

Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 10, 2026 5:30 PM Central

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

Naomi Brown: Absent  
Ashley Molina: Present  
Jami Owens: Present  
D'Anna Robinson: Present  
Justin Schwausch: Present  
Josie Smith-Wright: Present  
Gloria Torres: Present  
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. Call to Order

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

1.A. Roll Call

Naomi Brown was absent.

1.B. Invocation:

Jami Owens led the invocation.

1.C. Pledge:

Ashley Molina led the pledge.

1.D. Mission Statement:

D'Anna Robinson read the Mission Statement.

2. Public Comments

This agenda item was moved after the Superintendent's Report (agenda item 3.A.)

Each of the following people spoke: Isaac Anzaldua, Kari Breitschopf, Trent Wilkerson, Jacey Trammel and Thomas Enriquez.

3. New Business/Action Items

3.A. Superintendent Reports

This item was moved up.

- Data Work Session
- Beginning of The Year Staff Development
- Alternative Learning Center
- Lester CTE Center
- Convocation
- First Day of School

- Apache Stadium Update

### 3.B. 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 Gloria Torres, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Arreola went before the board requesting approval of the Consent Agenda as it was presented.

Motion passed 6/0

#### 3.B.1. Minutes of Meetings:

#### 3.B.2. Budget Amendments:

### 3.C. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the 2026-2027 Gonzales ISD Compensation Plan

"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Gonzales ISD 2026-2027 Compensation Plan, as presented." This motion, made by Gloria Torres and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

MaryLynn Ramirez went before the board to present the proposed 2026-2027 Gonzales ISD Compensation Plan for Board approval.

Jami Owens asked whether the Compensation Plan and the Work Calendar address how hourly employees are paid when the district has a half day. Specifically, she wanted to know if hourly employees receive the half day off without having to make up those hours later and whether it has been addressed.

Marylynn responded that each employee has access to their work calendar.

Motion passed 6/0

### 3.D. Discuss and Consider Action on Gonzales ISD's 2026-27 Adult Breakfast and Lunch Meal Prices

I move that the board set the 2026-27 Gonzales ISD adult breakfast meal price at \$3.55 and the adult lunch meal price at \$5.35, as presented." This motion, made by D'Anna Robinson and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Ed Wayner went before the board seeking approval on Gonzales ISD's 2026-27 Adult Breakfast and Lunch Meal Prices.

Each year, school districts participating in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs are required to set minimum student and adult meal pricing. Since **all of our students receive FREE breakfast and lunch** under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), the district is only required to update the adult meal prices.

Adult meal prices are calculated by adding the free reimbursement rate for student meals, any additional severe need reimbursement, additional performance-based supplement (lunch only) and the per-meal commodity value received. Since we use USDA commodities at breakfast and lunch, the commodity value is included in both calculations.

USDA's intention of districts reviewing and updating adult meal price (as necessary) is to ensure districts charge enough for adult meals so that they are not subsidized by funds received for student meals. This year the base breakfast and lunch reimbursement rate reset to the inflation adjusted rate after a couple of years of temporary legislative increases. We have included the pricing worksheet the district is required to use to calculate the required minimum adult meal pricing.

In order to stay compliant with the minimum adult meal pricing, for 2026-2027 administration recommends increasing the adult breakfast price from \$3.40 to \$3.55 and adult lunch price from \$5.15 to \$5.35.

Motion passed 6/0

### 3.E. Discuss and Consider Action on GISD Student Code of Conduct 2026-27

"I move that the Board approve Gonzales ISD Code of Conduct for the 2026-27 school year.

This motion, made by Josie Smith-Wright and seconded by Gloria Torres, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Vanessa Gibson went before the board seeking approval of the GISD Student Code of Conduct 2026-27.

Motion passed 6/0

### 3.F. Discuss and Consider Action on Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Option 3 Agreement) and to Delegate Contractual Authority to the Superintendent

"I move that the Board approve the agreement and delegate contractual authority to the superintendent, as presented." This motion, made by Jami Owens and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Amanda Smith went before the board seeking approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Option 3 Agreement) and to Delegate Contractual Authority to the Superintendent.

