Regular Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026 5:30 PM Central

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

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

Present: 7.

1. Call to Order
Justin Schwausch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.A. Roll Call
All board members were present.

1.B. Invocation:
Josie Smith-Wright led the invocation.

1.C. Pledge:
Naomi Brown led the pledge.

1.D. Mission Statement:
Gloria Torres read the mission statement.

2. Public Comments
There were no Public Comments.

3. New Business/Action Items

Dr. Arreola recognized Mrs. Ortiz as the new Gonzales Jr. High Principal.

3.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 Ashley Molina 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
Dr. Arreola went before the board for approval of the consent agenda.

Motion passed 7/0

3.A.1. Minutes of Meetings:

3.A.2. Budget Amendments:

3.B. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Gonzales ISD Transition Plan for Bluebonnet Learning Instructional Materials to include math grades 3-5
"I move that the Board approve the Gonzales ISD Transition Plan for Bluebonnet Learning Materials for the 2026-2027 school year to include Bluebonnet Math for grades 3-5.". 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 went before the board seeking approval to amend the Gonzales ISD Transition Plan for Bluebonnet Learning Materials for the 2026-2027 that was brought before the board in May. After receiving STAAR data administration would like to expand to grades 3-5.

Motion passed 7/0

3.C. Discuss and Consider Action on the Fuel, Lubricant, & Oil Contract
"I move that the board award the contract to On-Site Fuels, as presented.". This motion, made by Ashley Molina 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
Gene Kridler went before the board seeking approval to award the district's fuel, lubricant, and oil needs during the 2026-27 fiscal year to On-Site Fuels. Administration did receive 2 proposals and choose On-Site Fuels.

Motion Passed 7/0

3.D. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between Teachworthy and Gonzales ISD for Education Preparation Program (Grow-Your-Own Teacher Certification Partnership)
"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between Teachworthy and Gonzales ISD for the Education Preparation Program and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement, as presented.". This motion, made by Jami Owens 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
MaryLynn Ramirez went before the board seeking approval of the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between Teachworthy and Gonzales ISD for the Education Preparation Program and Grow Your Own Teacher Certification Partnership. The agreement provides eligible instructional aides, paraprofessionals, and substitute teachers with a pathway to earn Texas teacher certification while remaining employed by the district.
The renewal continues the responsibilities of both parties, including candidate support, certification requirements, and program participation. The district will pay $2,000 per participating candidate, as outlined in the agreement.

GISD currently has 14 participants, with anticipation of approximately 2 participants completing certification in the 26-27 school year, bringing the Cohort to 14% certified. An additional 2 % of participants are projected to complete certification in the 27-28 school year, increasing the Cohorts completion rate to 29%. Administration, anticipates the largest group to complete in the 28-29 school year, with 5 additional participants reaching certification bringing the total to 64%. By the 29-30 school year all current participants are projected to have completed the certification pathway resulting in 100% of the Cohort becoming certified teachers.

Motion passed 7/0

3.E. Discuss and Consider Action on Agreement with the YMCA of the Golden Crescent
"I move that the board approve the agreement, as presented.". This motion, made by Naomi Brown and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, Passed.
Justin Schwausch: Abstain (With Conflict), Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Dr. Arreola presented the proposed 2026-2027 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the YMCA of the Golden Crescent for Board consideration. She explained that the administration has elected to enter into a one-year MOU rather than the previous five-year agreement.

Mrs. Torres asked whether the YMCA is charged for the use of GISD facilities during after-school and summer programs. Mr. Kridler responded that fees are assessed when custodial staff are required to be on campus.

Mrs. Torres also inquired whether facility use fees had increased. Mr. Kridler stated that the fee structure has been reviewed and that the district strives to keep costs reasonable for all groups, particularly those serving GISD students.

Mrs. Torres further asked whether the YMCA and other organizations are charged the same facility use rates. Mr. Kridler confirmed that the district applies the same fee structure to all organizations and that no group receives preferential rates.

Motion passed 6/1

3.F. Discuss and Consider Action on the Agreement with Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc., Peer Parenting Program
"I move that the board approve the agreement between Agreement between Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc., Peer Parenting Program and Gonzales ISD. This motion, made by Gloria Torres and seconded by Ashley Molina, 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
Dr. Arreola went before the board recommending approval of the MOU with Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc., Peer Parenting Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion passed 7/0

3.G. Discuss and Consider Action to Adopt the current 29 points reflected on the Lone Star Governance Progress Tracker
"I move that the board adopt the current 29 points reflected on the Lone Star Governance Progress Tracker, as presented.". This motion, made by D'Anna Robinson 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
Mr. Schwausch went before the board to consider action to adopt the current 29 points reflected on the Lone Star Governance Progress Tracker.

The board started at 21 points and is currently at 29. The point in Lone Star Governance is to help the board stay on track and to keep the main thing the main thing, which our students and staff. The goal is to establish 65 points for the next quarter.

Motion passed 7/0

4. Reports

4.A. Granting the City of Gonzales Right of Entry to Perform a Topographic Survey and Environmental Study on GISD Property Adjacent to the Tom Lester Jr CTE Facility
Mr. Keith Schauer, City Engineer for the City of Gonzales, presented a request for a Right of Entry to Perform a Topographic Survey and Environmental Study on GISD property adjacent to the Tom Lester Jr. CTE Facility. Mr. Schauer explained the purpose of the request and provided information regarding the proposed survey and environmental study to support the City's planning efforts.

4.B. Quarterly Investment Report
Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented the Quarterly Investment Report.

4.C. Budget Update
Joy Philpott went before the board to present highlights on the Curriculum budget.

4.D. 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update
Casey Sledge, Region XIII/Sledge Engineering went before the board to present the 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update.

4.E. Superintendent Reports
Dr. Arreola recognized Vanessa Gibson as the new Director of Educational Services.

Reminder about the Apache Card you can receive if you open an account at First Lockhart Bank. Every swipe earns the district $.05. First Lockhart Bank will be giving GISD a donation of $1500 at the end of September.

Apache Stadium — Results should be at the end of July and once those are received then a decision has to be made on the next steps.

District Committees (3 board members to serve on each)

- Facilities
- Policy Review
- Finance

Registration event 7-14-26 from 8am-6pm — Students will receive a free Kona Ice if registered on this day.

Tuesday, July 28-Pre-K Ice Cream Social at Come and Crepe It from 2-4pm

5. Board Business

5.A. Board Correspondence

5.B. Dates of Interest
July 22-23- Leadership Retreat
July 27—Board Data Workshop
August 3-New Employee Orientation
August 7 — Convocation
August 10—Regular Board Meeting
August 11 — Meet the Teacher
August 12- First Day of School
August 17-Budget Workshop
August 31- Budget Adoption
September 14—Regular Board Meeting

6. Adjourn to Closed session: Under Texas Government Code Chapter 551, The board will recess this open session and covene 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: There were no closed session items to discuss.

6.A. Personnel

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

8. Adjourn
There were no closed session items to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Justin Schwausch
Justin Schwausch, Board President

Ashley Molina, Board Secretary