

Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 4, 2024 5:30 PM

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

## Agenda

1. Call to Order  
**Presenter:** Board President
  - 1.A. Roll Call  
**Presenter:** Board President
  - 1.B. Invocation:  
**Presenter:** Josie Smith-Wright
  - 1.C. Pledge:  
**Presenter:** Sandra Gorden
  - 1.D. Mission Statement:  
**Presenter:** Gloria Torres
2. Public Comments  
**Presenter:** Board President
3. New Business/Action Items
  - 3.A. Consent Agenda  
  
Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Consent Agenda  
**Presenter:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools
    - 3.A.1. Minutes of Meetings:  
**Presenter:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools
    - 3.A.2. Budget Amendments:
  - 3.B. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve Representatives for Lone Star Investment Pool  
**Presenter:** Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer
  - 3.C. Discuss and Consider Action to Set the PreKindergarten Tuition Rate for the 2024-25 School Year  
**Presenter:** Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools
  - 3.D. Gonzales ISD Local Board Policy FFAA(Local) A-1 Update 114 Amendment  
**Presenter:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools; Joey Rivera, Athletic Director; Jeremy Philips, Athletic Trainer
4. Reports
  - 4.A. Bond Series 2024 Financing Plan and Schedule of Events  
**Presenter:** Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer
  - 4.B. Financial Report  
**Presenter:** Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer
  - 4.C. Superintendent Reports
5. Board Business

- 5.A. Board Correspondence
- 5.B. Dates of Interest
- 6. Adjourn



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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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### **ACTION ITEM**

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

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

#### **RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

**A. Meeting Minutes:** February 12, 2024-Regular Meeting  
February 19, 2024- Special Meeting

**B. Budget Amendments:**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

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



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**Minutes**  
**Monday, February 12, 2024**  
**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  
Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary  
D'Anna Robinson  
Ashley Molina-Attended Via Zoom  
Gloria Torres  
Sandra Gorden

**Board Member Absent:**

**Item #1. Call to Order**

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, February 12, 2024, 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, Gloria Torres led the Pledge to the Flag, and D'Anna Robinson read the Mission Statement.

**Item #2: Public Comments:** There were 2 public comment speakers.

- 1) Mary Torres spoke on behalf of a Facebook post that went around on January 30, 2024. She stressed the need to have more support at all sporting events.
- 2) Lisa Blackwell spoke on behalf of the food service department pay raises that were originally brought up at the December board meeting.

**Item#3: Recognitions:**

Recognitions were presented by Veronica Johannsen, Chief of Communications, Marketing, Safety, and Security.

**Item #4: New Business/Action Items:**

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

1. Budget Amendments- No budget amendments were presented.
2. Minutes: January 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting  
January 22, 2024 Special Board Meeting

Sandra Gorden 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 Order and Notice of Election for Gonzales ISD School Board, Districts 4 & 7**

Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, GISD Superintendent of Schools, presented to the board the Order and Notice of Election for the May 2024 election for Districts 4 & 7. The board approved to use the Elections Administrator of Gonzales County therefore the May 4, 2024 election will be a County Wide Election due to the Constitutional Amendments so there for all Entities holding an election have to use the County Polling Locations.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from D'Anna Robinson to approve the the Order and Notice of Election for GISD Single Member District 4 &7 as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

C. **Discuss and Consider Action to Adopt a Policy that Would Authorize a Chaplain to be Employed and/or be Allowed to Volunteer to Perform the Duties of a School Counselor**

Erin Lindemann-LaBuhn, GISD Executive Director of State and Federal Programs, presented to the board that Senate Bill 763, passed during the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, requires each School Board to take a record vote within six months of September 1, 2023 on whether to adopt a policy that would authorize a campus of the District to either:

- 1)Employ or
- 2) accept as a volunteer,

A Chaplain to provide support, services, and/or programs for students as assigned by the Board of Trustees under Texas Education Code, Section 23.001 in order to perform the duties of a school counselor,

OR,

- 3) vote that no policy will be adopted at this time.

Josie Smith-Wright stated that some of her discussions with other board members in the West districts have found it hard to provide counselors therefore they are using Chaplains. GISD is not having that concern finding counselors.

Mrs. Torres asked if the voted on no policy at this time would they be able to change it later is the need arises. Mrs. Labuhn replied that yes and that is what her recommendation was – to adopt no policy at this time.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to adopt no policy regarding Chaplains at this time.

The motion carried 7/0

D. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the purchase of additional Chromebooks to complete the 1:1 replacement cycle process**

Chema Chavez, GISD Director of Technology, came to the board to seek approval to purchase the yearly chromebooks for the replacement cycle. 600 Chromebooks will be utilized to complete the inventory required for the replacement cycle process. This will ensure that 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades will receive a new Chromebook. Chromebooks remain in circulation for the district with a warranty for four years. This purchase is already budgeted but needs approval from the board.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from D'Anna Robinson, that the board approve the purchase of the additional Chromebooks for the replacement cycle process as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

E. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the E-Rate Category 1 and Category 2 Proposed Bids and Budget Amendment**

Chema Chavez came to the board to seek approval to complete E-Rate purchases and general fund budget amendment necessary to support them. Category 1 is the maintenance and operations on GISD's existing fiber. Budget needs are to increase federal revenue by \$177,557 (federally funded portion) and increase expenditures \$208,890 (total project cost). Category 2 will have 3 projects involved. Switches will be replaced at 2 campuses, fiber will be increased at Apache Field, and re-cable the entire Gonzales Elementary campus. Category 2 leaves the district responsible for 15% \$31,333.47 the total project is \$208,890. The scoring matrix was provided to all board members.

Dr. A asked Mr. Chavez to speak on what him and his team are doing to make sure we do not loose internet connectivity. stated that we currently use Fiber light and now we use GVTC as well so if we loose one connectivity from a provider the other will pick up.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve these purchases and budget amendment, as presented, contingent upon USAC approval and E-Rate funding.  
The motion carried 7/0.

F. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Interlocal Agreement with Education Service Center Region 20, Texas 20 Purchasing Cooperative**

Amanda Smith, GISD CFO, presented to the board the approval of an updated interlocal agreement with Region 20 ESC for the utilization of their purchasing cooperative.

The food service department has utilized this Purchasing Cooperative since at least May 2013. Texas 20 offers a streamlined method of purchasing that supports our district's food service program, of particular note is their support with our commodities/USDA foods. The purpose of the updated agreement is to make sure the language is current.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is shifting the electronic system utilized to track the entitlement allocated to districts for commodities from TX-UNPS to WBSCM (Web Based Supply Chain Management). Because the electronic system utilized by TDA is connected to TEXAS 20's service, the interlocal agreement needs to be updated to reflect associated changes.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the the interlocal agreement as presented.

The motion carried 7/0,

G. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar**

Dr. A presented the revised 2024-2025 Calendar (revised since voting). The reason for the revision is due to the redistricting for UIL and the need to release early due to the distance of travel.

The voting of the district calendar options were offered to all employees at all campus and district offices to allow all campus and district personnel to vote. Voting was also extended to the community. The calendars were examined to ensure they were within the TEA yearly guidelines for CTE and instructional minutes, had banked minutes for unexpected closures, and took into consideration the new redistricting for UIL.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from D'Anna Robinson, to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented.

