

Minutes
Monday, April 8, 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
Gloria Torres
Sandra Gorden

Board Member Absent:

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, April 08, 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

D'Anna Robinson gave the Invocation, Gloria Torres led the Pledge to the Flag, and Ashley Molina read the Mission Statement.

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

Item#3: Recognitions:

Recognitions were presented by Veronica Johannsen, Chief of Communications and Safety, and Joey Rivera, Athletic Director.

Ms. Johannsen presented the Student Recognitions and Staff Recognitions, Electrical Level 1 and Plumbing Level 1 with Mr. Dwayne Maly, Victoria College, Mrs. Gloria Torres was recognized for her 40 years of dedication on the School Board, the Financial Services Department was recognized for earning a Transparency Stars Award in the area of Debt Obligations from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; Coach Rivera recognized the Powerlifting Athletes and Powerlifting Coaches.

Item #4: New Business/Action Items:

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

1. Budget Amendments
2. Minutes: March 4, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
March 25, 2024-Special Board Meeting

Amanda Smith reviewed the budget amendments.

- Increase other Local Sources & Function 61 by \$700 each: \$500 donation from First Evangelical Lutheran Church; \$200 donations from Snavelly Forest Products, Inc. for Special Prom Family Engagement Event
- Move \$10k from Function 11 to Function 52: Underbudgeted payroll costs
- Increase Other Local Sources & Function 11 by \$3k each: Donations and Charter Buses for the ACE NASA Field Trip from SouthStar Bank (\$500) & GISD Education Foundation (\$2,500)
- Increase Other Local Sources & Function 36 by \$100 each: Donation from Pilot Club for Apache Olympics

Ashley Molina made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

B. **Discuss and Consider Action and possible action regarding Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Property, including possible approval of the Purchase-Sales Agreement with C3 Investements, LLC.**

Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented to the board the update to this action item from the March 25, 2024 Board Meeting from the land located on Robertson Street. At the previous board meeting, C3 Investments had offered \$170,000 to purchase the property while the district's investment is about \$260,000. At the March 25th board meeting the board authorized the GISD Superintendent, to negotiate the sales price and the deed restriction and bring it back to the next board meeting for further consideration. The resolution brought to this meeting is for the sale price of \$215,000, which is between the aforementioned numbers.

Mr. Chad Cooper, managing partner and owner of C3 Investments spoke to the board about what their company was planning to do with the property. 50 lot development with 40 being residential, a mixed use of 1,000 sq. ft to 1,300 sq.ft., 8 lots dedicated to multi-family 4 plexes with about 32 units and a standalone lot on Seydler that could potentially be a Commercial development or an interest in the development. These plans are not finalized at this time until a final plan is made with the engineers. This could generate a revenue of \$13.5 million dollars which results in tax dollars for the city and the school. They would like to put out roughly 12 homes every 6 months focusing on the residential homes and then the multifamily homes. The multifamily will primarily be rental property.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second from D'Anna Robinson to adopt the resolution to accept, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

C. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Date for the Public Meeting on the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate**

Amanda Smith recommended August 26, 2024 as the date for the Public Meeting on the 2024-25 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate with a separate meeting for a budget workshop on August 19, 2024.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to hold the public meeting for the 2024-2025 proposed budget and tax rate on August 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., as presented.

The motion carried 7/0

D. **Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Board Resolution for Justice Assistance Grant**

GISD Chief of Police, Gregory Brooks, requested authorization to complete the application process for FY 24/25 Justice Assistance Grant which, if awarded in full, will fund the purchase of Body Worn Cameras and in-car cameras along with the video storage and upload system. This would allow GISD officers to video all encounters with students, parents, and citizens for accountability and evidence gathering in criminal investigations. This grant is for \$59,105.

Ashley Molina made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres to approve the submission for the FY 24/25 Justice Assistance Grant as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

E. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Board Resolution for Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant**

Chief Brooks came before the board requesting to complete the application process for the FY 24/25 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant which, if awarded in full will fund the purchase of Bullet-Resistant Shields for the School District Police Officers. This would provide safety equipment for the Officers to use during an active shooter threat on any of our campuses or school district facilities. This grant is in the amount of \$40,583.

Ashley Molina made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the submission for the FY 24/25 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant as presented.

The motion carried 7/0

Item#5 Reports:

A. **Financial Report**

The Financial and Quarterly Investment Report was presented by Amanda Smith, CFO.

B. **Board Members Continuing Education Credits/SBOE Framework for School Board Development Report.**

Mr. Hendershot announced each board member that has completed, exceeded, or is deficient in the required continuing education.

The following board members have exceeded the required continuing education hours:

- Gloria Torres
- Josie Smith-Wright
- Justin Schwausch
- Ross Hendershot, III

The following board members are deficient in their required continuing education hours and have scheduled training to timely complete the required continuing education hours:

- Ashley Molina
- D'Anna Robinson
- Sandra Gorden

C. **Superintendent Reports**

Presented by Superintendent, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda

Item#6 Board Business:

Board Correspondence: No Correspondence

Dates of Interest:

April 16, 2024	English 1 EOC 6 th RLA STAAR
April 17, 2024	English 2 ROC 3 rd -5 th RLA STAAR
April 18, 2024	SLI Registration Opens 7 th & 8 th RLA STAAR
April 23, 2024	Biology EOC 5 th Science STAAR 8 th Social Studies STAAR National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
April 24, 2024	U.S. History EOC Administrative Professionals Day
April 25, 2024	8 th Science STAAR TASB Workshop(GHS)
April 26, 2024	Band Banquet
April 30, 2024	HS Algebra EOC 8 th Algebra EOC 8 th Math STAAR (1/2 students)
May 1, 2024	6 th Math STAAR 3 rd -5 th Math STAAR School Principals' Day

May 2, 2024	7 th Math STAAR 8 th Math STAAR (1/2 students) GHS FFA Banquet
May 3, 2024	Decision Day PepRally(GHS 10:00am) School Lunch Hero Day
May 4, 2024	Election Day
May 6, 2024	Top 10% Banquet
May 6-10, 2024	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8, 2024	Military Signing Day PepRally (GHS 10:00am) National School Nurse Day
May 10, 2024	GE Fun Field Day
May 13, 2024	Regular Board Meeting Band Spring Concert 7-8pm GE Picnic with parents(the whole week)
May 14, 2024	Athletic Banquet 6-8pm JB Wells 3 rd Grade Awards
May 15, 2024	4 th Grade Awards
May 16, 2024	1 st & 2 nd Grade In-House UIL Meet GJHS Field Day Apache Olympics 5 th Grade Awards
May 17, 2024	Staff Development/Student Holiday
May 18, 2024	National Speech Pathologist Day
May 20, 2024	Senior Walk Scholarship Night @GJHS 6-7:30 GE Awards (details to come soon)
May 21, 2024	Pre-K Grad 1:00-2:00pm Kinder Grad 9am GE Awards (details to come soon) 6 th Grade Awards 10-11am 7 th Grade Awards 1-2pm GHS Senior Olympics
May 22, 2024	Pre-K Grad 1:00-2:00pm Kinder Grad 9am Senior Awards Day
May 23, 2024	Early Release/Last Day of School
May 24, 2024	Graduation Day/Teacher Work Day
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day/District Closed

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 6:35 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 7:39 P.M.

Item #9 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees



Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
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