

Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2023
Regular 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
D'Anna Robinson
Ashley Molina
Gloria Torres
Sandra Gorden

Board Member Absent: Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, September 11, 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 6 members present.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Justin Schwausch gave the Invocation, Sandra Gorden led the Pledge to the Flag, and Gloria Torres 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: August 2, 2023-Special Meeting-Bond Ethics Training
August 7, 2023-Special Meeting
August 14, 2023-Regular Meeting
August 21, 2023-Special Meeting-Budget Workshop
August 28, 2023-Special Meeting-Tax Rate Adoption

Amanda Smith recommended approvals to the General Fund budget. Mrs. Smith explained that there are more budget amendments than normal due budgeting & purchases made in 2022-2023 fiscal year but have not received the good or service at the end of the fiscal year. With our legal accounting practices, we must record it in the new fiscal year.

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

The motion carried 6/0.

B. **Discuss and Consider Action to Adopt the Updates to the Gonzales ISD Student Code of Conduct for 2023-2024**

Adrienne Steen presented to the board the updates to the GISD Student Code of Conduct to reflect the recent change in legislation.

- Senate Bill 37-Hazing; located on pages 34-36 in the GISD Student Code of Conduct
- House Bill 114-DAEP at capacity; located on page 20

- House Bill 114-Marijuana, THC and E-Cigs being mandatory DAEP placement instead of expulsion; located on page 18 & 20.
- House Bill 114- Conference Hearing and Review-Scheduling a conference within 3 days with the student's parent; located on page 19
- House Bill 2928 -Sped evaluation information within 5 days of being released from DAEP; located on page 30

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to adopt the Gonzales ISD Student Code of Conduct for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

The motion carried 6/0.

C. **Discuss and Consider action to approve the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) members for the 2023-2024 School Year**

Adrienne Steen presented to the board the list of members for the 2023-2024 school year. This advisory group represents segments of the school staff and community. The council promotes school and community school health programs and provides for a bridge between school and community in understanding and supporting school health.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Ashley Molina, to approve the Gonzales ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) membership for 2023-2024 school year as presented.

The motion carried 6/0

D. **Discuss and Consider Action to set deadlines for responding to PIA Requests as per HB3033**

Veronica Johannsen presented to the board to seek approval and establish no business days for the purposes of the Public Information Act. HB3033 requires school districts to define business days and it allows the board of trustees to designate additional nonbusiness days that align with the districts academic calendar when responding to PIA request. A list of proposed nonbusiness day was included in the board packet

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the deadlines for responding to PIA request as per HB 3033 as presented.

The motion carried 6/0.

Item#4 Reports:

A. **Discussion for possible MOU with the City of Gonzales**

Mr. Kridler presented to the board the possibility of potentially entering an MOU with the City of Gonzales to allow the city to perform necessary surveys, studies and designs to potentially create a regional drainage detention pond on approximately 12 acres of school property; partials 1084 and 2674 which is property on Steering Road. The pond would be designed to help reduce the flooding of Tinsley Creek.

Keith Schauer, City Engineer answered questions as they were presented. He provided maps to Dr. A and the Board members. Mr. Schauer went into detail as to where the project would take place. The city is applying for a grant that would fund all the construction.

B. **Financial Report**

The Financial Report was presented by Amanda Smith, CFO.

E. Superintendent Reports

Presented by Superintendent, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda

Dr. A presented the enrollment as of 9/7/23: 2526 and the Daily Average Attendance for the District: 93.42

Item#6 Board Business:

Board Correspondence: No Correspondence

Dates of Interest:

September 13, 2023	Bond Presentation Team-Pilot Club
September 14, 2023	Bond Presentation Team-GADC
September 18, 2023	Town Hall Meeting @Victoria College (6:15)
September 19, 2023	Bond Presentation Team-GCRTA
September 21, 2023	Bond Presentation Team-Young Farmers
September 29-Oct 1, 2023	txEDCON23
October 6, 2023	Student and Staff Early Release
October 9, 2023	Staff Development Day/Student Holiday
October 9, 2023	Regular Board Meeting
October 13, 2023	End of the First Nine Weeks

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 6:00 P.M.

Item #8 Reconvene to Open Meeting:

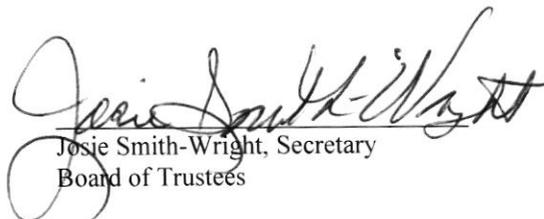
The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in the Closed Session. The board returned to an open session at 6:42 P.M.

Item #9 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees



Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
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