

Regular Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2025 5:30 PM Central

GISD Administrative Board Room
1615 St Lawrence St.
P O Box 157
Gonzales, Texas 78629

Naomi Brown: Present
Ross Hendershot, III: Present
Ashley Molina: Present
D'Anna Robinson: Present
Justin Schwausch: Present
Josie Smith-Wright: Present
Gloria Torres: Present
Present: 7

Ashley Molina: Absent @7:05PM
Present: 6, Absent: 1

1. Call to Order

Mr. Schwausch called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

1.A. Roll Call

Ashley Molina was present through Zoom

1.B. Invocation:

Reigna Rhodes, GHS Student, led the Invocation

1.C. Pledge:

Jazlin Juarez, GHS Student, led the Pledge

1.D. Mission Statement:

Alize Miller, GHS Student, read the Mission Statement

2. Public Comments

No Public Comments

3. Recognitions

Mrs. Mikesch Principal at GPA recognized Briella Cedillo-Student and Staff Member Abigail Gonzales

Ms. Leal Principal at GE recognized Renzo Perkins-Student and Staff Member Lisa DelaGarza

Ms. Fryer Interim Principal at GNA recognized Rayden Cheatham-Student and Staff Member Analisa Crawford

Mrs. Gibson Principal at GJHS recognized Colbi Mills and Staff Member Mary Lee Torres
Mrs. Perez Principal at GHS recognized Michael Ikard and Staff Member Stephen Tabola

4. New Business/Action Items

4.A. Consent Agenda

Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda

I move that the board approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Ross Hendershot, III and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, **Passed 7/0**.

Naomi Brown: Yea, Ross Hendershot, III: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea : 7, Nay: 0

4.A.1. Minutes of Meetings: August 11-Regular Board Meeting
August 18- Special Board Meeting
August 29- Special Board Meeting

4.A.2. Budget Amendments: None

4.B. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Members of the 2025-2026 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the member list as presented.". This motion, made by Gloria Torres and seconded by Naomi Brown, **Passed 7/0**.

Naomi Brown: Yea, Ross Hendershot, III: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea Yea: 7, Nay: 0

5. Reports

5.A. Academic Report

Joy Philpott, Chief Academic Officer, presented an Academic Report to the board.

5.B. Operations Report

Dr. Valerie Ibeji, Deputy Superintendent, presented an Operations Update to the board.
Chema Chavez, GISD Director of Technology, provided the board with an overview and demonstration of the new GISD website.

5.C. Financial Report

Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented the Financial Report to the board.

5.D. 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update

Casey Sledge, Sledge Engineering/ESC Region 13 provided an update to the board.

CTE/Ag Barn

- Partial CTE slab poured
- Final CTE slab pour upcoming

- Ag Barn slab pour in September
- Site utilities nearing completion
- Code inspections underway
- Materials Testing underway
- Coordinating gas service to buildings

UPCOMING:

- Furniture & Equipment procurement

Contingency/Allowance use log update:

Contract Amount = \$1,175,000 (\$1.17M balance per below items) •Adding restroom to Ag Barn
= \$47,059

Upcoming items:

- Offsite Water Main relocation pending easements*

Maintenance Projects

Weaver & Jacobs

GMP#1: Safety/Security Package (cameras)

- Camera installations substantially complete at campuses; punch list underway
- OMT & Athletics areas underway \$42,176 available:
- Contingency Log update: \$200,000 original;
 - Relocated cameras per staff = \$11,347
 - Credit for cabling = -(\$13,249)

GMP#2: Doors/Vestibules Package

- Weaver & Jacobs working on schedule and sequencing plans including lead times
- Shop drawings and submittals underway
- Will meet with each campus admin team to discuss scope, schedule, and phasing

GMP#3: HVAC

- HVAC replacement of 78units District- Wide
- Bidding underway
- Tracking October Board Award
- Construction this Fall and into Spring 2026

GMP#4

- Accessibility, infrastructure, remodels
- Compiling cost estimates for prioritization
- After scope is prioritized:
 - final design plans
 - Bidding
 - Board Award consideration

Maintenance Projects -ISD

Direct Roofing:

- Complete and closed-out

Playgrounds:

- Installed; Close-out underway

LED Lighting Replacements:

- Complete and closed out

5.E. Superintendent Reports

Dr. Arreola recognized the teachers, staff, and students at GPA for their support in creating a structured environment for our students. The systems and routines that have been established and implemented have greatly helped with the transition.

She also invited Mrs. LaBuhn and Ashley Schurig to share helpful tips in honor of Self-Care Awareness.

Across the district, the Apache Way and CHAMPS behavior management systems are being implemented with fidelity. GE is excelling in these programs, and students are enthusiastic about their routines and procedures—a big shout-out to the GE Team!

Finally, Dr. Arreola expressed her gratitude to all the parents and grandparents who joined us for Grandparents Day.

6.A. Board Correspondence

6.B. Dates of Interest

6. Board Business

September 12	Homecoming
September 15	Kickoff to Hispanic Heritage Month
September 19	Early Release
September 23	Educational Technology Day
September 26	National Teaching Assistants Day
September 26	Human Resources Day
October 3	Early Release
October 6	Student/Staff Holiday
October 13	Staff Dev/Student Holiday
October 31	Early Release Day

Dates left off:

October 2: Ballet Folklorico will be performing at MASBA

October 8: Ballet Folklorico Dress Rehearsal

October 10: Ballet Folklorico will be performing at Apache Field at 5:15 before the game

7. The board recessed to closed session at 6:42 PM under Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Ashley Molina left the meeting at 7:05PM

7. A. Personnel

8. Reconvene to Open Meeting: The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session. The board came back to open session at 7:21 PM.

I move that the board hire Mrs. Erma Freeman for Principal at North Avenue. This motion, made by Ross Hendershot, III and seconded by Naomi Brown, **Passed 6/0.**

Ashley Molina: Absent, Naomi Brown: Yea, Ross Hendershot, III: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin Schwauch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9. Adjourn

Mr. Schwauch adjourned the meeting at 7:22PM

X Justin Schwauch, Board President

X Ashley Molina, Board Secretary