Minutes
Friday, August 29, 2025
Special Board Meeting at 12:00 P.M.
Location of Meeting: GISD Administrative Board Room, 1615 St Lawrence St.
Gonzales, Texas 78629

Board Members Present: Justin Schwausch- President
Ross Hendershot, III, Vice President
Ashley Molina-Secretary
Naomi Brown
Josie Smith-Wright
D'Anna Robinson

Board Member Absent: Ashley Molina and Gloria Torres

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Friday, August 29, 2025, at the Administrative Office Board Room, Gonzales, Texas. President, Justin Schwausch called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

A quorum was declared with 5 members present.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Justin Schwausch lead the invocation, Naomi Brown lead the Pledge, and Josie Smith-Wright lead the Mission Statement

Item #2: Public Comments: No public Comments

Item #3: New Business/Action Items:

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

D'Anna Robinson made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to approve the consent agenda, as presemted.

The motion carried 5/0

B. **Discuss and Consider Action on the GASB 54 Resolution**

Amanda Smith, GISD Chief Financial Officer, presented a resolution for board approval to commit a portion of the district's fund balance for the purpose of repairing and restoring district facilities damaged as a result of significant events. This recommendation was first discussed during the August 18, 2025 Budget Workshop.

In prior years, GISD was able to reduce its deductible through a buy-down option at an annual cost of approximately $70,000; however, this option is not available for the 2025–2026 school year. If approved, the committed funds may only be accessed through specific board action.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Ross Hendershot to approve and adopt the resolution, as presented.

The motion carried 5/0

C. **Discuss and Consider Action to Update Policy FD(L) and FM(L) to opt out of homeschool participation in UIL Activities, pursuant to Senate Bill 401**

Dr. Arreola presented an update to Board Policies FD (LOCAL) and FM (LOCAL) recommending that GISD opt out of homeschool participation in UIL activities, pursuant to Senate Bill 401.

At the August 11, 2025, board meeting, the Board approved a resolution to opt out of homeschool participation in UIL activities. The Board updated policies(FD(L) and FM(L) provided by TASB will bring GISD into compliance with Senate Bill 13, which goes into effect on September 1, 2025.

Ross Hendershot made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to approve the update the Board Policy FD(L) and FM(L) that will bring our policies in compliance with SB 13.

The motion carried 5/0.

Item #4 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Schwausch adjourned the meeting at 12:06 P.M.

Justin Schwausch, President
Board of Trustees

Ashley Molina, Secretary
Board of Trustees