

Special Meeting  
Friday, November 17, 2023 8:00 AM

GISD Administrative Board Room  
1615 St Louis Street  
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:** Justin Schwausch
  - 1.C. Pledge:  
**Presenter:** D'Anna Robinson
  - 1.D. Mission Statement:  
**Presenter:** Gloria Torres
2. Public Comments
3. New Business/Action Items
  - 3.A. Discuss and Consider action to adopt a resolution to cast votes for candidates to the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board  
**Presenter:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools
  - 3.B. Discuss and Consider approval of an order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of bond election  
**Presenter:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools
  - 3.C. Discuss and Consider Action on a Proposed Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety(DPS) for DPS's Lease of the District's Property at 1711 N. Sarah Dewitt Dr., Gonzales, Tx. 78629 for Ten(10) Years, for \$3,438.00 a Month, Plus the Cost of Utilities and Services, with an Escalation Clause for Each Year.  
**Presenter:** Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer
4. Adjourn



Board of Trustees

Ross Hendershot, III  
President

Justin Schwausch  
Vice President

Josie Smith-Wright  
Secretary

Sandra Gorden

D'Anna Robinson

Ashley Molina

Gloria Torres

GISD School Board Agenda Information Sheet  
November 17, 2023

**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.

**GROWING  
GREATNESS**

**Our Students. Our Future.**



Board of Trustees

Ross Hendershot III  
President

Justin Schwausch  
Vice President

Josie Smith-Wright  
Secretary

Sandra Gorden

Gloria Torres

D'Anna Robinson

Ashley Molina

GISD School Board Agenda Information Sheet  
November 17, 2023

### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to adopt a resolution to cast votes for candidates to the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board

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

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Gonzales ISD administration is seeking action to adopt a resolution to cast votes for candidates to the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to cast votes for candidates to the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board"*



P.O. Box 867  
1709 E. Sarah Dewitt Dr., Unit B  
Gonzales, Texas 78629-0867

Office: (830) 672-2879  
Fax: (830) 672-8345  
Email: gonzcad@gvec.net  
www.gonzalescad.org

October 27, 2023

### OFFICIAL BALLOT

The following persons were nominated to serve on the Gonzales County Appraisal District Board of Directors for a term of office beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025.

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Frank "Bud" Box  | 7. Jeff Harvey      |
| 2. Lauren Clampit   | 8. Craig Hines      |
| 3. Briana Dominguez | 9. Ryan Mills       |
| 4. Sandra Gorden    | 10. D'Anna Robinson |
| 5. Sue Gottwald     | 11. Shannon Smith   |
| 6. Josh Gray        |                     |

Sandra Gorden and Craig Hines have authorized the Chief Appraiser to inform the taxing entities entitled to vote that they do not wish to remain on the Board of Directors starting with tax year 2024.

All votes must be cast by written resolution and returned to the Chief Appraiser of the Gonzales Central Appraisal District by December 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

John H. Liford, Chief Appraiser  
Gonzales Central Appraisal District

ENTITY	2022 TAX LEVY	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL TAX LEVY	VOTES
GONZALES COUNTY	\$14,362,513.00	22.83	1141
CITY OF GONZALES	1,870,245.00	2.97	149
CITY OF NIXON	248,128.00	0.39	20
CITY OF WAELDER	91,857.00	0.15	8
CITY OF SMILEY	47,250.00	0.08	4
GONZALES ISD	21,713,102.00	34.51	1725
WAELDER ISD	2,385,253.00	3.79	190
MOULTON ISD	2,193,832.00	3.49	174
CUERO ISD	1,988,760.00	3.16	158
NIXON-SMILEY CISD	14,698,678.00	23.36	1168
SHINER ISD	2,192,705.00	3.49	174
YOAKUM ISD	1,122,461.00	1.78	89



Board of Trustees

Ross Hendershot III  
President

Justin Schwausch  
Vice President

Josie Smith-Wright  
Secretary

Sandra Gorden

Gloria Torres

D'Anna Robinson

Ashley Molina

GISD School Board Agenda Information Sheet  
November 17, 2023

### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider approval of an order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of bond election

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

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees will consider the approval of an Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of bond election.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Bond Election"*



Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP  
609 Main Street  
40th Floor  
Houston, TX 77002-3106  
+1 713 658 6400  
[orrick.com](http://orrick.com)

**Marcus Deitz**  
E [mdeitz@orrick.com](mailto:mdeitz@orrick.com)  
D +1 713 658-6420  
F +1 713-658 6401

November 1, 2023

**VIA EMAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Amanda Smith  
Chief Financial Officer  
Gonzales Independent School District  
1615 St. Louis Street  
Gonzales, Texas 78629

Re: *Gonzales Independent School District – November 2023 Bond Election (the  
“Election”)*

Dear Amanda:

In preparation for the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) meeting to canvass the results of the referenced Election (“Meeting”), enclosed please find a draft Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Bond Election (“Order”), together with a Certificate for the Order (“Certificate”), and Acknowledgements of Receipt of Notice (for meeting absentees, if any), each tabbed for signature. Note that Acknowledgements of Receipt of Notice are required *only if* the meeting at which the Order is adopted is a special meeting of the Board. Proposed agenda item language for the Meeting is also enclosed.

