

**Minutes**  
**Monday, January 10, 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, January 10, 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**

Glenn Menking gave the Invocation, Sue Gottwald led the Pledge to the Flag, and Sandra Gorden read the Mission Statement.

**Item #2: Public Comments:** Public comments were received by Jami Owens regarding the School Board Recognition Month.

**Item#3: Recognitions:** Ms. Robin Trojcek read recognitions for our Police Officer Ross Gottwald acknowledging January 9<sup>th</sup> as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day! Also Recognized were the GISD Board members with gifts and readings from the Gonzales Jr High Student Council and High School campus. They were also presented with gifts from the other campuses in celebration of School Board Recognition Month.

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

A. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes: 12-6-2021 Public Hearing, 12-6-2021 Regular Board Meeting, 12-14-2021 Team Building Meeting, and 12-15-2021 Special Meeting.

2. Budget Amendments:

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

There were no comments or questions to address.

Glenn Menking, made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 7/0

B. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the purchase of additional Chromebooks to complete the replacement cycle process.

Ms. Sarah Gottwald introduced information to the Board regarding the purchase of additional Chromebooks to complete the replacement cycle process.

A question on cost was asked which was addressed.

Justin Schwausch, made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the additional Chromebooks to complete the replacement cycle process, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the purchase of Promethean Board for grades PK-5<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Sarah Gottwald shared information with the Board regarding the purchase of the Promethean Board for grades PK-5<sup>th</sup>.

There were a few comments and questions that were addressed.

Sue Gottwald, made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the purchase of the Promethean Board for Grades PK-5<sup>th</sup>, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

D. Discuss and Consider Action to approve changes to Gonzales ISD Adult Breakfast and Lunch Meal Prices

Mr. Wayner explained to the Board the review of the Gonzales ISD Food Service Program. Mr. Wayner explained to the Board that the reviewer had found that GISD was not charging enough for adult breakfasts to cover the USDA commodity value. Therefore, the cost for an adult breakfast increased by \$.40 to \$2.75. The lunch price also increased by \$.05 from \$4.10 to \$4.15. Mr. Wayner explained that the review noted that the USDA commodity rate was higher than previous years which led to this being a common finding during this year's administrative reviews.

There were a few questions and comments that were addressed.

Sandra Gorden, made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve revising the 2021-2022 Gonzales ISD adult breakfast price to \$2.75 and adult lunch price to \$4.15 effective immediately. The motion carried 7/0.

E. Discuss and Possible Action to approve the update to DCE (Local) policy

Ms. Haley Ratliff, CHRO, explained to the Board the reason for the update to local policy DCE.

There were a few questions and comments that were addressed.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Sue Gottwald, to approve the update to DCE (local) policy as presented. The motion passed 7/0.

F. Discuss and Possible Action to approve the Resolution for COVID-19 Retention Incentive

(This item was moved until after the closed session)

Ms. Haley Ratliff, CHRO, explained to the Board the plans to utilize approximately 25% or \$1.5M of the district's ESSER III federal stimulus money for COVID-19 Retention Incentive.

There were a few questions and comments that were addressed. The Board President moved this item until after the closed session to allow the Board to discuss the item before a decision was made.

G. Discuss and Consider Action to Grant Authority to Superintendent to contract with Gonzales County Election Administrator for the May 7, 2022 Elections.

Mr. Schumcher explained to the Board the advantages of having the County Election Administrator run the Elections for GISD.

There were a few questions and comments that were addressed.

Gloria Torres, made a motion, with a second from Sue Gottwald, to give authority to the Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Gonzales County Election Administrator for the May 7, 2022, School Board election as presented.

H. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Order Adopting Redistricting Plan for Board of Trustees Single Member Districts

**(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED BACK UNTIL AFTER THE PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD AT 6:30 PM)  
(A motion was made after the public hearing took place)**

Mr. Schumacher addresses the Board regarding the approval of the Order Adopting a Redistricting Plan for Board of Trustees Single Member Districts. The Board Secretary, Ms. Sue Gottwald, read the Order out loud before a vote was made.

Once the Order was read an opportunity was given to the Board/Committee/community to speak and state their opinion on the maps. Mr. Neuse mentioned during the zoom meeting that he agreed with the attorney as going with map C. Kim Strozier spoke and shared that she too would agree with plan C. We did not hear from any other individuals.

Glenn Menking, made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to Approve the Order adopting Redistricting Plan C for the Board of Trustees Single Member Districts as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

I. Discussion and Possible Action to notify the Commissioner of Education of the intent to renew the Gonzales ISD District of Innovation Plan.

Ms. Amanda Fullilove spoke to the Board regarding the District of Innovation Plan and why it was necessary to notify the Commissioner of Education of the intent to renew the Gonzales ISD DIP.

Sue Gottwald, made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the notification to the Commissioner of Education of the intent to renew the District of Innovation Plan. The motion carried 7/0.

**Item#5 Reports:**

A. Financial Report

Amanda Smith, CFO, shared with the Board the financial Report. The topics were the Financial Status Highlights regarding the Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance as of November 30, 2021. CFO spoke of the Monthly expenditure level of comparison.

There were a few questions or comments that were addressed.

B. Federal Grant Funds Allotment Report

Ms. Sarah Gottwald gave a brief report on the final fund allotments for the previously approved Federal Grants. There were a few questions and comments that were addressed.

C. Report from the Texas FCCLA Region – Paving the Way

The Board heard from two HS students from the FCCLA group. Nicolas Martinez and Andrea Mesa shared a presentation with the Board regarding the importance of a teacher, the responsibility of a teacher, and teacher pay. The title of their presentation was "Paving the Way".

D. Superintendent Report

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

**Item#6 Board Business**

Board Correspondent: No Correspondence was shared.

Dates of Interest

January 2022	Board Appreciation Month
January 3, 2022	Student Holiday/Staff Development
January 4, 2022	Semester Begins
January 9, 2022	National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
January 17, 2022	Staff/Student Holiday
January 21, 2022	Strategic Planning
January 27, 2022	Strategic Planning
February 7, 2022	Strategic Planning
February 11, 2022	Bad Weather Day
February 21, 2022	Student Holiday/Staff Development
February 21, 2022	Strategic Planning
March 4, 2022	Bad Weather Day/Stock Show

The regular meeting went into a recess to have the Public Meeting that was scheduled to begin at 6:30 P.M. The board went into recess at 6:22 P.M. from the regular Board meeting and went into the Public meeting at 6:30 P.M. The GISD Board of Trustees convened in a Public Meeting to receive public comment on redistricting of School Board Single Member Districts.

The public hearing began at 6:30 P.M. Please see the minutes for the public meeting.  
The meeting closed at 6:43 P.M. to go back to the regular meeting to make a vote.  
The board went back to the regular meeting to begin at 6:46 P.M.

**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 6:54 P.M. to discuss items on the agenda. The Board returned to the open session at 9:25 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the resolution regarding the 1.5 million dollars of ESSER Funds to be used for a COVID-19 retention stipend with the following changes: Principals, Teachers, Counselors, Nurses, Band Directors, and Asst. Principals will be given \$1,000.00, Teacher Campus level Professionals \$500, Instructional Para-Professions & Nurse Assistants \$500.00, and Auxiliary \$500.00. This stipend will be awarded for 5 semesters. The motion carried 7/0.

**Item #8 Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 9:27 P.M.

Ross Hendershot, III President  
Board of Trustees

Sue Gottwald, Secretary  
Board of Trustees