\*The motion was incorrect on the rationale however Mr. Schwausch corrected it\*  
The motion carried 7/0.

**Item#5 Reports:**

A. **Financial Report**

The Financial with Bond Defeasance Results was presented by Amanda Smith, CFO.

B. **Superintendent Reports**

Presented by Superintendent, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda  
Enrollment has increased by 40 students over the last 3 months. ADA is at 90.5% for the year.

**Item#6 Board Business:**

**Board Correspondence:** No Correspondence

**Dates of Interest:**

February 16, 2024	CTE Design/Advisory Committee to visit Debakey High School for Health Professions
February 19, 2024	Special Board Meeting Board Workshop
February 22, 2024	Chamber Banquet
February 22-24, 2024	TCBSBM Conference
February 24, 2024	Education Foundation Casino Night
February 28-March 2, 2024	TASB Governance Camp

**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 6:17 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 7:03 P.M.

**Item #9 Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

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**Minutes**  
**Monday, February 19, 2024**  
**Special 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  
Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary  
D'Anna Robinson  
Ashley Molina  
Gloria Torres  
Sandra Gorden

**Board Member Absent:**

**Item #1. Call to Order**

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, February 19, 2024, at the Administrative Office Board Room, Gonzales, Texas. President, Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. (Mr. Hendershot read the time as 5p.m.)

A quorum was declared with 7 members present.

**Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement**

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

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

**Item #4: New Business/Action Items:**

A. **Discuss and Consider Action on a Proposed Agreement with VLK Architects, Inc., a Texas Corporation, to Provide Architectural/Engineering Services for the 2023 Bond Projects**

Dr. A presented the proposed agreement to the board. Since the approved ranking of design teams on December 4, 2023 for the 2023 Bond Program, Staff has been negotiating an agreement with top-ranked VLK Architects. ISD attorney has reviewed and commented on the agreement language. The agreement highlights:

- VLK fee of 6.0% to include structural engineering, MEP engineering, Landscape, Technology and Roofing Consultants
- Civil Engineering will be hired by VLK supplemental to the 6.0% as scope is determined

This fee is \$300k lower than the originally submitted fee and approximately \$500k lower than some Districts have paid for similar services. Further, including the Technology, Civil, and Roofing consultants should result in more effective overall coordination and communication. Staff also considered hiring some consultants direct to the ISD and determined this proposal from VLK was a better value and lower cost.

This item will be funded from 2023 Bond Program.

Jennifer from Sledge Engineering was present to answer any questions from board members.

Mr. Schwausch asked if the 6% was a locked in rate and it was clarified that yes, it would be.

Ashley Molina made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the agreement with VLK Architects as presented for the 2023 Bond Program and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the final terms of agreement.

The motion carried 7/0.

B. **Discuss and Consider Action on the Ranking of Proposed Construction Manager At-Risk Proposers for the 2023 Bond Projects and Delegate Contract Negotiations**

Dr. A presented to the board the Proposed Construction Manager At-Risk Proposers for the 2023 Bond Projects and Delegate Contract Negotiations.

The Board selected Construction Manager at Risk as the preferred Delivery Method for the 2023 Bond Program on 12/11/23. Requests for proposals were solicited and received on 1/18/24. Proposals were received from 2 firms. The highest scoring firm was Weaver & Jacobs, of Cuero, Tx. The scoresheet and fee totals were attached to board book for the boards review.

This project will be funded from 2023 Bond Program. Once a contract is authorized, the Preconstruction Fee will be underway. The other fees listed will only be due after the Board authorizes a Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Jennifer with Sledge Engineering was available to answer any question that were asked.

Weaver and Jacobs would do the new build and the renovation work.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden to select Weaver & Jacobs as the Construction Manager at Risk for the 2023 Bond Program and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the final terms of the agreement.

The motion carried 6 for and 0 against with 1 abstained (D'Anna Robinson)

**Item #5: Report Item**

A. 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update presented by Jennifer with Sledge Engineering

**Item #6 Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 6:14 P.M.

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**2023-24 Proposed Budget Revision  
General Operating Fund  
Regular Board Meeting - March 4, 2024**

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Proposed Revised Budget</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
5700 Local Property Taxes	20,030,181		20,030,181
5700 Other Local Sources	942,684	8,600	951,284
5800 State Revenues	8,069,636		8,069,636
5900 Federal Sources	718,582		718,582
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>29,761,083</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>29,769,683</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
0011 Instruction	16,404,419		16,404,419
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	312,710		312,710
0013 Curriculum & Staff Development	569,394	6,000	575,394
0021 Instructional Leadership	524,292		524,292
0023 School Leadership	1,858,791		1,858,791
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation	937,188		937,188
0032 Social Work Services	78,345		78,345
0033 Health Services	412,113		412,113
0034 Student Transportation	1,444,811		1,444,811
0035 Food Services	15,000		15,000
0036 Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities	1,296,622	11,698	1,308,320
0041 General Administration	2,003,953		2,003,953
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	4,577,521		4,577,521
0052 Security & Monitoring Services	958,344		958,344
0053 Data Processing Services	1,057,517		1,057,517
0061 Community Services	11,050	2,600	13,650
0071 Debt Services	751,496		751,496
0091 Contracted Inst Services Btw Public Schools	314,527		314,527
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	514,828		514,828
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>34,042,921</b>	<b>20,298</b>	<b>34,063,219</b>
8911 Operational Transfer Out	500		500
<b>NET ACTIVITY</b>	<b><u>(4,282,338)</u></b>	<b><u>(11,698)</u></b>	<b><u>(4,294,036)</u></b>

*Notes:*

-Increase Function 36 by \$11,698: Unfulfilled 2022-23 Commitment (Flames field uniforms)

-Increase Other Local Sources & Function 61 by \$2,600 each: \$500 donations from Gonzales Rotary Club, Christian Kids, Noon Lions Club, Greg & Kri McClain; \$300 donations from Episcopal Church & Mayor Steve Sucher

-Increase Other Local Sources & Function 13 by \$6k each: Sell of buses & utilization of proceeds toward the purchase of a new staff development vehicle

**2023-24 Proposed Budget Revision  
Food Service Fund  
Regular Board Meeting - March 4, 2024**

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Proposed Revised Budget</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
5700 Other Local Sources	123,863		123,863
5800 State Revenues	7,000		7,000
5900 Federal Sources	1,967,887	110,350	2,078,237
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,098,750</b>	<b>110,350</b>	<b>2,209,100</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
0035 Food Services	2,099,250	110,350	2,209,600
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,099,250</b>	<b>110,350</b>	<b>2,209,600</b>
7915 Operational Transfer In	500		500
8911 Operational Transfer Out			0
<b>NET ACTIVITY</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

*Notes:*

-Account for Rounds 3 & 4 of the Supply Chain Assistance Grant Funding

**2023-24 Proposed Budget Revision  
Debt Service Fund  
Regular Board Meeting - March 4, 2024**

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Proposed Revised Budget</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
5700 Local Property Taxes	2,563,332		2,563,332
5700 Other Local Sources	50,040		50,040
5800 State Revenues	7,754		7,754
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,621,126</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,621,126</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
0071 Debt Services	2,621,126	(1,046,244)	1,574,882
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,621,126</b>	<b>(1,046,244)</b>	<b>1,574,882</b>
7911 Capital -Related Debt Issue			0
7916 Prem. or Disc. on Issuance of Bonds			0
8949 Other Uses		1,046,244	1,046,244
<b>NET ACTIVITY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