Please note that the Board must consider and take action to adopt the Order not earlier than the third day (Friday, November 10, 2023) or later than the eleventh day after the Election; however, because the last day falls on Saturday, November 18, 2023, the deadline is extended to Monday, November 20, 2023.

Please complete the missing information on the Order and on the Certificate and have the appropriate Board officials execute and seal the Order and Certificate.

Pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 65.016(b), please note that the District is now required to also post on its website certain information regarding the Election results, as noted below, as soon as practicable after the Election and in a manner that is accessible without having to make more than two selections or view more than two network locations after accessing the Internet website home page of the District. The information required is as follows:

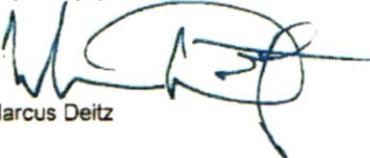
- (1) the results of the Election;
- (2) the total number of votes cast;
- (3) the total number of votes cast for or against each measure;
- (4) the total number of votes cast by personal appearance on Election day;
- (5) the total number of votes cast by personal appearance or mail during the early voting period; and
- (6) the total number of counted and uncounted provisional ballots cast.

A Certificate of Posting Election Results (the "Certificate of Posting"), including a form to report said results (the "Form of Results") is enclosed. Please complete the Form of Results and post it on the District's website as noted herein and then please have the Certificate of Posting executed.

Once the documents have been executed, please return the signed documents to the address listed above using the enclosed FedEx envelope.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Marcus Deitz

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent, Gonzales Independent School District  
John Robuck, BOK Financial Securities, Inc.  
Kathleen Bethune (Firm)  
Amanda Stephens (Firm)

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ELECTION RESULTS**

I hereby certify that the Gonzales Independent School District (the "Issuer") complied with Texas Election Code, Section 65.016(b), with respect to the election (the "Election") held on November 7, 2023 ("Election Day"), as follows:

1. The Election Results, attached hereto as Exhibit A, were posted on the Issuer's website as soon as practicable after the Election.
2. The Election Results were accessible without having to make more than two selections or view more than two network locations after accessing the Issuer's website home page.
3. Screenshots of the Election Results posted to the Issuer's website are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**

**Election Results**

**Proposition A**

The results of the election on the above-described proposition.	
The total number of votes cast.	
The total number of votes cast <i>for</i> the above-described proposition.	
The total number of votes cast <i>against</i> the above-described proposition.	
The total number of votes cast by personal appearance on Election Day.	
The total number of votes cast by personal appearance or mail during the early voting period.	
The total number of counted and uncounted provisional ballots cast.	

**Election Results**

**Proposition B**

The results of the election on the above-described proposition.	
The total number of votes cast.	
The total number of votes cast <i>for</i> the above-described proposition.	
The total number of votes cast <i>against</i> the above-described proposition.	
The total number of votes cast by personal appearance on Election Day.	
The total number of votes cast by personal appearance or mail during the early voting period.	
The total number of counted and uncounted provisional ballots cast.	

**EXHIBIT B**

**Screenshot of Election Results**

*[to be attached]*



## Memo

---

**To** Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer, Gonzales Independent School District

**From** Marcus Deitz

**Date** November 1, 2023

**Re** Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Bond Election

---

Listed below is appropriate agenda item and recommendation language for the November 17, 2023 special meeting of the Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees (the "Board") where the Board will consider the approval of an Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Bond Election. If you have any questions, please call me at 713-249-4910.

Agenda item language:

"Consideration and approval of an Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Bond Election."

