

Minutes
Monday, December 12, 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, December 12, 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

Josie Smith-Wright gave the Invocation. Sandra Gorden led the Pledge to the Flag, and Justin Schwausch read the Mission Statement.

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

Item#3: Recognitions: Recognitions were presented by Amanda Fullilove, Director of Federal Programs. Coach Rivera presented the student-athletes.

Ms. Amanda Fullilove presented the Growing Greatness Student Spotlight: These Students were selected by the teachers and principals from each campus. The students recognized were Jasmin Castillo – Pre-K, Augustus “Auggie” Rivera – 2nd, Mason Camarillo – 5th Grade, Brooklyn Juarez – 7th Grade, & Kael Lopez – 12th Grade.

Staff Recognitions are as follows: Kamii Ramos – GPA, Candy Brown – GE, Damaris Green-GNA, Morgan Sincerbox – GJH and Matthew Hart - GHS

Coach Rivera recognized the December Student-Athletes of the Month: Weston Ruddock (11th grader), Maddie York (12th grader) Blakely Mercer (8th grader), and Braden Nichols (7th grader).

Item #4: New Business/Action Items:

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

1. Budget Amendments
2. Minutes: November 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

CFO, Amanda Smith, reported on the budget amendment for the General Fund

There were no questions or comments.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to adopt the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

B. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Annual Financial & Compliance Report for FY 2022 and FY 2023 Audit Engagement Letter from Singleton, Clark & Company, PC**

Amanda Smith, CFO, presented to the board a request for approval for the Annual Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2022 and the 2023 Audit Engagement Letter from Singleton, Clark & Company, PC. Ms. Smith introduced the lead external financial auditor, Preston Singleton. Mr. Singleton shared specifics about this year's results of the 2022 Annual financial compliance report.

There were no questions or comments.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the annual financial report and engagement letter, as presented. The motion carried 7/0

C. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Purchase of a School Bus & Technology Equipment**

Ms. Smith presented the board with a request for approval for the purchase of a School Bus and Technology Equipment. The administration solicited proposals for one regular school bus and recommended accepting the proposal from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast which is a Buy Board purchasing cooperative contract.

Request for approval for the purchase of technology equipment was also requested. The purchase of 40 interactive display units of Promethium Boards for the Instructional classrooms at the HS campus. It was mentioned that this device can be connected to a laptop or can utilize app. directly on the device itself. They can also be utilized with google classrooms. The board was informed that Esser funds would be used for the purchase of these devices.

It was asked whether the teachers were familiar with these items that were being purchased. Dr. A responded to this question and the answer was yes as there was a discussion on these items. No other questions or comments.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve the purchases as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

D. **Discuss and Consider Approval of GISD Education Foundation Grant Funding to be Used for Future Grand Disbursement.**

Dr. A introduced Ms. Erin Baker, GISD Education Foundation Board President. Ms. Baker presented to the board future grant funds. The board was asked to consider and accept the sum of \$25,068.00 to be used for future campus grant recipients as awarded according to GISD Education Foundation Grant Application Guidelines. This would be one grant per campus. The board was also asked to approve a budget amendment to include the funds in the district budget.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the acceptance of the \$25,068.00 from the GISD Education Foundation and the approval of \$25,068.00 in additional revenue and expenditures by budget amendment as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

E. **Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Mission, Vision, Beliefs, and Strategic Goal Area Adoption**

Ms. Amanda Fullilove presented the mission, vision, beliefs, and strategic goal areas of the 2022-27 Strategic Plan developed in partnership with the Schlechty Center. Ms. Fullilove asked the board for approval of the adoption of the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. A PowerPoint with a hard copy of such information was shared.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve the GISD's new mission, vision, beliefs, and strategic goal areas as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Item#5 Reports:

A. **Superintendent Report**

The Superintendent gave the report regarding enrollment and attendance.

B. 2023 A-F Accountability Update Report

Dr. A gave the board a brief report on the changes to the A-F accountability update report. He then introduced Ms. Wendy Cox, the CCRM & ACC Coordinator who gave the board a report on the recent changes to the A-F Accountability report.

There were no questions or comments.

C. Campus Academic Achievement Report

Brandi Bell, Director of Elementary C&I, shared a power-point with a report to the board on the Campus Academic Achievement Report. Ms. Bell shared with the board the current student academic Achievement results for the first two six weeks.

Item#6 Board Business:

Board Correspondence: The board received a Thank you card from Wanda Fryer for the plant she received after a recent surgery. The board received a Thank you card from the Washichek family after the loss of a family member.

Dates of Interest:

The month of December	
Dec. 12, 2022	Regular Board Meeting
Dec. 15, 2022	Band Christmas Concert – 6 p.m. HS New Gym
Dec. 19, 2022	Christmas Musical by Theatre Arts – Jr H Auditorium
Dec. 21, 2022	Student & Staff Early Release
Dec. 22, -Dec 31,2022	Student & Staff Christmas Holiday
Jan. 1, -Jan 6, 2023	Student & Staff Christmas Holiday continues
Jan. 9 th , 2023	Student Holiday/ Staff Work Day

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 a closed session at 7:26 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 8:21 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to Approve the GISD Superintendent evaluation instrument. The motion carried 7/0.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the recommendation for two new FTEs and budget amendments, as needed, to support these positions. Motion carried 7/0.

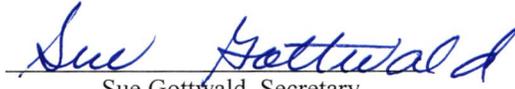
Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve hiring Raymond Parker as the band director as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Item #9 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 8:22 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees



Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Board of Trustees