*Notes:*

-Amend budget to account for the 2015A bond defeasance



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### ACTION ITEM

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

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

**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 changes are 1) to add Bianca Garcia to the list of authorized users with view-only access (the outgoing employee has already been removed via a different form that did not require board approval) and 2) update the title for Presleigh Zella.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

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

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**Authorized Representative Add Form**

Name of Participant Gonzales ISD Participant Number 89901

**Addition of Authorized Representative**

In order to either (i) carry out the role of Investment Officer for the Participant or (ii) aid the Investment Officer of the Participant in the execution of his or her duties pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2256.003(c), as the case may be, the following officers, officials, employees, or contractors of the Participant are hereby designated as Authorized Representatives within the meaning of the Investment Agreement (Agreement). These designated Authorized Representatives have full power and authority to execute the Agreement and any other documents, as may be required to deposit money to and withdraw money from the Participant's Lone Star Investment Pool (Lone Star) account from time to time in accordance with the Agreement and the Information Statement, and take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of local funds of the Participant:

	Rep #1	Rep #2	Rep #3
Printed Name	<u>Bianca Garcia</u>	<u>Presleigh Zella</u>	_____
Title	<u>Accounting Clerk</u>	<u>Financial Operations Specialist</u>	_____
E-mail address	<u>bianca.garcia@gonzalesisd.net</u>	<u>presleigh.zella@gonzalesisd.net</u>	_____
Signature	_____	_____	_____
	<small>VIEW ONLY</small>	<small>VIEW ONLY - TITLE CHANGE TO EXISTING USER</small>	

In accordance with Lone Star procedures, an Authorized Representative shall promptly notify Lone Star of any changes in who is serving as Authorized Representative.

In addition to the foregoing Authorized Representatives, each Investment Officer of Lone Star appointed by the Lone Star Board of Trustees from time to time is hereby designated as an Investment Officer of the Government Entity and, as such, shall have responsibility for investing the share of Lone Star assets representing local funds of the Government Entity.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 4th day of March, 2024.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ross Hendershot III Josie Smith-Wright  
*Printed Name, Board President* *Printed Name, Board Secretary*

State of Texas, County of Gonzales.

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, on this day personally appeared Ross Hendershot III, and Josie Smith-Wright  
(name of notary) (name of President) (name of Clerk/Secretary)

known to me (or proved to me on the oath of \_\_\_\_\_) or through \_\_\_\_\_ to be the person(s)  
(person providing oath) (identification item)

whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 4th day of March, 2024.

(Personalized Seal)

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*Notary Public's Signature*

If you have any questions, call the Lone Star Investment Pool at 800-758-3927 for assistance.  
 Please return the completed form to [customer.service@lonestarinvestmentpool.com](mailto:customer.service@lonestarinvestmentpool.com) or fax **512-452-7842**.



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### ACTION ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Set the Prekindergarten Tuition Rate for the 2024-25 School Year

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

**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 2024-25 have not yet been released (anticipated release date June 2024); however, the 2023-24 tuition rate is available and is \$7,559.

Administration recommends submitting a rate of \$5,150 to the Commissioner. This would be no change from the current 2023-24 rate.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move to set the tuition rate for the tuition-based prekindergarten program at \$5,150 for the 2024-25 school year pending approval from the Commissioner of Education, as presented."*



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### ACTION ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Gonzales ISD Local Board Policy FFAA(Local) A-1 Update 114  
Amendment

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent; Joey Rivera Athletic Director, Jeremy Philips Athletic Trainer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Gonzales ISD administration is seeking approval of an amendment to Local District Policy FFAA(Local)A-1 Update 114 regarding Required Medical Clearance to participate in University Interscholastic league (UIL) programs and other District extracurricular programs identified by the Superintendent. This amendment will change the current policy of a Physical Examination form being completed prior to junior high participation and again prior to first and third years of high school participation to an annual physical examination.

*Prior to participating in a designated University Interscholastic League (UIL) program or other District extracurricular program identified by the Superintendent to include athletics, band, and spirit groups (cheer and dance), a student shall undergo a physical examination annually and shall submit a statement from an authorized health-care provider indicating that the student has been examined and medically cleared to participate in the program via the current University Interscholastic League (UIL) Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Form.*

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** "I move that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment to Local District Policy FFA(Local) A-1 Update 114 as presented"

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### REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Bond Series 2024 Financing Plan and Schedule of Events

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

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** A financing plan and schedule of events for the upcoming bond sale ("Series 2024") associated with the November 2023 bond election has been prepared by the district's financial advisor and included with this agenda item.

As indicated on the included schedule, the bond sale is tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2024. The next associated action item will be that same day.

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

**SAMPLE MOTION:** n/a



# Gonzales Independent School District

## Financings Plan and Schedule of Events Overview:

**\$50,600,000\* Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024**

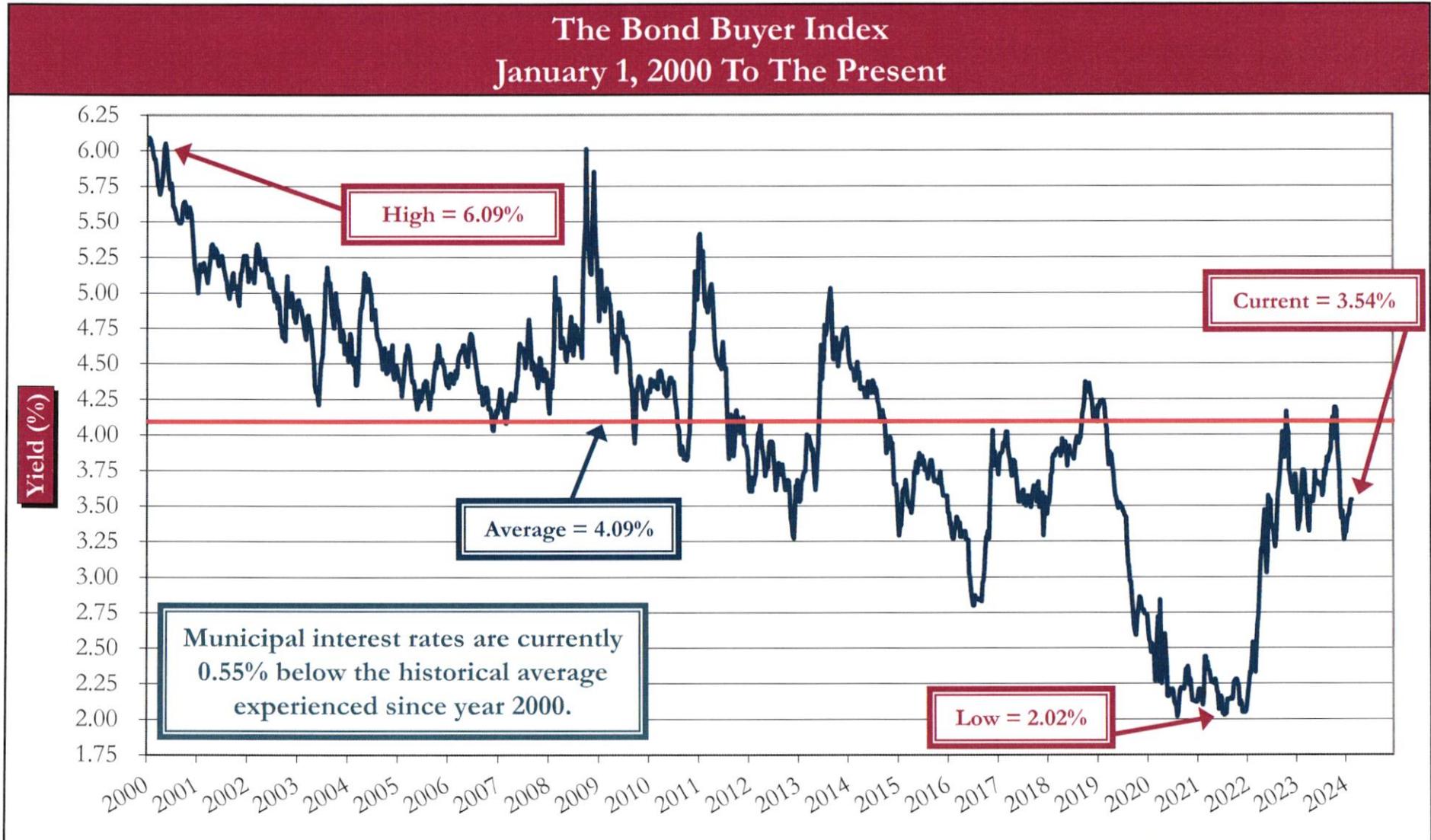
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# Overview of Current Bond Market – Bond Buyer Index



