

GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2025

Administration Building of Galena Park Independent School District

14705 Woodforest Blvd.

Houston, TX 77015

6:00 PM

The Board of Trustees of Galena Park Independent School District met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 6, 2025 with the following members present: President, Ramon Garza; Secretary, Jose Jimenez; Trustees: Adrian Stephens, Noe Esparza, Norma Hernandez, Amanda Erebia and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes. Vice President, Linda Clark Sherrard was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:41 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session as authorized by Sections 551.001 through 551.084, et seq of the Texas Government Code pursuant to:

- A. **Section 551.071 Attorney/Client Consultation** - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.
- B. **Section 551.074 Personnel** - Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public employee.
 - 1. Consider Board Member responsibilities.
 - 2. Consider Superintendent responsibilities.
 - 3. Consider approval of Galena Park ISD administrators, as defined by HB 3372, to be entitled to receive compensation from the following entity; Texas Association of Secondary Principals.

At 5:58 p.m., Mr. Garza announced that Executive Session was adjourned, and the Board would meet in Public Session for the following action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Garza called for a motion to approve that Galena Park ISD administrators, as defined by HB 3372, to be entitled to receive compensation from the following entity; Texas Association of Secondary Principals.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Amanda Erebia. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Ramon Garza	✓			
Linda Clark Sherrard				✓
Jose Jimenez	✓			
Adrian Stephens	✓			
Noe Esparza	✓			
Norma Hernandez	✓			
Amanda Erebia	✓			

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Garza called the meeting to order. Jose Jimenez opened the meeting with a prayer, Woodland Acres Middle School Navy LOTC presented the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS:

- A. **Public Comment for Posted Agenda Items**
There were no public comments for posted agenda items.
- B. **Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items**
Stephanie Noriega, Chief of Strategic Communications & Engagement with Region 4, delivered a public comment where she congratulated and recognized the Board of Trustees for being named by the Texas Association of School Administrators as a 2025 Texas Honor Board.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Noe Esparza recognized the following:

A. Business Partner:

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Burlington Stores and their partnership with AdoptAClassroom.org for their generous \$5,000 donation to Havard Elementary School.

B. Employee:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Sam Harris, Director for Fine Arts and Academic Enrichment, for receiving a 2025 Choral Excellence Award from the Texas Choral Directors Association.

C. Student:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Normandy Crossing Elementary School 3rd grader Darickson Corona Noy for being selected as an official National Math Stars recipient.

Galena Park ISD will recognize the following students for being selected by the College Board as a 2025 National Recognition Awardee:

From Galena Park High School:

Stephanie Alcantar, Alexander J. Arnold, Mia I. Balderas, John A. Carmona, Natalie N. Cavazos, Camila Cervantes, Alan M. Chavez, Steven A. Cruz, Estephany Estrada, Marlene S. Flores, Ivan Garza, Jenevieve Gomez, Nayeli Gomez, Gerardo I. Gonzalez, Sarah E. Guinn, Maileen D. Guzman, Dahilyn A. Hinojosa, Lila M. Klak, Raul Lara, Emelyn Lopez, Carlos R. Macias, Ryan C. Martinez, Yazmin Martinez, Kimberly S. Mata, Cairo Nieto, Sucely A. Ortiz, Carly G. Orton-Newcomb, Isaac Perez, Aida Pina, Edmin A. Ramirez, Moises Ramos, Bryan Resendez, Melissa Rocha, Ariana Salinas, Ximena Salinas, Sofia M. Tellez, Nicole Zavala, Ricki Zelaya

From North Shore Senior High School:

