

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026 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.
Jami Owens : Present
D'Anna Robinson: Absent
Present: 7, Absent: 1.
D'Anna Robinson left the meeting at 6:30pm

1. Call to Order

Justin Schwausch called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

1.A. Roll Call

1.B. Invocation:

Truitt Schautteet led the invocation.

1.C. Pledge:

Maddy Haynes led the pledge.

1.D. Mission Statement:

Ellyse Kelley read the Mission Statement

2. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

3. Recognitions

Mrs. Mikesch, GPA Principal, recognized student Dylan Rodriguez and staff member Brooke Behlen.

Ms. Leal, GE Principal, recognized student Eduardo Perez and staff member Karsyn Roland.

Ms. Freeman, GNA Principal, recognized student Larami Mills and staff member Elaine Lewis.

Mrs. Gibson, GJHS Principal, recognized student Jonah Parker and staff member Connie Aleman.

Brandi Bell, recognized the GHS Regional UIL Academics students and staff member Jennifer Ruddock

4. New Business/Action Items

4.A. Discuss and Consider Action to Administer the Certificate of Election and Statement of Elected Officer

"I move that the board approve the recommendation that the Certificate of Election be presented to D'Anna Robinson, (District 3), Jami Owens (District 5), and Ashley Molina, (District 6), and that they sign the Statement of Officer form." This motion, made by Josie Smith-Wright and seconded by Naomi Brown, 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

D'Anna Robinson, District 3, Jami Owen, District 5, and Ashley Molina, District 6 were presented with the Certificate of Election and signed the Statement of Officer Form.

Motion passed 7/0

4.B. Discuss and Consider Action to Administer the Oath of Office

"I move that the Oath of Office be administered to D'Anna Robinson, (District 3), Jami Owens (District 5) and Ashley Molina, (District 6) by a Notary Public as presented." This motion, made by Ross Hendershot, III and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, 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

D'Anna Robinson (District 3), Jami Owens (District 5), and Ashley Molina (District 6), were administered the Oath of Office by Maggie Holub, Notary Public.

Motion passed 5/0

4.C. Discuss and Consider Action on the Reorganization of Elected Officers

: I move that the Board accept the newly elected officers (names/positions) to serve as officers for the Gonzales ISD School Board. Board President: Justin Schwauch,

Board Vice-President: Josie Smith-Wright

Secretary: Ashley Molina.

I move that the Board accept the newly elected officers Board President Justin Schwausch, Board Vice-President Josie Smith-Wright, and Board Secretary Ashley Molina. This motion, made by Naomi Brown and seconded by Gloria Torres, Passed.

Naomi Brown: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The Board of Trustees re-elected Justin Schwauch as Board President, elected Josie Smith-Wright as Board Vice President, and re-elected Ashley Molina as Board Secretary.

Motion passed 7/0

4.D. 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 Ashley Molina and seconded by D'Anna Robinson, Passed.

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

Dr. Arreola went before the board seeking approval of the consent agenda.

Motion passed 7/0

4.D.1. Minutes of Meetings:

4.D.2. Budget Amendments: Donation of \$450.00 from the Episcopal Church & Barbara Hand to support Special Prom and amend Function 61 and other Local Sources Revenue line items.

4.E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve Change Order #1 for the Maintenance GMP #3 District-Wide HVAC Improvements project as part of the 2023 Bond Program

"I move to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$904,302.74 for Maintenance GMP#3 District-Wide HVAC Improvements as part of the 2023 Bond Program. This motion, made by Naomi Brown and seconded by Justin Schwausch, Failed.

D'Anna Robinson: Abstain (With Conflict), Ashley Molina: Nay, Jami Owens: Nay, Josie Smith-Wright: Nay, Gloria Torres: Nay, Naomi Brown: Yea, , Justin Schwausch: Yea
Yea: 2, Nay: 4, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Naomi Brown: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea

Casey Sledge went before the board seeking approval for Change Order #1 in the amount of \$904,302.74 for Maintenance GMP#3 District-Wide HVAC Improvements project as part of the 2023 Bond Program.

Motion failed 4/2/1

4.F. Discuss and Consider Action on Site Marketing Agreement (SMA) with Diamond Communications

"I move that the board approve the site marketing agreement, as presented.". This motion, made by Gloria Torres and seconded by D'Anna Robinson, Passed.

Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Dale Shumaker a representative from Diamond Communications, presented a Site Marketing Agreement to the board. In November 2025, representatives from TASB and Diamond Communications presented an opportunity for the district to allow marketing of its land to cellular carriers for potential cell tower lease agreements.

Administration recommended allowing the company to market the raw land north of GHS on the left side of the county road (opposite the CTE center) and a portion of the land at Gonzales Elementary.

Motion passed 7/0

4.G. Discuss and Consider Action on Letter of Agreement with First Lockhart Bank for School Card Program

"I move that the board approve the letter of agreement and authorize the superintendent to finalize, as presented.". This motion, made by D'Anna Robinson and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, Passed.

Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Kyle Kusak of First Lockhart bank presented a Letter of Agreement for a School Card Program. First Lockhart Bank would be allowed to use GISDs logo (as approved by administration) in exchange for revenue to GISD. This is not an agreement for the management of the district's funds. Instead, this agreement allows First Lockhart Bank's customers to obtain a credit card with the GISD logo on it. Each time they swipe their GISD-logo card, the district gains \$0.05 in revenue. In year 1, the minimum revenue guaranteed is \$1,500.