The Bond Buyer Index is published every Thursday. The rate consists of general obligation bonds maturing in 20 years with an average rating equivalent to Moody's "Aa2" and S&P's "AA."



# Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024

## Estimated Debt Service Requirements

Fiscal Year Ending (8/31)	Current Debt Service Requirements	Plus: The Series 2024 Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds			Total Service Requirements
		Principal (a)	Interest (b)	Total	
2024	\$1,503,706		\$298,681	\$298,681	\$1,802,387
2025	1,504,706	\$385,000	2,150,500	2,535,500	4,040,206
2026	1,499,306	655,000	2,134,138	2,789,138	4,288,444
2027	1,499,844	930,000	2,106,300	3,036,300	4,536,144
2028	1,500,825	1,120,000	2,066,775	3,186,775	4,687,600
2029	1,500,175	1,295,000	2,019,175	3,314,175	4,814,350
2030	1,502,856	1,405,000	1,964,138	3,369,138	4,871,994
2031	1,503,159	1,315,000	1,904,425	3,219,425	4,722,584
2032	1,503,963	1,295,000	1,848,538	3,143,538	4,647,500
2033	1,502,519	1,325,000	1,793,500	3,118,500	4,621,019
2034	1,499,238	1,385,000	1,737,188	3,122,188	4,621,425
2035	1,468,775	1,475,000	1,678,325	3,153,325	4,622,100
2036	1,465,775	1,540,000	1,615,638	3,155,638	4,621,413
2037	1,460,775	1,610,000	1,550,188	3,160,188	4,620,963
2038	1,058,550	2,055,000	1,481,763	3,536,763	4,595,313
2039	861,900	2,340,000	1,394,425	3,734,425	4,596,325
2040		2,555,000	1,294,975	3,849,975	3,849,975
2041		2,610,000	1,186,388	3,796,388	3,796,388
2042		2,720,000	1,075,463	3,795,463	3,795,463
2043		2,835,000	959,863	3,794,863	3,794,863
2044		2,960,000	839,375	3,799,375	3,799,375
2045		3,085,000	713,575	3,798,575	3,798,575
2046		3,215,000	582,463	3,797,463	3,797,463
2047		3,350,000	445,825	3,795,825	3,795,825
2048		3,495,000	303,450	3,798,450	3,798,450
2049		3,645,000	154,913	3,799,913	3,799,913
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$22,836,072</b>	<b>\$50,600,000</b>	<b>\$35,299,981</b>	<b>\$85,899,981</b>	<b>\$108,736,053</b>

(a) Preliminary, subject to change. Generates \$50,600,000 in proceeds to the District.

(b) Interest estimated at current market rates, for illustrative purposes only.



# Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024

## Tentative Schedule of Events

**\$50,600,000\***

### Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024

March - 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

April - 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May - 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June - 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Date	Action	Role
<b>Monday, March 4, 2024</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b> Review Schedule of Events and Plan of Finance	GISD, BOKFS, OHS
Friday, March 8, 2024	First Draft of Preliminary Official Statement ("POS")	BOKFS, OHS
Monday, March 18, 2024	Submit PSF Guarantee Application	BOKFS
Friday, March 22, 2024	Second Draft of POS	GISD, BOKFS, OHS, UW
Friday, April 5, 2024	Third Draft of POS	GISD, BOKFS, OHS, UW
Week of April 15, 2024	Rating Agency and Underwriter Due Diligence Calls	GISD, BOKFS, OHS, UW
Monday, April 22, 2024	Receive PSF Guarantee Approval	GISD, BOKFS, OHS, UW
Friday, April 26, 2024	Final Draft of POS	GISD, BOKFS, OHS, UW
Friday, May 3, 2024	Print/Distribute POS	BOKFS
<b>Monday, May 13, 2024</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b> Bond Sale/Lock-In Interest Rates	GISD, BOKFS, OHS, UW
<b>Tuesday, June 11, 2024</b>	<b>Bond Closing/Delivery</b>	GISD, BOKFS, OHS, UW

#### Participants

- GISD** - Gonzales Independent School District
- BOKFS** - BOK Financial Securities, Inc. (Financial Advisor)
- OHS** - Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (Bond Counsel)
- UW** - Underwriters (To Be Determined)

\* Preliminary, subject to change.



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## REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Financial Report

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

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Administration will present the monthly update on the district's finances.

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

**SAMPLE MOTION:** n/a



## Financial Report

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### March 2024 Regular Meeting Board of Trustees

