Regular Meeting
Monday, October 12, 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.

Naomi Brown: Present

Present: 7.

Naomi Brown arrived @5:33pm.

1. Call to Order

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

1.A. Roll Call

1.B. Invocation:

The invocation was led by Josie Smith-Wright.

1.C. Pledge:

The pledge was led by Print Knippa.

1.D. Mission Statement:

The Mission Statement was read by Allyana Villa.

2. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

3. Recognitions

GPA recognized Izan Castaneda
GE recognized Carsyn Martinez
GNA recognized Liam Zavala
GJHS recognized Lydia Henderson and Briceson Moore
GHS recognized Brett Needham

Our principals were recognized in honor of National Principals Month!

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 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
Dr. Arreola went before the board seeking approval of the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed 7/0

4.A.1. Minutes of Meetings:

4.A.2. Budget Amendments:

4.B. Discuss and Consider Action on GISD's District and Campus Performance Goals 2026-27
"I move that the Board approve Gonzales ISD's District and Campus Performance Objectives for the 2026-27 school year.". 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
Joy Philpott went before the board seeking approval of GISD's District and Campus Performance Goals 2026-27.

Motion Passed 7/0

4.C. Discuss and Consider Action on Goal 1, Progress measures 1.1, 1.2, 1.3
"I move that the board accept the report on Goal 1 Progress measures as presented.". This motion, made by Josie Smith-Wright 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
Joy Phipott went before the board seeking approval for Action Goal 1 Progress measures 1.1, 1.2, 1.3.

Motion Passed 7/0

4.D. Discuss and Consider Action on MOUs with Education Service Center 13 to provide support with TIA data submission and with Migrant Student Support
" I move that the board approve the MOUs for Teacher Incentive Allotment Data Support and Migrant Student Service with Education Service Center 13 as presented.". This motion, made by Naomi Brown 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
Joy Philpott went before the board seeking approval on MOUs with Education Service Center 13 to provide support with TIA data submission and with Migrant Student Support. Approval

of these MOUs will allow for continued free support in Teacher Incentive Allotment data submission and in Migrant Student Services from Education Service Center 13.

Motion Passed 7/0

4.E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Updated List of Teacher Appraisers for the 2026-2027 school year.
"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the updated List of Teacher Appraisers for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.". 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 seeking approval to update the list of Teacher 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 for consideration is the updated List of Teacher Appraisers for the 2026-2027 school year. Board approval is requested for the updated documents.

Motion passed 7/0

4.F. Discuss and Consider Action on Memorandums of Understanding with Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (BTCS) and Gonzales ISD
"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Memorandums of Understanding as presented.". This motion, made by Naomi Brown 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
Mrs. Gibson went before the board seeking approval of the MOU with Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (BTCS) and Gonzales ISD.

Bluebonnet Trails Community Services is to provide counseling, case management, mental health skills training, and assessment in-person or via tele-video in order to meet the mental health needs of youth, families and to provide mental health crisis interventions, as needed at no cost to the district. Bluebonnet Trails partners with campus counselors.

Motion passed 7/0

4.G. Discuss and Consider Action to proceed with the Lone Star Governance Contract
"I move that the Board of Trustees approve entering into the Lone Star Governance contract 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

Justin Schwausch went before the board seeking approval to proceed with the Lone Star Governance Contract for the 26-27 school year.

The Lone Star Governance (LSG) framework provides a research-based approach to strengthen school board governance and improve student outcomes. By entering into the LSG contract, Gonzales ISD affirms its commitment to aligning board actions with the district's vision, mission, and student performance goals.

This contract establishes clear expectations, accountability measures, and continuous progress monitoring, ensuring that the board remains focused on student achievement. Through the LSG process, trustees and district leadership will receive targeted support, coaching, and training designed to enhance governance practices, improve decision-making, and build a culture of collaboration and transparency.

Proceeding with the contract will allow GISD to access structured tools and resources that prioritize student outcomes, support effective governance, and foster long-term academic success. By adopting the Lone Star Governance model, the district demonstrates its dedication to providing high-quality education for all students and maintaining a governance system that is student-centered, data-driven, and results-oriented.

Motion passed 7/0

4.H. Discuss and Consider Action to Authorize the Superintendent to Sign the Legal Services Retainer Agreement with Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle P.C.
"I move that the board authorize the superintendent to sign the legal Services Retainer Agreement with Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle P.C., for the 2026-2027 school year, with the necessary corrections". This motion, made by Josie Smith-Wright and seconded by Gloria Torres, Passed.
Jami Owens: Abstain (With Conflict), Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Justin Schwausch: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1
Dr. Arreola addressed the Board seeking authorization to execute the Legal Services Retainer Agreement with Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C.

Board Policy BOD (Local) authorizes the Board to retain an attorney or attorneys, as necessary, to serve as the district's legal counsel and representative in matters requiring legal services. The district is asking authorization from the board to allow the Superintendent to sign the Legal Service Retainer Agreement with Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle legal services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion passed 6/1

4.I. Discuss and Consier Action on Bid for Resale Property: Suit 7050 (Parcel 19081)
"I move that the board accept the bid, as presented.". This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by Naomi Brown, 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
Amanda Smith went before the board seeking approval on the Bid for Resale Property: Suit 7050 (Parcel 19081).

The bid received by the County on this property conformed to resale policies and was, therefore, approved by the Commissioners at Court on August 17, 2026, pending the approval of the other taxing entities.

