

Minutes
Monday, Sept 13, 2021
Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 P.M.
Location of Meeting: East Avenue Campus, Cafeteria. 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, September 13, 2021, at the Administrative Office, Board Room Gonzales, Texas. President, Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 Gloria Torres read the Mission Statement.

Item #2: Public Comments: None

Item#3: Recognitions:

Ms. Fryer was introduced to share the Recognitions. The Twisted Guardians Motorcycle Club was recognized for donations of school supplies and for sponsoring the Summer Back to School Bash which raised \$2,300.00 to benefit all students of Gonzales ISD.

Also recognized was the Symmetry Club from Fort Worth for participating in the donation of school supplies.

The district also recognized HEB Manager, Lisa Arnic, and Wal-Mart Manager, Debra Almaraz, for helping with the Stuff the Bus project.

The EOG Virgin Pulse Wellness Program Employees were also recognized for their generous donations of school supplies.

Report Items moved up: Item 5C1- Turf & Item 5C2 - Facilities Report

1. Turf & Lighting Project- Presented by PBK Representative Mr. Trey Schneider. The rep presented a power-point which showed pictures and descriptions of the Turf and Lighting project. The PBK representative explained each aspect of the upgrades for the base proposal of the project.

TASB Long Range Facilities Report- Presented by TASB Representative, Mr. Grady Slayton, gave the Board a report from the meetings that have taken place. He shared information from each meeting that has taken place including attendees, what was discussed, including information about what has been completed since the first meeting. All the committee members were also recognized from staff and community. There were no questions or comments.

The Board went back to the agenda as listed.

Item #4: New Business/Action Items

A. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes: 8-9-2021 Regular Board Meeting, 8-16-2021 Special Board Meeting, and 8-23-2021 Special Budget Tax Meeting
2. Budget Amendments: Food Service Fund and General Fund

Ms. Amanda Smith, CFO, shared information regarding the Budget Amendments which were the BA's from the Food Service Fund and the General Fund.

There were no comments, but there was a question that was addressed.

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 2021-2022 College Preparatory Mathematics and English Language Arts Courses Memorandum of Understanding between Gonzales ISD and Victoria College.

Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board with the College Preparatory Mathematics and English Language Arts MOU between Victoria College and Gonzales ISD. The Board waived the reading of the MOU.

There were no questions or comments to address.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the 2021-2022 MOU between Victoria College and Gonzales ISD as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Adoption of a written resolution to approve nominations to serve on the Board of Directors for the Gonzales County Appraisal District.

Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, explained to the Board that Gonzales ISD had an opportunity to nominate one candidate for each position to be filled on the Board of Directors of the Appraisal District. The term of office for the Gonzales County Appraisal District Directors is one year, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending Dec. 31, 2023. Gonzales ISD holds 1869 votes of the 5000 votes on the Board of Directors for the Gonzales County Appraisal District.

There were a few questions/comments that were addressed. It was asked if the existing members would be willing to continue to serve. The response was yes.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to nominate and approve the adoption of the written resolution to approve (Sue Gottwald and Sandra Gorden) as nominations to serve on the Board of Directors for the Gonzales County Appraisal District as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

(It was mentioned that the Appraisal District had changed its name to Gonzales Central Appraisal District and had been asked to amend the Resolution to update the corrected name of Gonzales County Appraisal District to now known as Gonzales Central Appraisal District.)

D. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Adoption of a written resolution to approve nominations to serve on the Board of Directors for the Caldwell County Appraisal District

Mr. Schumacher, the Superintendent, informed the Board that there was an opportunity to nominate candidates and then adopt a written resolution for consideration in the upcoming CCAD Board of Directors Election. Each taxing unit may nominate one candidate for each position to be filled. All five positions are available for selection therefore, each unit may nominate up to five candidates. The term of office is for one year beginning January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023. The Gonzales ISD holds 34 of the 5,000 votes on the Board of Directors for the Caldwell County Appraisal District.

There were some comments and questions which were addressed.

There was no action taken. The board will wait for Caldwell County to present the nominees to the District before they vote on a candidate.