For the 2026-2027 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code(TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding)."

Motion passed 6/0

3.G. Discuss and Consider Action on the Purchase of Insurance Coverage: Property/Casualty and Workers Comp

"I move that the Board approve the purchase of coverage, as presented.". This motion, made by D'Anna Robinson and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Amanda Smith, went before the board seeking approval on the Purchase of Insurance Coverage: Property/Casualty and Workers Comp.

Motion passed 6/0

3.H. Discuss and Consider Action on Memorandums of Understanding with Mid-Coast Family Services for Services Connected with the Prevention of Substance Abuse, Family Violence, and Homelessness

"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Memorandums of Understanding as presented.". This motion, made by Josie Smith-Wright and seconded by Gloria Torres, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Vanessa Gibson went before the board seeking approval of the Memorandums of Understanding with Mid-Coast Family Services for Services Connected with the Prevention of Substance Abuse, Family Violence, and Homelessness.

Mid-Coast Family Services is a non-profit organization housed in Victoria, Texas that works to provide youth services and family violence prevention programs in Gonzales and surrounding counties. Services, which would be free of charge, would be designed by GISD staff in order to meet the specific needs of GISD students and would include a variety of topics such as, but not limited to, drug prevention, healthy relationships, and vaping education.

Motion passed 6/0

3.I. Discuss and Consider Action on Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

" I move that the board approve the notice, as presented.". This motion, made by Josie Smith-Wright and seconded by Jami Owens, Passed.

Naomi Brown: Absent, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin

Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Amanda Smith, went before the board seeking approval of the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.

As shared at the regular June board meeting, in order to adopt the budget and tax rates on August 31, 2026, administration recommends the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate be published in The Gonzales Inquirer on August 13, 2026. The notice must be legally published no less than ten (10) days and no greater than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Motion passed 6/0

3.J. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Appraisal Calendar and the Appraisers for the 2026-2027 school year.

"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the List of Teacher Appraisers and the Teacher Appraisal Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.". This motion, made by Jami Owens and seconded by Josie Smith-Wright, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

MaryLynn Ramirez went before the board seeking approval of the Appraisal Calendar and Appraisers for the 2026-2027 school year.

GISD School Board Policy DNA (Legal) requires that the Board annually adopt a calendar that designates dates for teacher observation used for the teacher appraisal process. Attached is the Appraisers Calendar and Appraiser list for the 2026-2027 school year which needs board approval.

Motion passed 6/0

3.K. Discuss and Consider Action to Update Policy 127

Dr. Arreola went before the board with consideration of Update Policy 127.

The board tabled the discussion till after closed session.

#### 4. Reports

4.A. Review preliminary data and predictions for State Accountability Ratings for Gonzales ISD and its campuses

Joy Philpott went before the board with a review of the preliminary data and predictions for State Accountability Ratings for Gonzales ISD and its campuses.

4.B. 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update

Casey Sledge of Region XIII/Sledge Engineering presented an update of the 2023 Bond Program.

#### 5. Board Business

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| August 12 | First Day of School |
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| August 17    | Budget Workshop       |
| August 31    | Budget Adoption       |
| September 14 | Regular Board Meeting |

5.A. Board Correspondence

5.B. Dates of Interest

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| 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 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 7:32p.m.

6.A. Personnel

6.B. Safety and Security

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

I move that the board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as offered by TASB Policy Service for consideration and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 127". This motion, made by Jami Owens and seconded by Gloria Torres, Passed. Naomi Brown: Absent, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

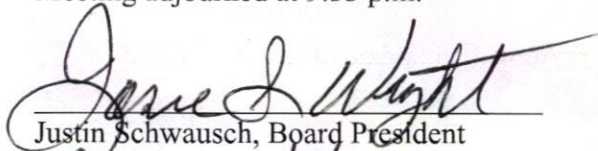
The board came back to open session at 9:32 p.m.

The board came back with Action Item 3.K

Motion passed 6/0

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

  
Justin Schwausch, Board President

  
Ashley Molina, Board Secretary