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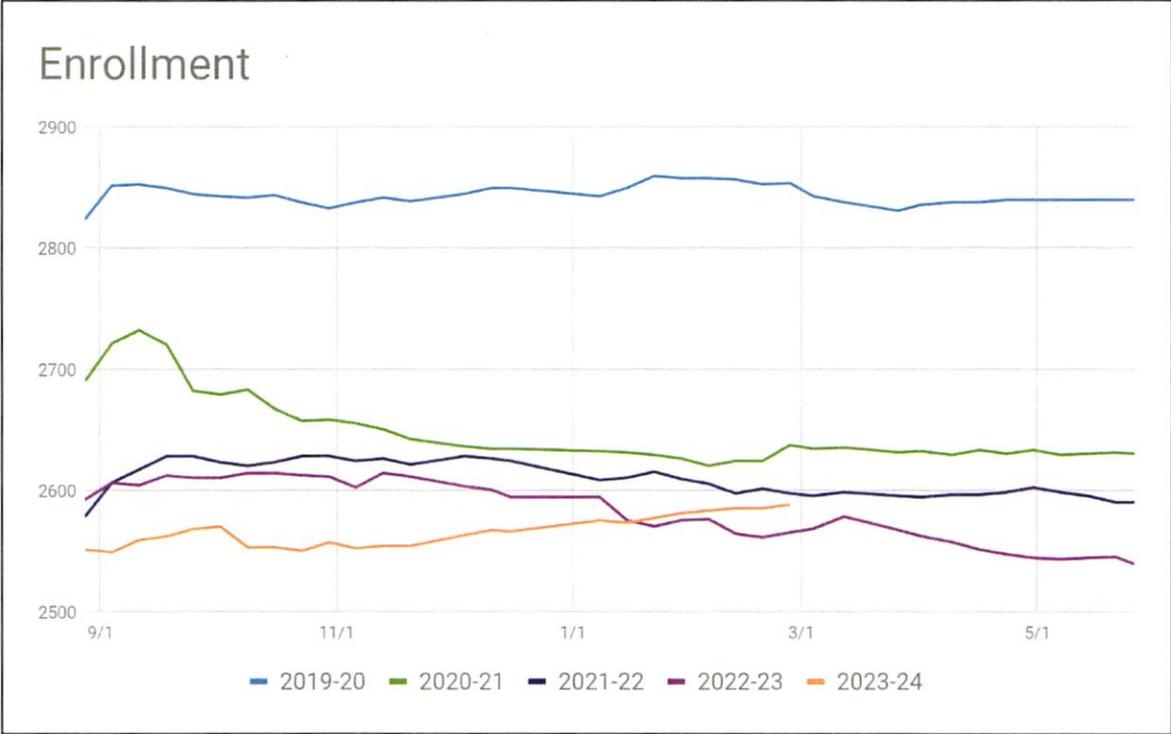
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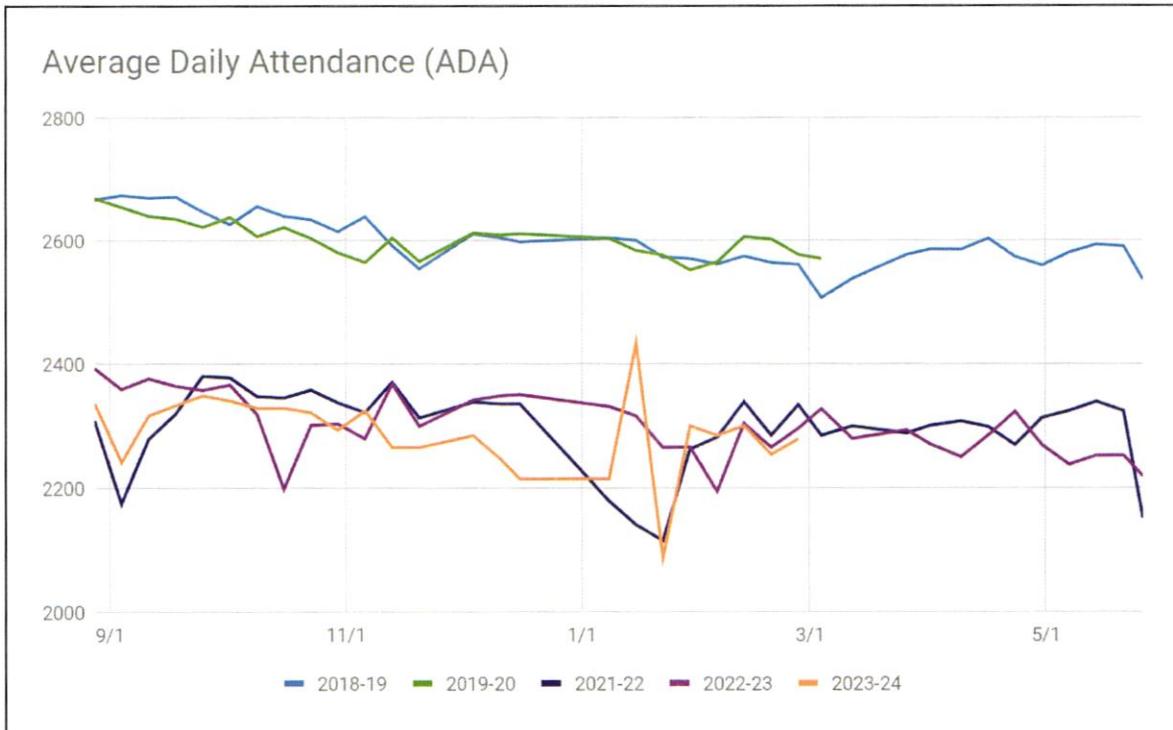
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Regular Board Meeting - March 4, 2024

Upcoming 2023-24 TEA State Aid Payments

August 2024: \$530,280

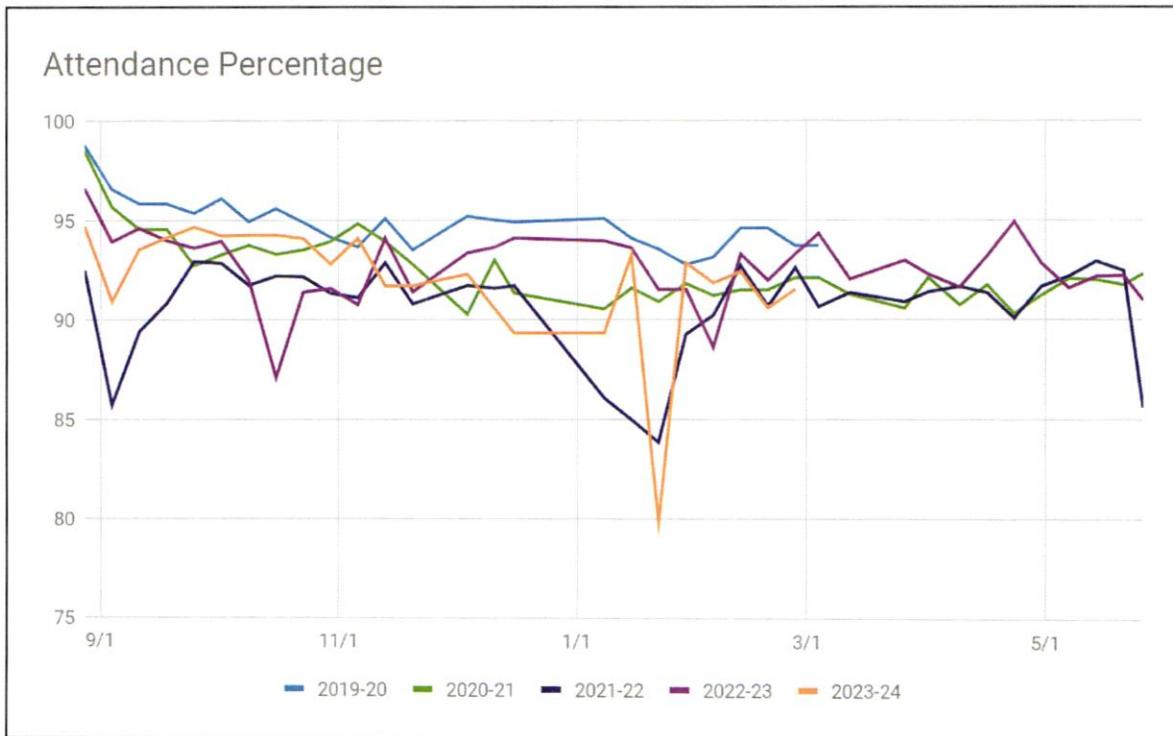
ADA & Enrollment





ADA used during budget development: 2,295

Average ADA through 2/23/24: 2,283 (down 12 from budget)