Frank A. Acosta, Alan Barboza, Josue A. Benitez, Alyn Chavez Franco, Katelyn N. Cortez, Atzil Duenuez, Ashlynn S. Edwards, Sofia L. Fernandez, Jordan D. Flores-Silva, Estevan M. Garza, Hailey R. Gonzalez, Jonatan J. Guerrero, Anthony Guevara, Ashley B. Guillen, Regina M. Gutierrez, Abel Idicula, Jose M. Jimenez, Caiden J. Johnson, Yahaira Leon Lara, Valerie J. Lerin, Gabriel A. Marquez, Madeleine McKenney, Walter A. Merchan, Julia Muench, Dulce Ortiz, Christian D. Perez, Rachel Richard, Lindsey Salmeron, Vanessa Serrano Espinosa, Jase Christian M. Tapiz, Juan Vargas, Jose Vera

BOARD COMMENTS: Adrian Stephens, thanked everyone that helped prepare the board of trustees for their TASA Honor Board interview.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: Brian Aubin, Director of Student Nutrition, presented the Spotlight.

REPORTS: Mr. Garza introduced Ed Martir, Director for Facility Planning & Construction, provided a 2016 and 2024 Bond Program and Facilities Construction update.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the designation of ten non-business days, as presented to comply with Texas Public Information Act timelines and House Bill 3033.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the designation of ten non-business days to comply with Texas Public Information Act timelines as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Ramon Garza	✓			
Linda Clark Sherrard				✓
Jose Jimenez	✓			
Adrian Stephens	✓			
Noe Esparza	✓			
Norma Hernandez	✓			
Amanda Erebia	✓			

Mr. Garza stated that without objection he was moving New Business item XI.B to the next regularly scheduled board meeting on November 10, 2025. The item that was moved to the next scheduled board meeting is: Consider approval of a Board Resolution and a three-year contingent fee contract for the period of November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2028, with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Tax Code, for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to Galena Park Independent School District and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute contract on behalf of the District. Notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code.

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve adopting the resolution for the property tax rate to be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.24990, establishing a Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$0.87559, and a Debt Service tax rate of \$0.37431, which is effectively an 8.31 percent increase in the tax rate.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve adopting the resolution for the property tax rate as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Ramon Garza	✓			
Linda Clark Sherrard				✓
Jose Jimenez	✓			
Adrian Stephens	✓			
Noe Esparza	✓			
Norma Hernandez	✓			
Amanda Erebia	✓			

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the resolution stating that 'de minimis' items serve a public purpose.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Jose Jimenez to approve the resolution stating that 'de minimis' items serve a public purpose, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Ramon Garza	✓			
Linda Clark Sherrard				✓
Jose Jimenez	✓			
Adrian Stephens	✓			
Noe Esparza	✓			
Norma Hernandez	✓			
Amanda Erebia	✓			

CONSENT AGENDAS – ACTION: So that audience members might better understand the Consent Agenda process, Mr. Garza stated that the Board members receive Agenda Items prior to each Board meeting and are given adequate time to go through each Agenda Item thoroughly and to ask questions of the staff, if needed.

Mr. Garza asked the Board if any item from the General Consent Agenda should be removed for a separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the General Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

A. General Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the Workshop held on September 4th; and for the Workshop and Regular Meeting held on September 8th.
2. Consider approval of the list of library materials that have been donated or proposed by the administration for procurement, as defined by SB 13.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the General Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Ramon Garza	✓			
Linda Clark Sherrard				✓
Jose Jimenez	✓			
Adrian Stephens	✓			
Noe Esparza	✓			
Norma Hernandez	✓			
Amanda Erebia	✓			

Mr. Garza asked the Board if any item from the Construction Consent Agenda should be removed for separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the Construction Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

A. Construction Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the award of CSP 25-300 for the Havard Elementary School HVAC Modifications (Project B105) to Sterling Structures, Inc., for an estimated amount not to exceed \$4,742,600, including a \$332,600 owner's contingency.
2. Consider approval of the award of CSP 25-601 for the Galena Park High School Modular Central Plant Package (Project B104) to Derryberry's, LP, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$11,937,594, including a \$300,000 owner's contingency.

