

Minutes
Monday, November 8, 2021
Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 P.M.
Location of Meeting: Administrative Board Room. 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, November 8, 2021, at the Administrative Office, Board Room Gonzales, Texas. President, Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

A quorum was declared with 7 members present.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

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

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

Item#3: Recognitions: There were No Recognitions

Item #4: New Business/Action Items

A. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes: 10-11-2021 Regular Board Meeting, 10-25-2021 Special Board Meeting, and 11-2-2021 Special Board Meeting.
2. Budget Amendments:

Ms. Amanda Smith, CFO, shared information regarding the Budget Amendments that were presented. It was mentioned that the district would be receiving additional state aid from the 2016 property tax value appeal. It was recommended to use a portion of the funds for some maintenance projects that had not been completed and some areas that needed some attention.

There were some comments and questions that were addressed.

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 Adopt a Resolution to cast votes for candidates to the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Superintendent Schumacher informed the board that it was time to cast votes for the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. It was recommended the board consider approving the written resolution and cast its votes for candidates to serve in the 2022-2023 Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board. The superintendent informed the board that the district had 1869 votes to share.

After some discussion, it was recommended to cast 834 votes for Ms. Sandra Gorden, 834 votes for Ms. Sue Gottwald, and 201 votes for Frank "Bud" Box. The resolution was read by the board president.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the adoption of the written resolution to approve the votes for candidacy to the 2022-2023 Gonzales Central appraisal District Board of

Directors. It was approved to cast 834 votes for Sandra Gorden, 834 votes to Sue Gottwald, and 231 votes to Bud Box. The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to adopt a resolution to cast votes for candidates to the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors

Superintendent Schumacher informed the board that it was time to cast votes for the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors. It was recommended the board consider approving the written resolution and cast its votes for candidates to serve in the 2022-2023 Caldwell Appraisal District Board. The superintendent informed the board that the district had 34 votes to share.

After some discussion, it was recommended to divide the votes among the 8 candidates. It was recommended to give 5 votes for the first two candidates and 4 votes for the remaining candidates.

Mr. Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the resolution as presented by giving 5 votes to the first two candidates on the list and 4 votes each to the remaining candidates. The motion carried 7/0

D. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the SHARE program to include the 11th and 12th graders.

Ms. Wanda Fryer shared the information with the board regarding the SHARE program. Ms. Fryer reminded the board that this program had been approved last month for grades 5th thru 10th grade. At this time it is being asked to approve the SHARE program for the 11th and 12th graders.

There were a few questions and comments that were addressed.

Mr. Menking made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the SHARE program for the 11th - 12th graders as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

E. Discuss and Consider action to approve and accept the GISD Education Foundation Grant Funding to be used for Future Grant Disbursements

Garen Reese, president of the Education Foundation presented the board with the grant funds for the 2021 grant recipients. Ms. Reese explained to the board that the Education Foundation had received 15 submitted grant applications and 10 grants were recommended to be awarded.

There were no questions or comments.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the acceptance of the \$17844.00 from, GISD Education Foundation and additions of \$17,844.00 to the revenue and expenditure budget by budget amendment as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Item#5 Reports:

A. School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Overview and Gonzales ISD's 2020-21 Rating

Ms. Smith shared the information with the board regarding the School FIRST rating. Ms. Smith reported that the district had received a rating of A or Superior which is the top rating available under this system. Ratings were based on the 2019-2020 fiscal year data. Ms. Smith also shared the Annual Financial Management Report with the board.

B. Financial Report

Amanda Smith, CFO, shared with the board the financial Report and spoke to the Board on several items: (1)Financial status Highlights, (2) Monthly Report of Tax collections, & (3) Annual Audit Update.

The CFO addressed a few questions and comments

C. Superintendent Report

1. Student Enrollment and Attendance Update

Superintendent reported the student enrollment and attendance rate to the Board. The superintendent reported that enrollment was up slightly by 31 students.

2. LED Grant Report- Gene Kridler reported to the board that GISD had won the LED Lighting grant for \$68,288.00 plus a 20% match that totaled \$81,945.00

No questions or comments were received.

3. High School Student Handbook Update Report. Mr. Basha gave the board information on the implantation of a new tarty structure that the campus will be using. Several questions and comments were addressed.

Item#6 Board Business

Board Correspondent: Two thank you cards were received. One came from Fran DeChare and the other came from The family of Karen Perez for plants received for a loss of a loved one.

Dates of Interest

November 7, 2021	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 8, 2021	Student Holiday/Staff Development
November 8, 2021	School Board Meeting
November 11, 2021	Veterans Day
November 22-23, 2021	Student Holiday/Teacher Comp Day
November 24-26, 2021	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 6, 2021	Regular Board meeting (moved up a week)
December 17, 2021	Early Release
December 20-31, 2021	Christmas Holiday
January 3, 2022	Student Holiday/Staff Development
January 4, 2022	Semester Begins

Superintendent reported on the Board Business dates. Dec. 1, 2021, was questioned since it was not on the calendar and it was mentioned that December 1 was a Board Training on Strategic Planning. The meeting will go from 5 P.M.-8 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.

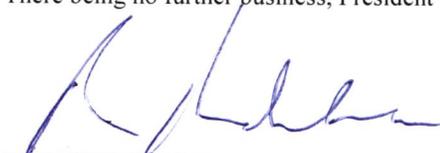
The Board adjourned into a closed session at 5:38 P.M. to conduct a grievance hearing. Once the grievance hearing was completed all parties involved in presenting during the hearing exited the room at 6:21P.M. so that the Board could deliberate with the district attorney. The Board returned to open session at 6:33 P.M. Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to uphold the level 2 decision. The motion carried 7/0.

The Board then went back into closed session at 6:34 P.M.

The Board returned to the open session at 7:08 P.M.

Item #8 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 7:08 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III President
Board of Trustees



Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Board of Trustees