighting Project had arrived.

Item#6 Board Business

Board Correspondent: No Correspondence was shared.

February 2022	Black History Month
February 7-11, 2022	National School Counseling Week
Feb. 11, 2022	Bad Weather Day
Feb. 14, 2022	School Board Meeting
Feb. 21, 2022	Strategic Planning, 5:30pm-7:30pm
Feb. 21, 2022	Student Holiday/Staff Development
Feb. 26, 2022	Casino Night, JB Wells, 6pm-11pm
March 4, 2022	Bad Weather Day/Stock Show
March 7, 2022	A reminder that Regular Board Mtg is March 14 th but was moved to March 7 th because of Spring Break.
March 10-12, 2022	TCBSBM Summit-Kalahari Resorts & Conventions Round Rock Texas
March 14 th -March 18 th , 2022	SPRING BREAK

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 a 6:31 P.M. to discuss items on the agenda.

- A. Discussion regarding the proposed Superintendent Voluntary Retirement Agreement (Tex.Gov't.Code, 551.074)
- B. Consultation with Attorney - proposed Superintendent Voluntary Retirement Agreement (Tex. Gov't Code, 551.071)

The Board returned to the open session at 7:16 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve a title change from Accounts Payable Specialist to Data Entry Clerk. The motion carried 7/0

Item #8 Consideration/Action

Consideration/Action regarding proposed Superintendent Voluntary Retirement Agreement.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve and accept the Voluntary retirement agreement from John Schumacher. Motion carried 7/0.

Item#9 Consideration/Action

Consideration/Action regarding the appointment of Acting/Interim Superintendent.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to authorize the Board President to employ an acting Interim Superintendent to serve in Mr. Schumacher's absence.

Item #10 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 7:18 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III President
Board of Trustees



Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Board of Trustees