3. Consider approval of the selection of Beam Professionals as the Professional Services firm for roof replacements and/or repairs and HVAC upgrades at North Shore Middle School and Cunningham Middle School.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the Construction Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Ramon Garza	✓			
Linda Clark Sherrard				✓
Jose Jimenez	✓			
Adrian Stephens	✓			
Noe Esparza	✓			
Norma Hernandez	✓			
Amanda Erebia	✓			

Mr. Garza asked the Board if any item from the Financial Consent Agenda should be removed for separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the Financial Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

A. Financial Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the agreement with Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District to host the 2025 GPISD Graduation Ceremonies on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at an estimated amount of \$145,000.
2. Consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the Gulf Coast Local Workforce Board for Child Care Local Match Contribution of \$600,000 for the period of October 7, 2025, through September 30, 2026.
3. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of September 2025.
4. Consider approval for the award of RFP 26-001 Instructional Materials for the term of November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026, at an estimated expenditure of \$1,000,000 with the following vendors:

Abecedarian ABC, LLC
 Absolute Color Mailplex
 Accelerate Learning Inc.
 AccuCut LLC
 Advanced Technologies Consultants
 American Ceramic Supply Company
 Amira Learning, Inc
 Arbor Scientific
 Avant Assessment LLC
 Ballard & Tighe, Publishers
 Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc.
 Beable Education, Inc.
 Bedford, Freeman & Worth Publishing Group LLC
 Bellwether Media
 Bio Corporation
 Blick Art Materials
 Bound to stay Bound Books, Inc.
 Brain Hive
 Brook Mays and H&H Music
 BSN Sports, LLC
 Capstone
 CareerSafe, LLC
 Carolina Biological Supply Company
 CEV Multimedia Ltd.
 Character Development and Leadership, LLC
 Cherry Lake Publishing
 Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC
 Corwin Press, Inc
 Cosenza & Associates, LLC
 Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc.

Delaney Educational Enterprises
DeltaMath Solutions Inc.
Demco, Inc
Discount School Supply
Discovery Education, Inc.
Dr. Jerry Wallace, LLC
Dream Ranch Office Supplies
EAI Education
ECS Learning Systems
Educational Products, Inc
Edusmart
Edvotek, Inc.
Empowering Writers LLC
EPS Learning
Ereflect Inc.
ExploreLearning, LLC
First Choice Educational Publishing
Fisher Scientific Company LLC
Flinn Scientific Inc
Flyleaf Publishing
Follett Content Solutions, LLC
Foundations in Teaching
Frog Publications, Inc.
Fun and Function LLC
Garrett Book Company LLC
Geyer Instructional Products
GF Educators, Inc.
Glendale Parade Store, LLC
Gumdrop Books
hand2mind
Heinemann
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company
Imagine Learning LLC
Inertia Justice Enterprises Inc.
IXL Learning, Inc.
Junior Library Guild
Just Right Reader, Inc.
Kamico Instructional Media, Inc.
Kaplan Early Learning Company
Kiddom
Klett World Languages, Inc.
Knowbuddy Resources
La Rocca Literacy, LLC
Lakeshore Learning Materials
LakeviewEastWestWillowLane
Lango LLC
Learning A-Z, LLC
Learning Farm, LLC.
Learning Without Tears
Learning Zone
Lehrbook, LLC
Lexia Learning Systems LLC
Lexia Voyager Sopris, Inc.
Liberty Office Products

