

Special Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025 4:00 PM

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order
Presenter: Board President
 - 1.A. Roll Call
Presenter: Board President
 - 1.B. Invocation:
Presenter: Josie Smith-Wright
 - 1.C. Pledge:
Presenter: D'Anna Robinson
 - 1.D. Mission Statement:
Presenter: Ashley Molina
2. Public Comments
3. New Business/Action Items
 - 3.A. Discuss and Consider Action for the GHS Cheerleading Team to travel out of state to compete at the National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC) in Orlando, Florida
Presenter: Danielle Glass, GHS Cheer Sponsor; Karen Perez, GHS Principal
 - 3.B. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Gonzales ISD's application for LASO Grant funding in Cycle 4 of the grant
Presenter: Joy Philpott, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Dana Arreola, Superintendent of Schools
4. Reports
 - 4.A. Budget Workshop
Presenter: Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Dana Arreola, Superintendent of Schools
5. Adjourn



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SUBJECT: Public Comments

RATIONAL SUMMARY:

The next item on the agenda is public comment. Before we begin, I will remind our audience members of the Board's procedures for handling public comments. The public comment portion of our meeting is available to members of the public who wish to address a meeting item on tonight's agenda or other matter pertaining to Gonzales ISD.

Anyone who wants to speak during public comment must sign in before the start of the meeting and list the agenda item they want to discuss. Each public comment speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to address the Board. If necessary for effective meeting management, or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, we may shorten the time for each individual wishing to present comments. The public comment portion of the meeting will allow all speakers who have signed up before the start of the meeting to address the Board regarding an item on tonight's agenda. Persons requiring a translator will be given additional time.

Please keep your comments or criticisms civil and courteous. Please also avoid using profanity during your opportunity to speak. Last, we ask that you not discuss students who are not your child.

If a speaker is seeking Board resolution of a specific complaint, that concern should be addressed through the District's grievance process. District policy DGBA has been established for addressing employee complaints, policy FNG is the avenue for filing parent complaints, and policy GF address community member complaints. Grievance forms can be obtained at any campus administration office, or in the central administration offices.





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ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Action for the GHS Cheerleading Team to travel out of state to compete at the **National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC)** in **Orlando, Florida**.

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE: Danielle Glass, GHS Cheer Sponsor; Karen Perez, GHS Principal

RATIONAL SUMMARY:

This prestigious event, recognized by the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA), is considered the most competitive and respected cheerleading competition for high school teams across the nation.

Participation in this championship provides our student-athletes with an invaluable opportunity for **personal growth, school representation, and athletic excellence**. The GHS Cheerleading Team has demonstrated exceptional commitment, discipline, and sportsmanship throughout the season, earning the qualifications necessary to compete on a national stage. Attending the NHSCC not only recognizes their hard work and dedication but also allows them to showcase GHS pride among top-performing teams from across the country.

This experience promotes:

- **Leadership and teamwork skills** through collaboration in a high-pressure, goal-oriented environment.
- **School and community pride**, as GHS will be represented on a national platform.
- **Educational enrichment**, as travel provides exposure to diverse teams, cultures, and experiences beyond our local region.
- **Character development**, as students learn resilience, time management, and perseverance through competition and travel.

All travel, lodging, and meal plans will be carefully organized under the supervision of GHS coaches and chaperones, in accordance with district safety and travel policies. Fundraising efforts will help offset costs, ensuring equitable participation for all team members.





The GHS Cheerleading Team's participation at the NHSCC will be a milestone achievement, enhancing not only the athletic program but also the reputation of GHS as a school committed to **excellence, teamwork, and student success**.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve

SAMPLE MOTION:

"I move that the board approve the out of state travel for the GHS Cheerleading team and sponsors to attend the National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC)."





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ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Action to approve Gonzales ISD's application for LASO Grant funding in Cycle 4 of the grant.

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE: Joy Philpott, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Dana Arreola, Superintendent of Schools

RATIONAL SUMMARY: It is the intent of administration to apply for LASO grant funding from the Texas Education Agency. This funding will support in-depth implementation of curriculum and on-going support for instruction for up to three years. Board approval is required for submission of the grant application. The deadline for submission is December 3.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve application for LASO grant

SAMPLE MOTION: I move that the Board approve Gonzales ISD's application for LASO grant funding in Cycle 4 of the grant.



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REPORT ITEM

SUBJECT: Budget Workshop

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE: Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer;
Dr. Dana Arreola, Superintendent of Schools

RATIONAL SUMMARY: The board will hold a work session to discuss current projects, future goals, and matters requiring detailed consideration. No formal votes or actions will be taken during the session. The purpose is to ensure transparency, collaboration, and effective planning before moving items to a regular board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: n/a

SAMPLE MOTION: n/a

