

## Regular Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2023 5:30 PM

GISD Administrative Board Room, 1615 St Lawrence St., P O Box 157, Gonzales, Texas 78629

1. <b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Board President
1.A. Roll Call	<b>Presenter:</b> Board President
1.B. Invocation:	<b>Presenter:</b> Josie Smith-Wright
1.C. Pledge:	<b>Presenter:</b> Kimberly Strozier
1.D. Mission Statement:	<b>Presenter:</b> Gloria Torres
2. <b>Public Comments</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Board President
3. <b>Recognitions</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Veronica Johannsen, Chief of Communications, Marketing, Safety and Security, and Joey Rivera, Athletic Director
4. <b>New Business/Action Items</b>	
4.A. Consent Agenda  Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Consent Agenda	<b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Supt.
4.A.1. Minutes of Meetings:	<b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Supt.
4.A.2. Budget Amendments:	<b>Presenter:</b> Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer
4.B. Discuss and Consider Action to Set the Prekindergarten Tuition Rate for the 2023-24 School Year	<b>Presenter:</b> Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer
4.C. Discuss and Consider Action on a Board Resolution Extending Depository Contract for Funds of Independent School Districts Under Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter G, School District Depositories	<b>Presenter:</b> Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer
4.D. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Date for the Public Meeting on the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate	<b>Presenter:</b> Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer
4.E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve Representatives for Lone Star Investment Pool.	<b>Presenter:</b> Amanda Smith
4.F. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the 2023-2025 Interlocal Cooperative agreement with Nixon Smiley Consolidated Independent School District relating to DAEP, DAEP Level III, Support Center, and the PACE Program	<b>Presenter:</b> Wanda Fryer, Director of Secondary Education
4.G. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the GISD Growing Certified Teacher Program	<b>Presenter:</b> Haley Ratliff, Chief HR Officer

5. **Reports**

5.A. Board Members Continuing Education Credits/SBOE Framework for School Board Development Report	<b>Presenter:</b> Board President
5.B. Financial and Quarterly Investment Report	<b>Presenter:</b> Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer
5.C. School Health Advisory Council Recommendation for Health Education Programs	<b>Presenter:</b> Jennifer Molnoskey
5.D. Athletic Report	<b>Presenter:</b> Joey Rivera, Director of Athletics
5.E. Racial Profiling	<b>Presenter:</b> Jared Koonce
5.F. Superintendent Reports	
5.F.1. Enrollment-Attendance	
5.F.2. Campus Reports	

6. **Board Business**

6.A. Board Correspondence	
6.B. Dates of Interest	<b>Presenter:</b> Superintendent
7. <b>Adjourn to Closed session: Under Texas Government Code Chapter 551, The board will recess this open session and convene in a closed meeting to discuss items on the agenda. The board may conveniently meet in such a closed or executive session or meeting, concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Texas government code chapter 551:</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Board President
7.A. Resignations	
7.B. New Positions	
7.C. New Hires	
7.D. Teacher Contract Consideration	
8. <b>Reconvene to Open Meeting: The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Board President
9. <b>Adjourn</b>	



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**SUBJECT:** Public Comments

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

The next item on the agenda is public comment. Before we begin, I will remind our audience members of the Board's procedures for handling public comments. The public comment portion of our meeting is available to members of the public who wish to address a meeting item on tonight's agenda or other matter pertaining to Gonzales ISD.

Anyone who wants to speak during public comment must sign in before the start of the meeting and list the agenda item they want to discuss. Each public comment speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to address the Board. If necessary for effective meeting management, or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, we may shorten the time for each individual wishing to present comments. The public comment portion of the meeting will allow all speakers who have signed up before the start of the meeting to address the Board regarding an item on tonight's agenda. Persons requiring a translator will be given additional time.

Please keep your comments or criticisms civil and courteous. Please also avoid using profanity during your opportunity to speak. Last, we ask that you not discuss students who are not your child.

If a speaker is seeking Board resolution of a specific complaint, that concern should be addressed through the District's grievance process. District policy DGBA has been established for addressing employee complaints, policy FNG is the avenue for filing parent complaints, and policy GF address community member complaints. Grievance forms can be obtained at any campus administration office, or in the central administration offices.