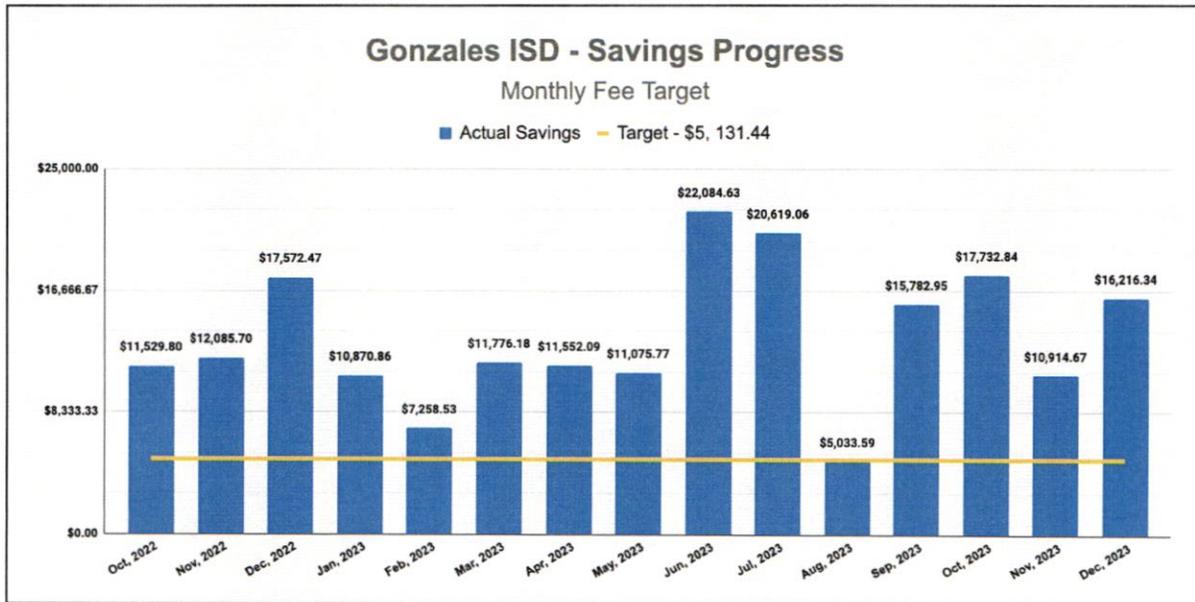
Average annual attendance percentage (through 2/23/24): 92.23%

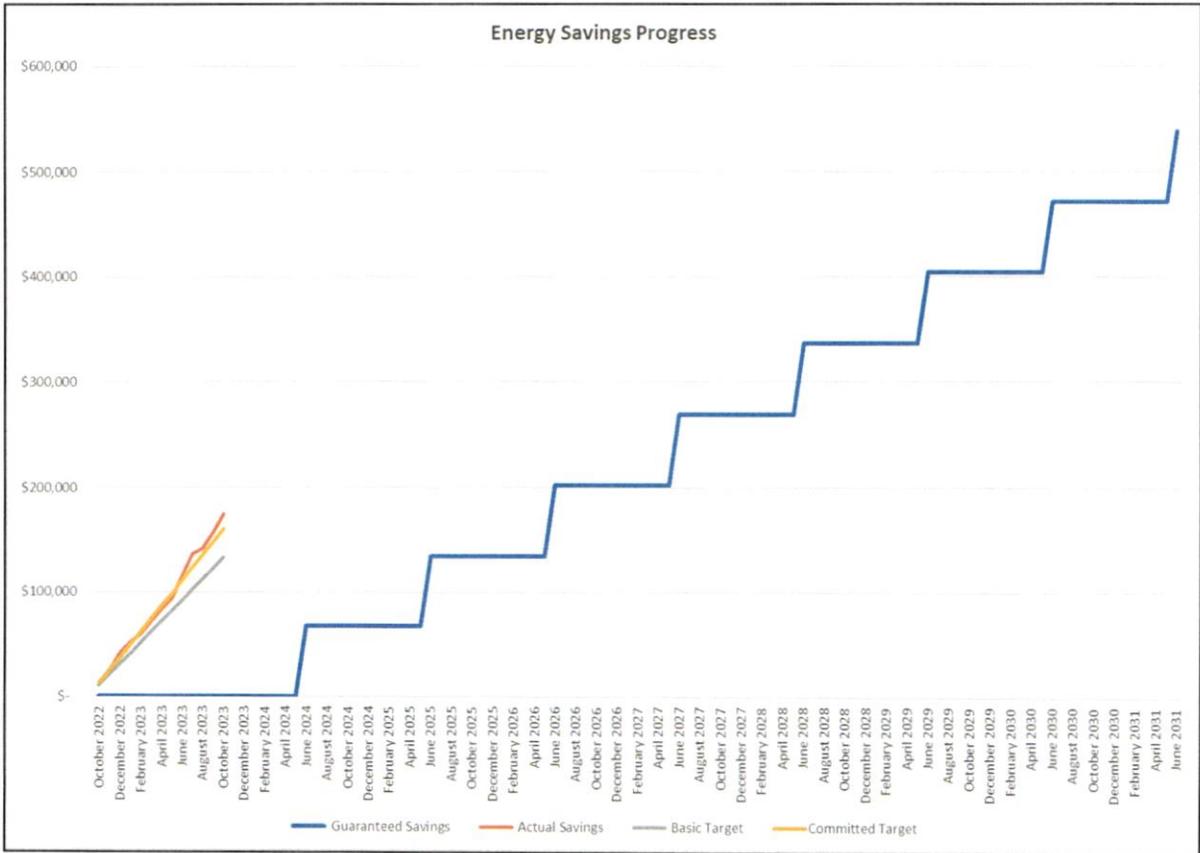
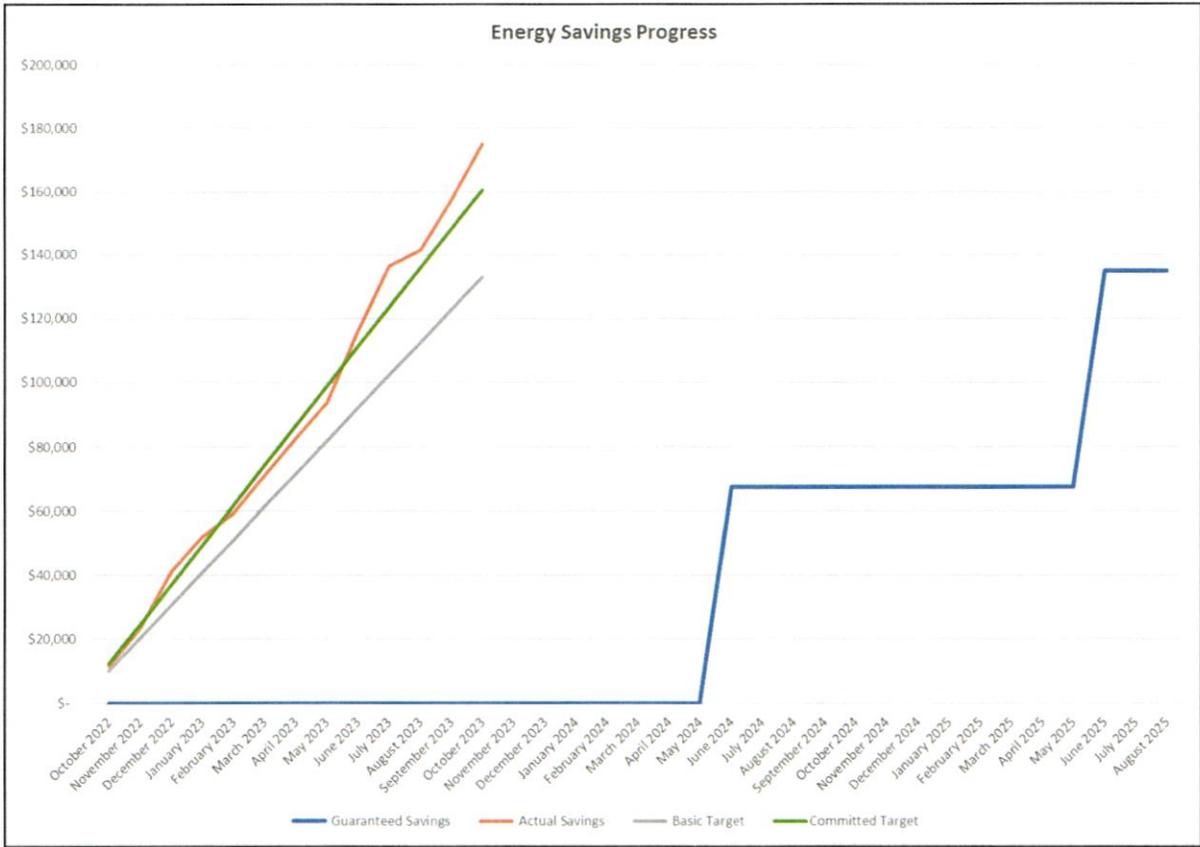
**Energy Savings Update**

