

Minutes
Monday, January 9, 2023
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 9, 2023, 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: There were no public comments.

Item#3: Recognitions: Recognitions were presented by Dr. Avellaneda, who spoke about the importance of our students and staff.

Coach Rivera presented the Growing Greatness Student Spotlight. These Students were selected by the teachers and principals from each campus. The students recognized were: Pre-K, Dylan King; 1st Grader, Elandra Castillo; 4th grader, Olivia Kuntschik; 8th grader, Peyton Olivares; 11th Grader, Rafael Rodriquez, Jr.

Staff: Emily Parra, GPA Campus; Martha Espinosa, Bilingual Paraprofessional, GE; Kristi Gold, SpEd Chair – NA; Tracy Patek, Math Teacher – GJH; and Veronica Powell, Counselor – GHS.

Dr. A shared his appreciation for the hours the Board puts in to help the district.
Ms. Haley Ratliff presented the Board with gifts for Board Recognition.

Item #4: New Business/Action Items:

A. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda**

1. Budget Amendments
2. Minutes: December 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Ashley Wilke, Business Manager, reported on the budget amendment for the General Fund.

There were no questions or comments.

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

B. Discuss and Consider Action to Grant Authority to the Superintendent to Contract with the Gonzales County Elections Administrator for the May 6, 2023 Elections

Dr. Avellaneda explained to the board that it is time for the May 2023 elections. Districts 3,5 and 6 are up for election this year. The Superintendent shared the advantage of contracting with the county.

There were no questions but a comment was made that Early Voting needs to have at least a day or two of extended voting hours.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to give authority to the Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Gonzales County election Administrator for the May 6, 2023, School Board Election. The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to Select an Engineering /Architectural Firm for the apache Field Press Box

Dr. Avellaneda shared some insight on the selection of an engineering/architectural firm for the Apache Field Press Box. Athletic Director, Joey Rivera, presented the board with a request for approval to select an Engineering/Architectural Firm for the Apache Field Press Box. There were a few questions and comments regarding the apache field press box and why this particular company was selected.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, that the board select the firm of TSG Architects, AIA as the most highly qualified provider of services for the Apache field press box and authorize the Superintendent to attempt to negotiate a contract according to the Texas Government Code 2254.004 and to present the contract to the Board of Trustees for consideration, as presented. The motion passed 7/0.

Item#5 Reports:

A. Financial and Quarterly Investment Report

Ashley Wilke, Business manager, reported on the Financial Report and the first Quarterly Investment Report. Ms. Wilke provided the board with an update on the district's finances. There were no questions.

There was a statement from the Superintendent regarding the finance dept being recognized for their work. The department will receive a designation from the state of Texas at a future meeting.

B. Superintendent Report

The Superintendent reported enrollment and attendance. The Superintendent also mentioned the success of the Strategic Planning Committee Meetings.

The Superintendent also reported on the Intruder Detection audits that took place in our district. There were no questions or comments.

Item#6 Board Business:

Board Correspondence: None

Dates of Interest:

The month of December	
Jan. 2023	Board Appreciations
Jan. 9 th , 2023	Student Holiday/ Staff Work Day
Jan 9 th 2023	Regular Board Meeting
Jan. 9 th , 2023	National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
Jan. 10 th , 2023	Semester Begins 4 th six weeks
Jan. 16 th , 2023	Staff/Student Holiday
Feb. 20 th , 2023	BWD

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 went into closed session at 6:05 P.M.

Item #8 Reconvene to Open Meeting:

The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in the Closed Session. The board returned to an open session at 8:00 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the Superintendent's evaluation as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the Superintendent's contract. The motion carried 7/0.

Item #9 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees



Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Board of Trustees