The property is located at 726 Water St.

Motion passed 7/0

4.J. Discuss and Consider Action on the 4th Quarter and Annual Investment Report, Investment Policies, Investment Strategies and Related Resolution for FY 2026
"I move that the board accept the annual investment report and approve and adopt the resolution, as presented.". This motion, made by Naomi Brown 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
Amanda Smith presented the FY 2026 4th Quarter and Annual Investment Report, Investment Policies, Investment Strategies, and related resolution to the Board, seeking approval of the items.

Board Policy CDA (Local) requires that an annual comprehensive report on the investment program and activity be prepared and presented to the Board. Administration shared a report covering the 2025-26 fiscal year.

It also requires that the Board adopt a written instrument stating that it has reviewed the investment policy and investment strategies and that said instrument record any changes made to either policy or strategy. The resolution is found on the last page of the Annual Investment Report.

Motion passed 7/0

4.K. Discuss and Consider Action on the Resolution Authorizing Expenditures for Newly Hired Police Officers
The board tabled this Action Item. This motion, made by Josie Smith-Wright and seconded by Jami Owens, Tabled.
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
Amanda Smith went before the board seeking approval of a resolution authorizing expenditures associated with newly hired police officers for Gonzales Independent School District.

The addition of police officers will support the District's ongoing commitment to maintaining safe and secure learning environments for students, staff and visitors. The resolution will provide authorization for expenditures necessary to support newly hired officers in carrying out their assigned duties and responsibilities on behalf of the District.

Authorized expenditures may include, as applicable, personnel-related costs, mental health exams, physicals, uniforms and equipment, required training and certifications, firearms and duty equipment, technology, and other necessary law-enforcement-related expenses associated with the officers' employment.

Motion tabled for further discussion 7/0

4.L. Discuss and Consider Action to Adopt the revised policy CFB (Local)
"I move that the board adopt the revised Policy CFB (Local), as provided.". This motion, made by Naomi Brown 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
Amanda Smith went before the board recommending a revision to CFB (Local) to increase the capitalization threshold for individual capital assets from $5,000 to $10,000.

Motion passed 7/0

4.M. Discuss and Consider Action on a Resolution Declaring Home-Side Bleachers and Press Box at Apache Field Surplus Property
"I move that the board declare the home-side bleachers and press box at Apache Field as surplus and adopt the resolution, as presented.". This motion, made by Naomi Brown 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
Amanda Smith went before the board seeking approval on a Resolution Declaring Home-Side Bleachers and Press Box at Apache Field Surplus Property.

All rights and title to district property are vested in the board of trustees (Policy CI). Following numerous assessments and reports, administration recommends the board officially declare the home-side bleachers and press box at Apache Field as surplus as they are no longer suitable to support the district's mission.

Motion Passed 7/0

4.N. Discuss and Consider Action to Invest in District Funds towards Apache Stadium
"I move that the Board Invest District Funds towards Apache Stadium with #1 an RFP for demolition of the stadium. #2 RFP for seating for 2000-2100 and press box. RFP for ADA sidewalk, RFP for Cement needed to hold stadium seats. 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
Dr. Arreola went before the board seeking direction from the board regarding the potential allocation of district funds towards Apache Stadium. This agenda item provides the Board an opportunity to discuss and determine whether to make a financial investment in the stadium.

Amanda Smith went before the board to discuss the current state of the district's finances.

Motion passed 7/0

4.O. Discuss and Consider Action to move forward with the planning and preparation process for a new stadium
"I move that the board move forward with the planning and preparation process for a new stadium in the Spring of 2027.". This motion, made by D'Anna Robinson and seconded by Naomi Brown, 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 seeking direction from the board of trustees regarding the potential development of a new stadium on district-owned property near the Tom Lester Jr. Career and Technology Center located at 2459 CR 239A. This agenda item provides the Board an opportunity to discuss and determine whether to move forward with the planning and preparation process.

Motion passed 7/0

5. Reports

5.A. Emergent Bilingual Student Performance Report
Mrs. Gibson presented an update on the performance of students classified as Emergent Bilingual as required by Chapter 89 of the Texas Education Code.

5.B. School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Overview & Gonzales ISD's 2025-26 Rating
Amanda Smith presented the annual School FIRST rating public hearing. This 2025-26 rating is based on the 2024-25 data.

5.C. 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update
Casey Sledge presented an update on the 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update.

5.D. Superintendent Reports
Dr. Arreola sent a shout out to:

- Cuero Dodge for helping our coaches and students get safely back on the road.
- Thank you to Great Webster Chapel and Pastor Barry Moore for the Shoe Donation
- Gonzales Noon Lions cloud provided GE students Vision Screenings
- GE celebrated Great Attendance
- Operation Apache Closet
- GISD Apache Band

- Band Second Place
- Best Drumline
- Best Colorguard

- Reminder about Gather & Grow

6. Board Business

6.A. Board Correspondence

6.B. Dates of Interest

Dates of Interest

October 19-Gather & Grow 5-6:30pm

October 23-Early Release

November 4-Coffee & Connections

November 9-Regular Board Meeting

7. 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: The board went into Closed Session at 8:00pm

7.A. Personnel

7.B. Safety and Security-IDA Report

8. Reconvene to Open Meeting: The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session
The Board reconvened into open session at 11:29 p.m.

9. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 11:30pm.

Justin Schwausch

Justin Schwausch, Board President

Ashley Molina

Ashley Molina, Board Secretary