All Buildings	Total
Oct	\$11,529.80
Nov	\$12,085.70
Dec	\$17,572.47
Jan	\$10,870.86
Feb	\$7,368.59
Mar	\$11,776.18
Apr	\$11,552.09
May	\$11,075.77
Jun	\$22,084.63
Jul	\$20,619.06
Aug	\$5,033.59
Sep	\$15,782.95
Oct	\$17,732.83
Nov	\$14,268.73
Dec	\$16,216.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$205,569.58</b>

Cumulative Savings Guarantee	
21 Months	\$ 67,350.13
33 Months	\$ 134,700.25
45 Months	\$ 202,050.38
57 Months	\$ 269,400.50
69 Months	\$ 336,750.63
81 Months	\$ 404,100.75
93 Months	\$ 471,450.88
105 Months	\$ 538,801.00

Basic Target: \$10,224.25/month  
 Committed Target: \$12,354.33/month  
 Fee Target: \$5,131.44/month



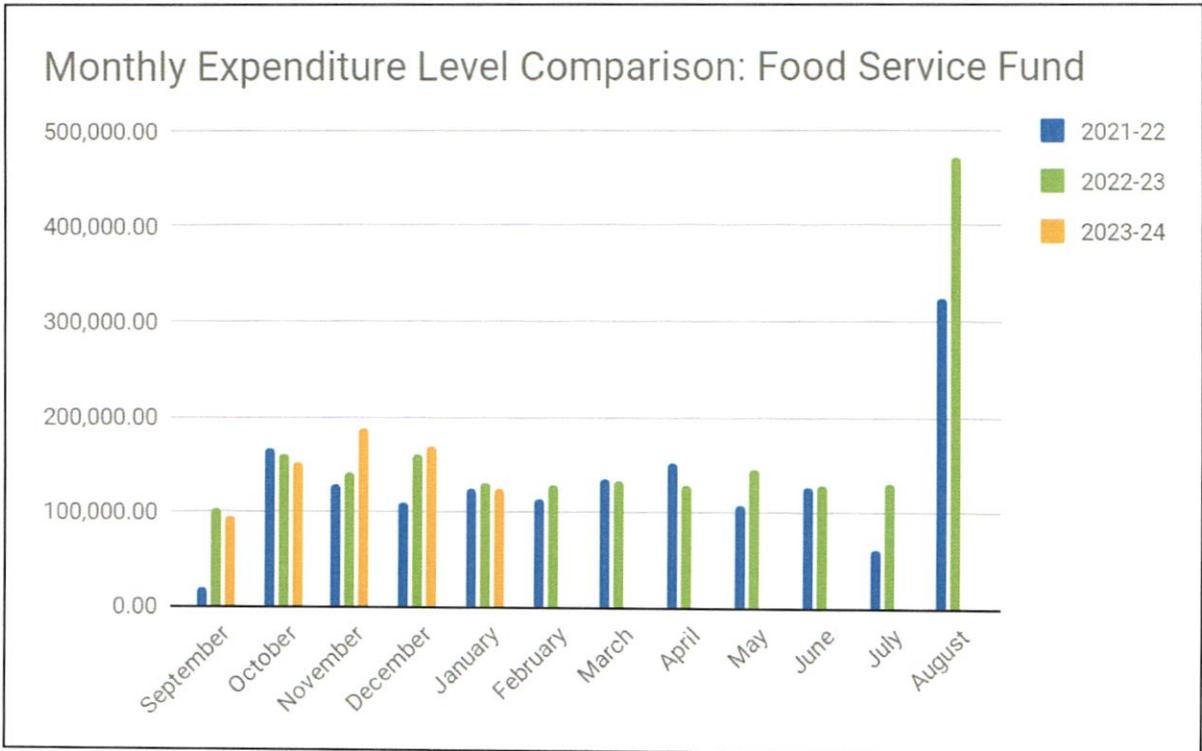
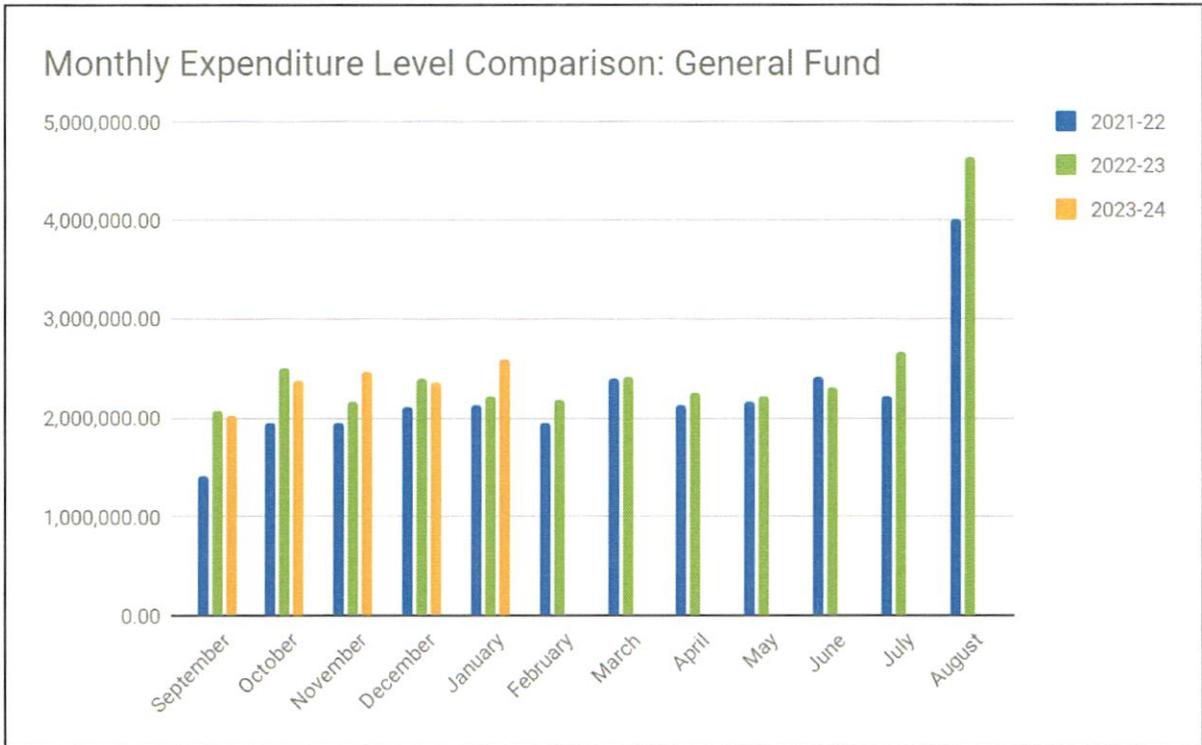