Motion passed 7/0

4.H. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Gonzales ISD Transition Plan for Bluebonnet Learning Instructional Materials

"I move that the Board approve the Gonzales ISD Transition Plan for Bluebonnet Learning Materials for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Josie Smith-Wright and seconded by Gloria Torres, Passed.

Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Joy Philpott, Chief Academic Officer, went before the board seeking approval of Gonzales ISD Transition Plan for Bluebonnet Learning Instructional Materials.

When a district adopts Bluebonnet Instructional Materials, it is required to develop and have on file a transition plan for those materials. This plan requires board approval and then must be kept on file in the district.

Motion passed 7/0

4.I. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve a Lease Agreement for Copiers and Associated Budget Amendment

"I move that the board approve the lease agreement and budget amendment as presented.". This motion, made by Gloria Torres and seconded by Jami Owens, Passed.

Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Chema Chavez, Director of Technology, went before the board seeking approval of the Lease Agreement for Copiers and Associated Budget Amendment. The district is nearing the end of

Its existing lease agreement for Phase 1, which was approved June 2022, therefore, a renewal is needed.

If approved, two budget amendments are necessary: 1) Increase "Other Financing Sources" & various functions by \$49,039 to record the lease and associated resources (no effect on fund balance) and 2) \$2,700 from Function '11 to Function 71 to cover the increase to our monthly lease payment through August 31, 2026.

4.J. Discuss and Consider Action Approve the Delegate/Delegate Alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly

"I move that the Board accept (Josie Smith-Wright) as The Delegate and (Jami Owens) as the Delegate Alternate to the 2025-2026 TASB Delegate Assembly. This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, Passed.

D'Anna Robinson: Absent, Naomi Brown: Yea, , Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Arreola went before the board seeking approval of the Delegate/Delegate Alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly. The Texas Association of School Boards' Delegate Assembly, held in conjunction with the TASB/TASA Convention, is to be held in Houston, Texas on October 8-11, 2026. The board nominated Josie Smith-Wright as the Delegate and Jami Owens as the Delegate Alternate for the 2026-2027 TASB Delegate Assembly.

Motion passed 6/0

4.K. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the purchase of HMH materials for use in K-5 language arts

"I move that the Board approve the expenditure of Instructional Materials Allotment funds in the amount of \$198,704.98 for the purchase of HMH language arts materials for the 2026-2027 school year.". This motion, made by Josie Smith-Wright and seconded by Gloria Torres, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Joy Philpott, Chief Academic Officer went before the board seeking approval for the purchase of HMH materials for use in K-5 language arts. Last month at the April regular board meeting, the board approved the Certification of Instructional Materials, which included HMH curriculum for language arts in grades K-5. While we will be using Instructional Materials Allotment funds and not local funds to purchase these materials, the cost is above the \$75,000 threshold and requires board approval.

Motion passed 6/0

4.L. Discuss and Consider Action on the 2026-27 Academic Calendar

I move that the board approve the 2026-27 academic calendar with the removal of start times and the new formatting as presented. This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Arreola went before the board seeking approval of the formatting and start times approved at the April 13, 2026 board meeting to be removed from the Academic Calendar for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion passed 6/0

4.M. Discuss and Consider Action on Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Waelder Independent School District for the Cooperative Disciplinary/Alternative Education Program
"I move that the board approve the interlocal agreement, as presented.". This motion, made by Gloria Torres and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Arreola went before the board seeking approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Waelder ISD for the Cooperative Disciplinary/Alternative Education Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion passed 6/0

4.N. Discuss and Consider Action on the Superintendent's Contract

"I move that the board approve the Superintendent's contract as presented.". This motion, made by Gloria Torres and seconded by Naomi Brown, Passed.

D'Anna Robinson: Absent, Jami Owens: Abstain (With Conflict), Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Justin Schwausch went before the board to consider and take action on the Superintendent's Contract.

Jami Owens abstained because she had not seen the contract.

Motion passed 5/1

5. Reports

5.A. 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update

Casey Sledge, Region XIII/Sledge Engineering, presented the Monthly bond update.

5.B. Superintendent Reports

Superintendent's Report

- Shout out to Softball
- Update on GHS graduation
- Reminder about Gather & Grow

6. Board Business

May 14	Pre-K Graduation 9:30am
May 15	Pre-K Graduation 9:30am
May 15	Sr. Decision Day
May 17	Sr. Parade Through Town
May 18	Scholarship Night
May 22	Graduation
June 8	Board Meeting
June 10-13	SLI

6.A. Board Correspondence

6.B. Dates of Interest

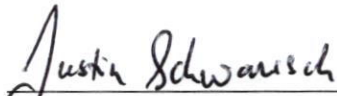
7. Adjourn to Closed session: Under Texas Government Code Chapter 551, The board will recess this open session and convene in a closed meeting to discuss items on the agenda. The board may conveniently meet in such a closed or executive session or meeting, concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Texas government code chapter 551: No Closed Session was necessary.

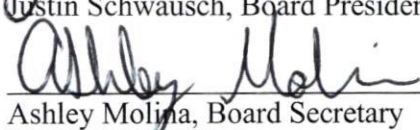
7.A. Personnel

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

9. Adjourn

Justin Schwausch adjourned the meeting at 6:54pm


 Justin Schwausch, Board President


 Ashley Molina, Board Secretary