

Regular Meeting
Monday, November 10, 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: Absent
Gloria Torres: Present

Present: 6, Absent: 1.

Josie Smith-Wright: Present

Present: 7.

Josie arrived at 6:58pm

1. Call to Order

1.A. Roll Call

Josie Smith-Wright was absent

1.B. Invocation:

James "Cotton" Russell delivered the Invocation

1.C. Pledge:

Barbara Licea led the pledge.

1.D. Mission Statement:

Ella Lindemann led the mission statement.

2. Public Comments

No Public Comments

3. Recognitions

Mrs. Mikesch, GPA Principal, recognized student, Earnest Jefferson, Jr. and Staff member, Emily Parra.

Ms. Leal, GE Principal, recognized student, Lawson Simper, and staff member, Jessica Kalina

Mrs. Freeman, North Avenue Principal, recognized Anali Olalde, and staff member, Raquel Peluyera

Mrs. Gibson, GJHS Principal, recognized Hailey Daniel, and staff member, Katlyn Riojas

Mrs. Perez, GHS Principal, recognized Alex Rosas, and staff member, Maria Medina

Coach Hamilton and Coach Sestak recognized GHS Cross Country

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 Gloria Torres, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion passed 6/0

4.A.1. Minutes of Meetings:

October 13—Regular Board Meeting Minutes

4.A.2. Budget Amendments:

\$1,000 Increase to Function 61 & Other Local Sources: Gift revenue from Baker Boys BBQ & Mayor Isaac Anzaldua for Monthly Attendance Incentive Initiative

4.B. Discuss and Consider Action on the 2025 Tax Roll Per Section 26.09 Texas Property Tax Code

"I move that the Board approve the 2025 tax roll, as presented.". This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by D'Anna Robinson, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I move that the Board approve the 2025 tax roll, as presented. This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by D'Anna Robinson, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Amanda Smith appeared before the Board to seek approval of the 2025 Tax Roll in accordance with Section 26.09 of the Texas Property Tax Code. As required by this statute, the administration presents this agenda item to the Board annually upon receiving the certified tax roll information from the Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office.

Motion passed 6/0

4.C. Discuss and Consider Action to cast a vote, by written resolution, for nominees to serve on the Gonzales Central Appraisal District (GCAD) Board of Directors for the upcoming term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2027.

"I move that the Board discuss and consider approval of a written resolution to cast its allocated vote(s) for the nominated candidate to serve on the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 term.". This motion, made by Ross Hendershot, III and seconded by Naomi Brown, Passed.

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

The board casted their votes for

- D'Anna Robinson
- Sue Gottwald
- Josh Gray

The motion carried 6/0

4.D. Discuss and Consider Action on Bid for Resale Property: Suit 6792 (Parcel 13374)

"I move that the board accept the bid, as presented.". This motion, made by Gloria Torres and seconded by Ashley Molina, Passed.

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

Amanda Smith appeared before the board with a recommendation from the County regarding a bid received for Parcel 13374. The property is located on Saint Matthew Street between McClure and DeWitt Streets, approximately two blocks south of the museum. It is a mostly vacant lot with a small building and is situated adjacent to the parcel previously reviewed in August, just south of the old Craven's store.

This parcel is a foreclosed property that was offered for tax resale, with outstanding taxes owed for the years 2024-2025. The bid submitted to the County meets all resale policy requirements and was recommended for approval by the Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector. Accordingly, the Commissioners Court accepted the bid on October 27, pending approval from the other taxing entities.

The motion carried 6/0

4.E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the proposed Board Goals and Superintendent Guardrails

I move that the board approve the proposed Board Goal #1 as presented. This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by Ross Hendershot, III, Passed.

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

I move that the board approve the proposed Board Goal #2 as presented. This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by D'Anna Robinson, Passed.

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

I move that the board approve the proposed Board Goal #3 as presented. This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by D'Anna Robinson, Passed.

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

I move that the board approve the Superintendent Guardrails as presented. This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by Ross Hendershot, III, Passed.

