

**Minutes**  
**Monday, December 4, 2023**  
**Board Workshop 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, December 4, 2023 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**

Gloria Torres gave the Invocation, Sandra Gorden 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: Reports:**

A. **November 2023 Bond Construction Program Management Services**

Dr. A spoke to the board about the next step of the bond phase.

Casey Sledge of Sledge Engineering, LLC spoke to the board about how ESC Region 13 Program Management Service could assist the board and what the cost would be for the service if GISD chooses to use them for the project. Mr. Sledge included a PowerPoint to address each item.

- Their vision
- Project Accounting
- Broad Experience
- Peace of Mind
- Value
- Return on Investment
- Independent Source of Truth
- Project Leadership

B. **Architectural/Engineering and Construction Administration Services for the November 2023 Bond Construction Program Selection Update**

Casey Sledge of Sledge Engineering, LLC spoke to the board about the RFQ request that GISD issued for professional architectural and engineering services for the November 2023 Bond Construction Program.

The district received 14 responses on 9/19/23. A committee comprised of ten individuals met on 9/22/23 to review and score all firms. The Committee then interviewed the 5 highest scoring firms on 11/16/23. Of the 5 firms interviewed, the Committee unanimously agreed on the following ranking:

1. VLK Architects
2. Garza/Bomberger & Associates (GBA)

3. IDG +Architects

The Committee recommends the firms be considered in the above order. If only one firm will be hired, procurement regulations require that negotiations may occur with the top-ranking firm. If a contract is not successfully negotiated with the top-ranked firm, then the District must cease negotiations with that firm and move to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-ranked firm and so on. The district may not reconsider a firm once negotiations have been ceased. Casey shared that the committee planned to bring the ranking to the board for possible action at the regular board meeting on December 11, 2023.

C. **November 2023 Bond Construction Program Delivery Method**

Casey Sledge of Sledge Engineering, LLC presented to the board the Construction Program Delivery Methods which included a slide show. Mr. Sledge explained the available methods and options.

TASB policy requires the board to select the Delivery Method(s) for school facilities construction projects.

Casey explained that administration would be bringing this to the board at the next regular meeting on December 11, 2023 for formal selection.

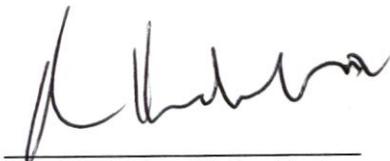
D. **Reimbursement Resolution**

Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Reimbursement Resolution to board members.

Ms. Smith shared that reimbursement resolutions have been an accounting tool utilized by districts, including Gonzales ISD, to proactively address needs in an efficient and effective manner. She explained that utilizing one now would allow the district to begin bond-related projects with general funds until the bond funds were received by the district (planning for June 2024). Once bond funds were received, the general fund could be reimbursed with bond funds for eligible expenditures.

**Item #4 Adjourn**

There being no further business, Justin Schwausch adjourned the training 7:24 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President  
Board of Trustees



Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary  
Board of Trustees