

Minutes
Monday, January 10, 2022
Public Hearing 6:30 P.M.
Administrative Office, Board Room/Zoom
1516 St Louis St.
Gonzales, Texas

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, January 10, 2022, at the Gonzales ISD Administrative Office Board Room. President Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

A quorum was declared with seven members present. The meeting started at 6:30 P.M.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Josie Smith-Wright gave the invocation, Sandra Gorden the pledge to the flag and Gloria Torres read the mission statement.

Item #2 New Businesses

The Board President turned the meeting over to Mr. Bass from Allison Bass. Mr. Bass met via zoom as he had a previous meeting in Paris, Texas. Mr. Bass begins by giving an introduction to the meeting. He explained a recap of the plans once again to the Board and the community. He explained that redistricting plans A & C were very similar. He explained that plan B was not a very good plan and that he did not recommend it. He explained the differences between the maps and the requirements of the district. Mr. Bass also explained that Plan C was possibly the strongest in terms of the minority voting strength, however, plan A was also viable and either plan would beat any legal challenge. He asked if anyone had any questions, whether committee or public. It was also asked by the Board President if anyone had any questions or comments. Mr. Bass also asked if anyone from the Board had any questions, but there were no questions but comments were made. Mr. Hendershot did ask if it was typical to use a creek as a boundary. As per Mr. Bass, any physical boundary such as a creek bed is a suitable boundary. There was a question in the audience as to whether the district would get a digital copy of the maps. The answer was that the district would receive a digital copy of the plan that was approved as well as a hard copy. It was suggested by Mr. Bass that the Board take a vote on a plan tonight during their regular meeting. It was mentioned that once approved a digital copy would be sent to the Elections Administrator and the Secretary of State's office so that they would have a copy of our new boundaries.

The meeting closed at 6:43 P.M. to go back to the regular Board meeting to make a vote.

Item #3 Adjourn:

As there was no additional business, the Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:43 P.M. to reconvene with the regular Board meeting.



Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees



Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Board of Trustees