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

Board Goals:

1. The percentage of 3rd grade students whose score meets grade level or above the STAAR Reading will increase from 41% in June 2025 to 56% by June 2030. (Current 2025: 41%; 2027: 47%; 2028: 50%; 2029: 53%; 2030: 56%)
2. The percentage of 3rd grade students whose score meets grade level or above the STAAR Math will increase from 28% in June 2025 to 43% by June 2030. (2025:28%; 2026: 31%; 2027: 34%; 2028: 37%; 2029: 40%; 2030: 43%)
3. Maintain an overall CCMR score of 90% or higher while increasing the TSI College Ready percentage from 15% in June 2025 to 25% by June 2030. (2025: 15%; 2026: 17%; 2027: 19%; 2028: 21%; 2029: 23%; 2030: 25%)

Superintendent Guardrails

Guardrail #1 Facilities: In attaining the Board's student outcome goals, the Superintendent shall not allow school or district facilities to be maintained in a manner that compromises cleanliness, safety, or proper maintenance.

Guardrail #2 Culture: In attaining the Board's student outcome goals, the Superintendent shall not allow the culture and climate of district administrative offices or campus leadership to become negative, hostile, or otherwise detrimental to staff morale, collaboration, or the achievement of student outcomes.

Guardrail #3 Finance: In attaining the Board's student outcome goals, the Superintendent shall not allow the district's financial position to deteriorate to a level that jeopardizes its stability or the ability to deliver quality programs and services.

Guardrail #4 Human Capital: In attaining the Board's student outcome goals, the Superintendent shall not allow district operations to lack organizational efficiency, fail to define clear roles and responsibilities, or assign employees to positions for which they do not hold the appropriate credentials, training, or qualifications.

The motion carried 6/0

5. Reports

5.A. ConnectED Texas Program Overview

A presentation from Karen O'Grady with TASB and Dale Shumaker with Diamond Communications was given to the board.

As the Board is aware, despite significant efforts by staff, our campuses continue to experience gaps in reliable cellular coverage. These gaps affect staff communication, parent reachability, and our overall safety responsiveness.

The purpose of tonight's presentation is to explore one potential solution: **a lease of district land for a cellular tower** that would materially improve coverage in and around our schools while also generating ongoing revenue for the District.

Tonight, the group will explain:

- **What improvements to cellular coverage** we can expect in and around our campuses
- **The proposed lease structure** and the financial impact to the District
- **Timelines, regulatory approvals**, and key community considerations involved

No action was requested. This presentation is informational—to allow the Board to hear the concept, ask questions, and provide direction on whether staff should bring back a formal lease agreement for future consideration.

5.B. Academic Report

Joy Philpott, Chief Academic Officer, presented an update on performance of students classified as Emergent Bilingual as required by Chapter 89 of the Texas Education Code.

5.C. Operations Report

Dr. Valerie Ibeji had no items to present during the open session.

5.D. Financial Report

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

5.E. 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update

Casey Sledge, Sledge Engineering/ESC Region 13 provided an update to the board on the 2023 Bond Program.

5.F. Superintendent Reports

Dr. Arreola provided a monthly update

- Thanked Ed Wayner for the Thanksgiving lunches
- Touched on the good response from Gather and Grow
- Holdsworth March 5th-8th (Needs one more board member to attend)
- Apaches Reading together

6. Board Business

6.A. Board Correspondence

6.B. Dates of Interest

November 17	Thanksgiving PotLuck@11:30 NTHS Induction @6PM @GHS
November 24-28	District Closed
December 2	Community & Connections @Admin. Cafeteria 5:30-6:30

December 3	Coffee and Connection 7-8AM
December 8	Board Meeting
December 9	Gather & Grow-2 nd Session
December 17	Christmas Luncheon
December 19	Early Release
December 22-Jan 2	District Closed

7. Adjourn to Closed session: Under Texas Government Code Chapter 551, The board will recess this open session and convene in a closed meeting to discuss items on the agenda. The board may conveniently meet in such a closed or executive session or meeting, concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Texas government code chapter 551: The board went into closed session at 6:52pm

Mrs. Molina stepped out of the meeting at 7:06pm and returned at 7:16pm

7.A. Student Legal Matter Update

7.B. Personnel

7.C. Intruder Detection Audit

7.D. Approval of New Guardians

8. Reconvene to Open Meeting: The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session

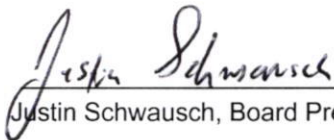
Mrs. Molina made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Ms. Wanda Fryer as the principal for the DAEP Center. This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by Ross Hendershot, III, Passed.

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

The board came back to an open meeting at 8:13pm.

The motion carried 7/0

9. Adjourn


Justin Schwausch, Board President


Ashley Molina, Board Secretary