Recommendation language:

"It is recommended: that the Board of Trustees approve the Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Bond Election."

cc: Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent, Gonzales ISD  
John Robuck, BOK Financial Securities, Inc.  
Kathleen Bethune (firm)  
Amanda Stephens (firm)

**CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTIES OF GONZALES AND CALDWELL §  
GONZALES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

I, the undersigned officer of the Gonzales Independent School District (the “*District*”), hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees (the “*Governing Body*”) of the District convened on November 17, 2023 in a special meeting at the regular meeting place of the Governing Body in the District (the “*Meeting*”), which Meeting was at all times open to the public, the duly constituted officers and members of the Governing Body being as follows:

Ross Hendershot, III	President
Justin Schwausch	Vice President
Josie Smith-Wright	Secretary
Gloria Torres	Trustee
Sandra Gorden	Trustee
Ashley Molina	Trustee
D’Anna Robinson	Trustee

and all of such persons were present at the Meeting except \_\_\_\_\_, thus constituting a quorum. Among other business considered at the Meeting, the attached order (the “*Order*”) entitled:

**ORDER CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING  
RESULTS OF BOND ELECTION**

was introduced for the due consideration of the Governing Body. After presentation and discussion of the Order, a motion was made, duly seconded, and carried by the following vote:

\_\_\_ voted “For” \_\_\_ voted “Against” \_\_\_ “Abstained”

all as shown in the official Minutes of the Governing Body for the Meeting.

2. The attached Order is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the official records of the Issuer; the duly qualified and acting members of the Governing Body on the date of the Meeting are those persons shown above, and, according to the records of my office, each member of the Governing Body was given actual notice of the time, place, and purpose of the Meeting and had actual notice that the Order would be considered; and the Meeting and deliberation of the aforesaid public business, including the subject of the Order, was posted and given in advance thereof in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially this  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Gonzales Independent School District

(SEAL)

**ORDER CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING  
RESULTS OF BOND ELECTION**

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, there was held within and throughout the territory of the Gonzales Independent School District (the "District") an election (the "Election") at which there was submitted to the resident, qualified electors of the District the following propositions, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION A**

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") OF THE GONZALES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,600,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING DISTRICT WIDE SAFETY, SECURITY, ACCESSABILITY AND LIFECYCLE PROJECTS, A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUILDING AND AN AGRICULTURAL BARN, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE, BEAR INTEREST AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY, IMPOSE AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS (INCLUDING CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS), ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

WHEREAS, the tabulation of the results of the Election on Proposition A was as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Votes For  
\_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against

**PROPOSITION B**

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") OF THE GONZALES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,480,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF ATHLETIC STADIUM FACILITES IN THE DISTRICT, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE, BEAR INTEREST AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY, IMPOSE AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT,

WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS (INCLUDING CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS), ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

WHEREAS, the tabulation of the results of the Election on Proposition A was as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Votes For  
\_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GONZALES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. Election Results. The Election was duly called and notice thereof given in accordance with law; the Election was held in the manner required by law; only resident, qualified electors of the District voted at the Election; a written return of the Election results was made to the District in accordance with the Election Code; and the resident, qualified electors of the District voting in the Election, including absentee voting, voted "FOR" or "AGAINST" Proposition A and Proposition B, as noted above.

Section 2. Tabulation of Votes; Notice of Results. The official returns shall be delivered to the Board Secretary, who is hereby directed to enter in the Election register the tabulation of the votes cast for and against Proposition A and Proposition B, and to preserve such tabulations as required by law. Notice of the Election results shall be given in the manner required by the Election Code and other applicable law.

Section 3. Notice of Meeting. The Board of Trustees officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the District's administrative offices for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that a telephonic or telegraphic notice of such meeting was given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expenses incurred by the District in connection with providing such notice, both as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

Section 4. Authorization to Execute. The President or Vice President of the Board of Trustees is authorized to execute, and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is authorized to attest and seal this Order on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

*[Signature page follows]*

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

---

President, Board of Trustees  
Gonzales Independent School District

ATTEST:

---

Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Gonzales Independent School District

(SEAL)

Signature Page  
Canvassing Order

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTICE OF  
SPECIAL MEETING; WAIVER AND RATIFICATION**

I acknowledge that I received timely and sufficient notice of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District (the "Governing Body") held on November 17, 2023, at which the following was adopted:

**ORDER CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULTS  
OF BOND ELECTION**

I hereby ratify, adopt and confirm all proceedings had by the Governing Body at said meeting.

WITNESS MY HAND this \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



Board of Trustees

Ross Hendershot III  
President

Justin Schwausch  
Vice President

Josie Smith-Wright  
Secretary

Sandra Gorden

Gloria Torres

D'Anna Robinson

Ashley Molina

GISD School Board Agenda Information Sheet  
November 17, 2023

### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action on a proposed Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and Gonzales Independent School District (the District) for DPS's lease of the District's property at 1711 Sarah Dewitt Drive, Gonzales, Texas, 78629, for ten (10) years, for \$3,438.00 a month, plus the cost of utilities and services, with an escalation clause for each year

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

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** This is a follow-up to the report item provided at the October special meeting. Administration will provide an update on the agreement along with an overview of the lease agreement.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the interlocal cooperation contract, as presented"*

**GROWING  
GREATNESS**

Our Students. Our Future.