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## RECOGNITION

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools, Veronica Johannsen, Chief of Communications, Marketing, Safety and Security, and Joey Rivera, Athletic Director

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Recognitions are as follows:

### Student Recognitions:

Mathew O'Brien - PreK  
Kenzley White – Kindergarten  
Kazlyn Meyer – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Dutch Zaitz – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mariela Fernandez – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Staff Recognitions:

Patricia Sanchez – Paraprofessional, Gonzales Primary Academy  
Carol Oakes – Music Teacher, Gonzales Elementary  
Marie Almaraz – Registrar, Gonzales North Avenue  
Gabriel Garza – Teacher, Gonzales Junior High School  
Michelle Vega – Registrar, Gonzales High School



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**ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

**A. Budget Amendments:** On the pages that follow, you will find the most recent budget amendments. Budget amendments are required when funds are transferred between funds and functions, or when there is an increase or decrease in revenue. Transfers of more than 10% of the total budget within a fund or function require Board approval.

**B. Meeting Minutes:** March 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

**MOTION:** *I move that the Board approve the consent agenda, as presented.*



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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Set the Prekindergarten Tuition Rate for the 2023-24 School Year

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent; Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Texas Education Code (TEC) § 29.1531 authorizes school districts to offer Pre-K classes on a tuition basis.

Each year, the tuition rate must be approved by the Commissioner of Education and cannot exceed a proposed rate published annually by TEA. TEA tuition rates for 2023-24 have not yet been released (anticipated release date June 2023); however, the 2022-23 tuition rate is available and is \$7,049.

Administration recommends submitting a rate of \$5,150 to the Commissioner. This would be no change from the current 2022-23 rate (option 1).

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Set the rate at \$5,150

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move to set the tuition rate for the tuition-based prekindergarten program at \$5,150 for the 2023-24 school year pending approval from the Commissioner of Education, as presented."*



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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action on a Board Resolution Extending Depository Contract for Funds of Independent School Districts Under Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter G, School District Depositories

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent; Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Effective September 1, 2017, Senate Bill 754 amended Texas Education Code to allow the school district depository contract to be extended a total of three (3) two-year terms (prior law only allowed two (2) additional two-year terms).

As GISD began a new contract with Sage Capital Bank on September 1, 2021, it is currently eligible for extension. If approved, the bank depository contract with Sage Capital Bank will be extended through August 31, 2025.

To extend the term of its depository contract, the district and depository bank must execute the form that follows on the next page.

Under the TEC, §45.204(b), if a member of the school district's board of trustees is a stockholder, officer, director, or employee of a bank that has bid or submitted a proposal to become a depository for the district, the member may not vote on awarding a depository contract to the bank.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the board approve and pass the resolution extending the contract with Sage Capital Bank, as presented."*



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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Date for the Public Meeting on the 2023-24 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The Truth-In-Taxation guidelines published by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts afford taxpayers an opportunity to express their opinions on proposed tax rates. Per these guidelines, before the budget and tax rate can be adopted, a public hearing must be held.

School districts file one notice for budget and tax rate adoption. Education Code Section 44.004(c) specifies the content requirements for this notice and the Comptroller's office provides the model form which includes the statutory requirements.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** August 28, 2023

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the board hold the public meeting for the 2023-24 proposed budget and tax rate on August 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., as presented."*



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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve Representatives for Lone Star Investment Pool

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent; Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The personnel change in the financial services department brings with it a need to update the authorized representatives at the district's investment pool.

This shift can only be granted by the board and is done by approving the resolution included with this action item.

The only change made by the resolution that follows is to add Deanna Martinez to the list of authorized view-only users. The outgoing employee will be removed via a different form that does not require board approval.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**MOTION:** "I move that the board pass and approve the authorized representative add form, as presented."



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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the 2023-2025 Interlocal Cooperative agreement with Nixon Smiley Consolidated Independent School District relating to the DAEP, DAEP Level III, Support Center, and the PACE Program

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent, Wanda Fryer, Director of Secondary Education

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The administration recommends renewing the agreement and continuing to participate in the Cooperative.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the Board Approve the 2023-2025 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Nixon Smiley Consolidated School District relating to the DAEP, DAEP Level III, Support Center, and the PACE Program, as presented."*



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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve GISD Growing Certified Teacher Program.

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Haley Ratliff, Chief Human Resource Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** This program will empower GISD and its employees to fill a vital need for new teachers who are invested in the community. Under the proposed program rules, eligible candidates may enroll in a teacher certification program with Teachworthy Alternative Certification Program and Indiana Wesleyan University. GISD would pay costs for a bachelor's degree for our candidate, who would then perform a three-year service commitment as a certified teacher in the District.

