

Minutes
Monday, September 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, September 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

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

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

Item#3: Recognitions: Recognition for Student Athletes Progress, Jon Rios and Sophia Castro. Recognition for the Discovery Team, Community Members, Students, and Personnel. Recognition for the Guardian Plan – Recognized Sheriff Schmidt, Chief Crow and Gonzales Police Dept. Teams.

Item #4: New Business/Action Items:

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

1. Minutes: August 8th, 2022 Regular Board Mtg, August 15th, 2022 Special Board Mtg, August 15th Special Transition Mtg, & August 29th, 2022 Budget Adoption Mtg.
2. Budget Amendments

Superintendent, Dr. Avellaneda, shared information with the board regarding the Consent Agenda. Ms. Smith, CFO, shared the information regarding the Budget Amendments.

There were no questions. Dr. A did make a comment that he was very pleased with the finance dept and wanted to commend them for a job well done.

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 Approve the Guardian Plan**

Chief Gottwald shared with the board the information regarding the Guardian Plan that the district would like to implement. Dr. Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools, also shared with the board the timeline of the plan to give information on what steps were taken to prepare for the Guardian Plan. He wanted to make sure that both the board and the community knew the timeline for the implementation of this Guardian Plan.

There were no questions but there were comments from one of the board members. The comment was to let the staff and community know that the board takes the safety of district personnel and the students very seriously.

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

C. **Discuss and Consider Possible Action to Approve the Delegate/Delegate Alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly**

The Superintendent informed the board that it was time to name a delegate for the TASA/TASB Convention.

After a bit of discussion, Ms. Smith-Wright was asked if she would like to continue the role of a delegate and she said yes. Ms. Smith-Wright was going to attend the TASA/TASB Convention and she would be the best candidate. No alternate was selected.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve Josie Smith-Wright as the delegate to the 2022-23 TASB Delegate Assembly. The motion passed 7/0.

D. **Discuss and Consider Action on Revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding with Victoria County Junior College District for the Dual Credit Program**

Ms. Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer, explained to the board that Victoria College had requested three revisions to the MOU that had been approved by the Board on June 13, 2022. Ms. Smith shared the information on the requested revisions for consideration.

No questions or comments were made.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the revised MOU with Victoria County Junior College for the Dual Credit Program. The motion carried 7/0.

E. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Budget Amendment and Purchase of HVAC Equipment.**

Mr. Kridler, Director of Operations, spoke to the board regarding the need for the purchase of HVAC Equipment. Mr. Kridler mentioned that the units that needed replacement were located at North Ave and High School Campus. The units would be installed by GISD staff. This purchase was originally approved by the Board at the June 13, 2022 regularly scheduled meeting for a lesser amount utilizing the Buyboard cooperative contract. Due to supply chain delays, the units would not have been received by the end of the cooperative contract so the administration had to find an alternative solution.

After some discussion about the equipment and the Budget Amendment, a motion was made.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the budget amendment of \$85,751.00 to function 51 and purchase, pending legal approval, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

F. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve Local Policy DCB**

Ms. Haley Ratliff, Chief Human Resource Officer, informed the board of the need for the action to update Local policy DCB.

There was a question which was addressed.

Justin Schwausch made a motion with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve and adopt the proposed revisions to Policy DCB (Local) as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

G. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve Local Policy DCE**

Ms. Haley Ratliff, Chief Human Resource Officer, informed the board of the need for the action to update (Local) policy DCE.

No questions or comments.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve and adopt the proposed revision to Policy DCE (Local) as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

H. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the 2022-23 Apache Academy All STAARS Teacher Pay Rate**

Dr. Avellaneda explained to the board the reason for this action item. Ms. Haley Ratliff, Chief Human Resource officer, informed the board of the need for the Apache Academy All STAARS Teacher Pay Rate. She informed the board that by policy DEA, compensation must be approved by the board. It was also shared that this would be paid with ESSAR funds.

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

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the 2022-23 Compensation Rate for the Apache Academy All STAARS Teacher's pay of \$250.00 per day, as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Item#5 Reports:

A. **Apache Academy All STAARS Program**

Ms. Tessa Cain, Instructional Coach Coordinator, reported to the board regarding the Apache Academy All STAARS Program. Ms. Cain shared that this program was developed to provide accelerated and extended learning for our students. They will engage in a small group and purposeful instruction to improve their academic growth and performance throughout the school year. The program would start on October 8th and end on April 1st, 2023. The class would take place on Saturdays from 8-12. (a PowerPoint was also shared). Grades taking advantage of this program would be grades 4th - 9th. The proposed number of students is 30 per grade level.

Some questions and concerns were addressed by both Ms. Cain and Dr. Avellaneda.

B. **GISD Athletic Report**

Athletic Director Joey Rivera shared a power-point with his report to the board on his athletic dept. He shared how the athletic dept. was doing in athletics. He also shared information regarding the program improvement efforts for the year.

C. **Financial Report**

Ms. Amanda Smith, CFO, shared with the board the monthly financial reports. The CFO shared information on the Financial Status Highlights, Comptroller's property value study, 2022-23 TEA Payment Schedule, ADA& Enrollment, Revenue & Expenditures, & Fund Balance.

There were no questions or comments.

D. **Superintendent Report**

The Superintendent reported on the enrollment and Attendance. He also shared information to update his 60-day Entry plan.

There were no questions or comments.

Item#6 Board Business

Board Correspondent: A Thank You Card from Kimberly Strozier for plant and gift card recognition was read.

The month of September	
Sept. 11, 2022	Grandparents Day
Sept. 12, 2022	Board Meeting
Sept. 14-15, 2022	Strategic Change Process
Sept. 20, 2022	National IT Professional Dy
Sept. 30, 2022	Bad Weather Day
Oct. 3, 2022	Student/Staff Holiday

Item #7 Adjourn to Closed Session:

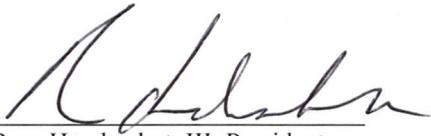
Under Texas Government Section [551.071](#) (Consultation with Attorney), Code Section [551.072](#) (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), [551.73](#) Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift, Texas Government Code Section [551.074](#), (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, 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 6:34 P.M. and returned to an open session at 8:05 P.M.

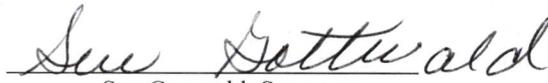
No business after returning to open session.

Item #8 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees



Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Board of Trustees