E. Discuss and Consider Possible Action to approve the revisions to the Teacher Appraisal Calendar

Ms. Ratliff explained to the Board that the principals reviewed the calendar and requested to have the Teacher Appraisal Calendar revised to give the Principals more time to do the observations

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the revised Teacher Appraisal Calendar as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

F. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Redistricting Advisory Committee

Mr. Schumacher explained to the Board that the list of committee members that are provided was selected by each member. It was mentioned that Chapter 42 of the Texas Election Code, in a public meeting, determined that the appointment of a (Redistricting) Citizens Advisory Committee to assist in the revision of political boundaries would serve the public interest and facilitate greater participation by the public in the vital processes of democracy. This list includes the 2 individuals selected by each Board member to represent their district.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the list of Redistricting Advisory committee Members as presented. The motion carried 7/0

G. Discuss and Consider Action to Adopt the Rules of Procedure and Decorum for possible Redistricting

Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, shared with the Board that the District had received Correspondence by legal which recommended that before the release of the census data on September 30, 2021, the District should take some procedural steps that would be useful to consider one or more alternative plans for redrawing of the District political boundaries, if necessary. The Board was reminded that the District had followed through with Adopting a Criteria and considering a Citizen Committee. The Adoption of the Rules of Procedure and Decorum was the next item recommended by legal. It was suggested by legal to consider the adoption of such rules before any public hearing on redistricting. It was mentioned that these matters are typically conducted without any discord, but on occasion, rules adopted well before the redistricting workshops or public hearings can be helpful.

There were a few questions and comments that needed clarification so the item was tabled until clarified by the attorney.

Glenn Menking made the motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to table this item until a later date for further discussion. The motion carried 7/0.

H. Discuss and Consider Action to reschedule December Regular School Board Meeting

Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, asked the Board to consider rescheduling the December 13th Board meeting to Dec. 6, 2021.

After a few questions and comments were addressed, a motion was made.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to reschedule the December 13, 2021 Board meeting to December 6, 2021, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

I. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the trip for the Gonzales HS FFA Members trip to Indianapolis, Indiana on October 26-30, 2021.

Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, as well as the HS Principal, Jon Basha, explained to the Board details on the trip that the group wanted to take.

There were a few questions and comments that were addressed.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the FFA trip and give permission to the students to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis for October 26-Oct. 30, 2021 as presented. The motion carried 7/0

Item#5 Reports:

A. Financial Report

Amanda Smith, CFO, spoke to the Board on three items: (1) Senate Bill 15 (2) Instructional Materials Allotment Fund & (3) Refresh on the Tax Rate (Wanted to remind the Board that since there has been some confusion regarding the Tax Rate she wanted to remind the Board that the district will NOT have a tax rate increase. The district decreased the tax rate, the district DID NOT increase the tax rate)

The CFO addressed a few questions and comments.

B. ESSA Grant Fund allotment and Campus breakdown Report

Sarah Gottwald, Director of Federal Programs/PEIMS, reported on the ESSA Grant Fund Allotment and the Campus Breakdown Report. Ms. Gottwald used a power-point to explain the funds that would be received and how they would be broken down.

Ms. Gottwald responded to a few questions and comments.

C. Superintendent Report

Superintendent reported on the student enrollment and attendance rate before the CIP reports were presented.

- 2. Campus Improvement Plan Reports from each Campus Principal.
- 3. Strategic Planning Report- Presented by Ms. Amanda Fullilove
- 4. Turf & Lighting Project- Presented by PBK Representative- (Presented after Recognitions)
- 5. TASB Long Range Facilities Report- Presented by TASB Representative- (Presented after Turf & Light Project)

Item#6 Board Business

Board Correspondent: None

Dates of Interest

Sept 13, 2021	Board Meeting-Admin. Bldg. Boardroom
Sept. 14, 2021	Legislative Session Update
Sept. 17, 2021	Student Early Release/Staff Work Day
Sept. 21, 2021	Special Meeting
Sept. 24, 2021	Student Early Release /Staff Work Day
Sept. 30, 2021	Special Meeting
Oct. 1, 2021	Bad Weather Day/Come & Take IT
Oct. 4, 2021	Staff / Student Holiday

Superintendent reported on the Board Business dates and reported the Legislative Session Update meeting, also reported that the Sept. 21st meeting would be canceled since the district was going back out for procurement for RFPQ. Sept 30 meeting was also canceled for a later date since the district went out for procurement for RFPQ.

Item #6 Personnel Matters, Section 551.074, Property Matters: Section 551.072, Security Matters: Section 551.076, and Legal Counsel Matters: Section 551.071

The Board adjourned into a closed session at 7:30 P.M. for personnel matters and returned to the open session at 8:58 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve an additional FTE for a science teacher at Gonzales HS. Motion carried 7/0.

Item #7 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Ross Hendershot, III President
Board of Trustees

Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Board of Trustees