The agreements with IWU and Teachworthy, as well as the program concept, have been reviewed and approved by GISD legal counsel. The Board is asked to consider the agreements with training entities (IWU and Teachworthy) and a resolution affirming that the Board finds a public purpose in paying the program costs for participants in exchange for a three-year service commitment to teach in G.I.S.D.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

#### **MOTION:**

*I move to approve the proposed Collaboration Agreement with Indiana Wesleyan University*

*I move to approve the proposed Education Preparation Program Memorandum of Understanding with Teachworthy*

*I move to adopt the Resolution of Public Purpose with regard to the Gonzales ISD Growing Certified Teacher Program*



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### **REPORT ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Board Members Continuing Education Credits/SBOE Framework for School Board Development Report

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools; Ross Hendershot, Board President

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Under the State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member. School Board members must complete the training required by the State Board of Education (SBOE). The announcement must be made at the last regular meeting of the board before an election of trustees. The board president must announce the name of each board member that has completed, exceeded, or is deficient in the required continuing education.

Please see the attached list.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: N/A**

**SAMPLE MOTION: N/A**



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## REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Financial and Quarterly Investment Report

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Administration will provide the board with an update on the district's financial and Quarterly reports.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**SAMPLE MOTION:** N/A



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## REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** School Health Advisory Council Recommendation for Health Education Programs

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools, and Jennifer Molnoskey, District Testing Coordinator.

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The Gonzales ISD School Health and Advisory Council (SHAC) recommends the continuation of the Sexual Health and Relationship Education, SHARE program, which addresses sexual health, relationship education, and social media education for students on an age appropriate level from 5th grade through 12th grade. The council feels it is a necessary program since the state no longer requires health to be taught in the schools. The council also recommends the implementation of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension vaping program to address the rising concern for vape usage by the youth in our district.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

**MOTION:** N/A



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## REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Athletic Report

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Joey Rivera, Athletic Director

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Athletic Department will present information regarding the addition of Junior High Soccer.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** n/a

**SAMPLE MOTION:** n/a



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## REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Racial Profiling

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent; Jared Koonce, GISD Police Department Interim Chief

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The Gonzales ISD Police Department is required by Article 2.132(b)(7) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to complete and submit a report for Racial Profiling to both the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and the department's governing board.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** n/a

**SAMPLE MOTION:** n/a



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**INFORMATION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Board Business

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools

**AUTHORITY FOR THIS ACTION:** GISD School Board Policy BF (Local)

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Information provided through the Board Business section of the agenda aimed at keeping trustees informed of routine correspondence.

**\*Added Items**

April 2, 2023	Palm Sunday
April 3-7, 2023	National Assistant Principal Week
April 4, 2023	School Librarian Appreciation Day
April 5, 2023	Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
April 7, 2023	Student/Staff Holiday-Good Friday
April 9, 2023	Easter
April 10, 2023	Board Meeting/Student Holiday/Staff PLC
April 17-18, 2023	GPA Pre-K Early Registration
April 21, 2023	McAllen ISD Aviation CTE Tour
April 24, 2023 - May 2, 2023	Early Voting Begins-Randle Rather Bldg., 8am-5pm
April 26, 2023	National Administrative Professionals' Day
April 28, 2023	Band Banquet
May 1, 2023	Academic Top 10 Banquet
May 4, 2023	FFA Banquet
May 6, 2023	Election Day-Randle Rather Bldg-7am-7pm
May 15, 2023	Athletic Banquet
May 22, 2023	Senior Walk Through/Scholarship Night
May 26, 2023	Graduation



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**Adjourn to Closed Session**  
Under Texas Government Code Chapter 551

The board will recess this open session and convene in a closed meeting to discuss items on the agenda. The Board may conveniently meet in such closed or Executive Session or meeting, concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Texas Government Code chapter 551, including, but not limited to:

Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney;

Section 551.072: Deliberation Regarding Real Property;

Section 551.073: Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift;

Section 551.074: Personnel Matters; Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Closed Meeting.

Section 551.076: Deliberation Regarding Security Devices;

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.

No voting will take place in the closed meeting. Any action the board wishes to take as a result of discussions in a closed session will take place after the board reconvenes in an open meeting. Today's date is \_\_\_\_\_ and it is \_\_\_\_\_ p.m./am

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Personnel Matters

Personnel matters are as follows:

- A. Resignations
- B. New Positions
- C. New Hires
- D. Teacher Contract Consideration