Libraria
Lingco Language Labs, Inc.
Lone Star Learning
Loving Guidance LLC
LowCostEarbuds.com
Macie Publishing Company
Mackin Educational Resources
Math & Science Cut Ups
MathWarm-Ups.com
Maxi Aids
MaxScholar LLC
McGraw Hill LLC
Mrs. Nelson's Book Company
Music and Arts
Music in Motion Inc.
Nasco Education LLC
National Inventors Hall of Fame
New Solutions Healthcare LLC
nXu
Okapi Educational Publishing, Inc.
Olive Branch Education Services, LLC
ORIGO Education, Inc.
OTC Brands Inc
OverDrive, Inc.
Pender's Music Company
Perfection Learning Corporation
Perma-Bound Books
Pitsco Education, LLC
Positive Promotions, Inc.
Powerling, Inc.
QEP, Inc.
QuaverEd, Inc
Rainbow Book Company of Illinois
Rally! Education
Realityworks, Inc.
Really Good Stuff, LLC
Renaissance Learning, Inc.
Riverside Insights
Romeo Music
Rosetta Stone LLC
Russell's Educational Consulting
S&S Worldwide
Saddleback Educational, Inc.
Savvas Learning Company LLC
Scholastic Inc.
School Life
School Mate
School Specialty LLC
Seidlitz Education
Sirius Education Solutions LLC
Social Studies Success LLC
SolidProfessor
Southern Floral Company
Speed Stacks, Inc

Stemfinity, LLC
 Studies Weekly, Inc.
 Super Duper Publications
 Superior Text, LLC
 Sweet Pipes
 Teacher's Discovery
 TeachTown
 Texas Art Supply
 Textbook Warehouse
 The Markerboard People
 The Master Teacher, Inc.
 The Reading Warehouse Inc
 The Teaching Briseños
 Therapro, Inc.
 US Games
 Vex Robotics Inc.
 Visual Techniques, Inc
 Ward's Science/VWR
 West Music Company, Inc
 WhyTry LLC
 William H. Sadlier
 XtraMath
 Zaner-Bloser, Inc.

5. Consider approval of the purchase of fuel for the term of October 7, 2025, through September 30, 2026, from Senergy Petroleum, LLC, in accordance with the Texas Education Code section 44.031(a), vehicle fuel is exempt from state competitive bidding procurement statutes at an estimated amount of \$1,000,000.
6. Consider approval of the purchase of monthly chemical water treatment services for the term of October 7, 2025, through August 31, 2026, from Worth Hydrochem of Houston via Choice Partners contract #22/029SG-04, at an estimated amount of \$185,000.
7. Consider approval of the purchase of HVAC equipment, supplies, and installation services for the term of October 7, 2025, through August 31, 2026, from Joe W. Fly Co., Inc., via BuyBoard contract #720-23, at an estimated amount of \$150,000.
8. Consider approval of the purchase of the additional backup space to expand our existing Rubrik system for the term of October 7, 2025, through August 31, 2026, from NetSync Network Solutions via TIPS 230105 at an estimated amount of \$89,000.
9. Consider approval of the purchase of an out-of-state travel proposal for North Shore Senior High School Choir and Theater students to travel to Disney World and Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida for the term of March 6, 2026, through March 11, 2026, from Director's Choice Tour & Travel at an estimated amount of \$200,000.
10. Consider approval of the purchase of an out-of-state proposal for Galena Park High School and North Shore Senior High School drill team students to travel to New York City, New York for the term of March 6, 2026, through March 9, 2026, from Champion Tours & Events, Inc., at an estimated amount of \$200,000.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Noe Esparza to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Ramon Garza	✓			
Linda Clark Sherrard				✓
Jose Jimenez	✓			
Adrian Stephens	✓			
Noe Esparza	✓			
Norma Hernandez	✓			
Amanda Erebia	✓			

INFORMATION: The following documents were presented for information:

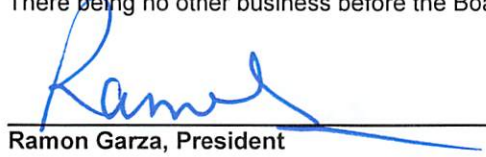
A. Wanna Giacona, Chief Administrative Officer, presented:

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes - August 2025

B. Ben Pape, Chief Financial Officer, presented:

1. Tax Collection Report - August 2025
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of August 31, 2025
3. 2024 Bond Program Financial Report as of August 31, 2025

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Ramon Garza, President

ATTEST:



Jose Jimenez, Secretary