

**Minutes**  
**Monday, January 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, January 8, 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**

Justin Schwausch 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 no public comments.

**Item #3: New Business/Action Items:**

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

1. Budget Amendments
2. Minutes: December 6, 2023- Board Workshop  
December 11, 2023- Regular Board Meeting

Amanda Smith reviewed the budget amendments. There were two adjustments to the Budget Amendments that Mrs. Smith presented to the board.

- Increase "other local revenue" and Function 11 by \$900 each: Winter Wonderland Donations(\$25 from Penny Lee, \$25 from John Parr; \$100 from Officer Guerra, \$250 from Prosperity Bank, \$500 from GVTC)
- Increase "other local revenue" and Function 31 by \$131 each: Donation from Presbyterian Church for mental health counselor supplies
- Increase federal revenue (\$86,113) & Function 51(\$83,592) & Function 53 (\$2,524): E-rate current year funding (supports fiber maintenance & internet)

Justin Schwausch 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 and accept the GISD Education Foundation Grant Funding to be used for Future Grant Disbursements and Associated Budget Amendment**

Adrienne Steen presented on behalf of Josh Gray President of the GISD Education Foundation. Ms. Steen recommended to the board that they accept the sum of \$19,844.66 to be used for future grant recipients as awarded according to GISD Education Foundation Grant Application Guidelines. Additionally, approval of amendments to include funds in district budget as required.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second from D'Anna Robinson, to approve the acceptance of \$19,845 from GISD Education Foundation and additions of \$19,845 to the revenue and expenditure budget by budget amendment as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

C. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the TASB Board Policy Update 121, affecting GISD local policies**

Dr. A presented board policy Update 121 to the board which affects GISD local policies. Board members had the list in board book.

Josie Smith-Wright asked that we send the Policy updates as soon as we receive them for them to review.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service for Update 121, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0

D. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the TASB Board Policy Update 122, affecting the GISD local policies**

Dr. A presented board policy Update 122 to the board which affects GISD local policies. Board members had a list in board book.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Ashley Molina, that the board add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service Update 122, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

E. **Discuss and Consider Action to Grant Authority to the Superintendent to contract with Gonzales County Election Administrator for the May 4, 2024 Elections.**

Dr. A presented to the board that we will have 2 seats up for re election this year, districts 4 & 7. Some of the advantages of contracting with the county would be eliminating of staffing shortages/Nepotism to candidates, finding and maintaining workers, back up clerks, training and most of all the integrity of the elections. The county has the up to date equipment and statewide reporting procedures.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, give authority to the Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Gonzales County Election Administrator for the May 4, 2024, School Board Election. The motion carried 7/0.

**Item#4 Reports:**

A. **Student Performance Report; Focus on Student Sub-Populations**

Erin Lindemann-LaBuhn and Brandi Bell presented the STAAR Academic Performance Report from Spring of 2023 grades 3- EOC.

B. **Financial & Quarterly Investment Report**

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

C. **Superintendent Reports**

Dr. A had no items to present to the board.

**Item#6 Board Business:**

**Board Correspondence:** No Correspondence

**Dates of Interest:**

January 15, 2024	Student and Staff Holiday (MLK)
January 17-Feb. 16, 2024	File an Application for a Place on the Ballot for the May Election
January 25, 2024	Strategic Planning Community Update 9AM-3:00PM

**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 6:04 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 8:31 P.M.

A motion was made by Josie Smith-Wright, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the Superintendent Evaluation as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

**Item #9 Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 8:32 P.M.

  
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Ross Hendershot, III, President  
Board of Trustees

  
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Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary  
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