**Gonzales ISD**  
**Unaudited/Preliminary Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**As of January 31, 2024**

Percent of Fiscal Year Completed 42%  
 Percent of 2023-24 School Year Completed 57%

	GENERAL FUND			CHILD NUTRITION FUND			DEBT SERVICE FUND		
	Current Budget	Actual To-Date	% of Budget Recd/Exp	Current Budget	Actual To-Date	% of Budget Recd/Exp	Current Budget	Actual To-Date	% of Budget Recd/Exp
<b>REVENUES</b>									
5700 Local Property Taxes	20,030,181.00	18,015,302.55	89.94%				2,563,332.00	2,242,941.89	87.50%
5700 Other Local Sources	962,529.00	613,399.17	63.73%	123,863.00	51,359.03	41.46%	50,040.00	26,790.06	53.54%
5800 State Revenues	8,069,636.00	6,417,981.26	79.53%	7,000.00	0.40	0.01%	7,754.00	0.00	0.00%
5900 Federal Sources	718,582.00	105,586.28	14.69%	1,967,887.00	1,571,743.28	79.87%			
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>29,780,928.00</b>	<b>25,152,269.26</b>	<b>84.46%</b>	<b>2,098,750.00</b>	<b>1,623,102.71</b>	<b>77.34%</b>	<b>2,621,126.00</b>	<b>2,269,731.95</b>	<b>86.59%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>									
0011 Instruction	16,424,264	5,352,267.78	32.59%						
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	312,710	132,393.07	42.34%						
0013 Curriculum & Staff Development	569,394	163,616.70	28.74%						
0021 Instructional Leadership	524,292	208,188.15	39.71%						
0023 School Leadership	1,858,791	631,411.57	33.97%						
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation	937,188	309,832.08	33.06%						
0032 Social Work Services	78,345	22,650.33	28.91%						
0033 Health Services	412,113	165,172.21	40.08%						
0034 Student Transportation	1,444,811	477,218.99	33.03%						
0035 Food Service	15,000	0.00	0.00%	2,099,250.00	728,676.12	34.71%			
0036 Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities	1,296,622	433,893.77	33.46%						
0041 General Administration	2,003,953	826,240.38	41.23%						
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	4,577,521	1,723,180.31	37.64%						
0052 Security & Monitoring Services	958,344	421,067.35	43.94%						
0053 Data Processing Services	1,057,517	450,686.10	42.62%						
0061 Community Services	11,050	6,284.04	56.87%						
0071 Debt Services	751,496	418,626.96	55.71%				2,621,126.00	870,390.63	33.21%
0091 Contracted Inst Services Btw Public Schools	314,527	0.00	0.00%						
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	514,828	249,303.07	48.42%						
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>34,062,766.00</b>	<b>11,992,032.86</b>	<b>35.21%</b>	<b>2,099,250.00</b>	<b>728,676.12</b>	<b>34.71%</b>	<b>2,621,126.00</b>	<b>870,390.63</b>	<b>33.21%</b>
7915 Operational Transfer In				500.00	0.00	0.00%			
8911 Operational Transfer Out	500.00	0.00	0.00%						
<b>NET ACTIVITY</b>	<b>(4,282,338.00)</b>	<b>13,160,236.40</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>894,426.59</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,399,341.32</b>	

\*Blended accounting method: Cash & accrual basis.  
 \*These numbers are subject to change until the final AFR is prepared and accepted/approved.



# Crystal Cedillo, Tax Assessor-Collector

## Monthly Statement of Ad Valorem Collections

January 2024

### MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

CURRENT TAX	\$13,835,672.21	
PENALTY & INTEREST ON CURRENT	\$0.00	
PRIOR YEAR DELINQUENT TAXES	\$11,468.61	
PENALTY & INTEREST ON DELQ	\$6,117.62	
TOTAL COLLECTED	\$13,853,258.44	

### FEES

5% RENDITION PENALTY TO APPRAISAL DISTRICT	\$72.68	
1% COMMISSION TO GONZALES COUNTY	\$ 138,532.58	

**BALANCE DUE GONZALES ISD \$13,714,653.18**

	M&O	I&S
9-Jan	\$341,321.31	\$43,111.41
17-Jan	\$629,225.88	\$79,397.63
22-Jan	\$5,042,828.66	\$637,047.69
24-Jan	\$1,106,884.24	\$139,677.39
25-Jan	\$496,639.49	\$62,725.57
29-Jan	\$814,295.00	\$102,781.93
30-Jan	\$2,118,841.82	\$267,728.71
31-Jan	\$1,626,792.29	\$205,354.16
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$12,176,828.69	\$1,537,824.49

LEVY SUMMARY	2023 AMOUNT	2022 AMOUNT
ORIGINAL LEVY	\$21,975,165.38	\$ 22,183,693.95
ADJUSTED LEVY	\$22,000,084.85	\$ 22,427,813.30
YEAR TO DATE COLLECTIONS	\$20,066,677.46	\$ 19,657,539.26
% OF CURRENT ROLL COLLECTED	91.21%	87.65%
YTD DELINQUENT COLLECTIONS	\$140,829.80	\$ 110,945.62

2 Year Collection Comparison





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### REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Superintendent's Report

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

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Information provided by the superintendent is designed to keep the Board of Trustees informed regarding daily operations of the school district.

**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**

March 22, 2024	CTE Design/Advisory Committee to visit North Side ISD Construction Careers Academy
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
March 31, 2024	Easter



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