Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2024

**Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 P.M.**

**Location of Meeting: GISD Administrative Board Room, 1615 St Lawrence St.**

**Gonzales, Texas 78629**

**\*\*These are draft minutes. These minutes will be approved at the May 13, 2024 Board Meeting\*\***

**Board Members Present:** Ross Hendershot, III, President

Justin Schwausch, Vice President

Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary

D’Anna Robinson

Ashley Molina

Gloria Torres

Sandra Gorden

**Board Member Absent:**

**Item #1. Call to Order**

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, April 08, 2024, at the Administrative Office Board Room, Gonzales, Texas. President, Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

A quorum was declared with 7 members present.

**Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement**

D’Anna Robinson gave the Invocation, Gloria Torres led the Pledge to the Flag, and Ashley Molina read the Mission Statement.

**Item #2: Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Item#3: Recognitions:**

Recognitions were presented by Veronica Johannsen, Chief of Administration, Communications, and Safety, and Joey Rivera, Athletic Director.

Ms. Johannsen presented the Student Recognitions and Staff Recognitions, Electrical Level 1 and Plumbing Level 1 with Mr. Dwayne Maly, Victoria College, Mrs. Gloria Torres was recognized for her 40 years of dedication on the School Board, the Finance Department was recognized for earning a Transparency Stars Award in the area of Debt Obligations from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; Coach Rivera recognized the Powerlifting Athletes and Powerlifting Coaches.

**Item #4: New Business/Action Items:**

A. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda**

1. Budget Amendments
2. Minutes: March 4, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

March 25, 2024-Special Board Meeting

Amanda Smith reviewed the budget amendments.

* Increase other Local Sourced & Function 61 by $700 each: $500 donation from First Evangelical Lutheran Church; $200 donations from Snavely Forest Products, Inc. for Special Prom Family Engagement Event
* Move $10k from Function 11 to Funcion 52: Underbudgeted payroll costs
* Increase Other Local Sources & Function 11 by $3k each: Donations and Charter Buses for the ACE NASA Field Trip from SouthStar Bank ($500) & GISD Education Foundation ($2,500)
* Increase Other Local Sources & Function 36 by $100 each: Donation from Pilot Club for Apache Olympics

Ashley Molina made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

B. **Discuss and Consider Action and possible action regarding Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Property, including possible approval of the Purchase-Sales Agreement with C3 Investements, LLC.**

Amanda Smith presented to the board the update to this action item from the March 25, 2024 Board Meeting from the land located on Robertson Street. At the previous board meeting C3 Investments had offered $170,000 to purchase the property. We shared that the districts investment is at about $260,000. At the March 25 board meeting the board authorized Dr. A to negotiate the sales price and the deed restriction and bring it back to the next board meeting for further consideration. The resolution brought to this meeting is for the sale price of $215,000, which is between the middle of the last numbers that were discussed.

Mr. Chad Cooper, managing partner and owner of C3 Investments spoke to the board about what their company was wanting to do with the property. 50 lot development with 40 being residential, a mixed use of 1,000 sq. ft to 1,300 sq.ft., 8 lots dedicated to multi-family 4 plexes with about 32 units and a standalone lot on Seydler that could potentially be a Commercial development or an interest in the development. These plans are unsure at this time until a plan is made with the engineers. This could generate a revenue of $13.5 million dollars which results in tax dollars for the city and the school. They would like to put out roughly 12 homes every 6 months focusing on the residential homes and then the multifamily homes. The multifamily will primarily be rental property.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second from D’Anna Robinson to adopt the resolution to accept, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

C. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Date for the Public Meeting on the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate**

Amanda Smith presented for approval of the date for the Public Meeting of the 2024-2025 Budget and Tax Rate August 26, 2024. We will hold separate meeting for the public meeting and the budget/tax rate adoption.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to hold the public meeting for the

2024-2025 proposed budget and tax rate on August 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., as presented.

The motion carried 7/0

D. **Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Board Resolution for Justice Assistance Grant**

Chief Brooks presented to the board requesting to complete the application process for FY 24/25 Justice Assistance Grant which, if awarded in full, will fund the purchase of Body Worn Cameras and in Car Cameras along with the video storage and upload system. This would allow GISD officers to video all encounters with students, parents, and citizens for accountability and also evidence gathering in criminal investigations. This grant is in the amount of $59,105.

Ashley Molina made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres to approve the submission for the FY 24/25 Justice Assistance Grant as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

E. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Board Resolution for Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant**

Chief Brooks came before the board requesting to complete the application process for the FY 24/25 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant which, if awarded in full will fund the purchase of Bullet-Resistant Shields for the School District Police Officers. This would provide safety equipment for the Officers to use during an active shooter threat on any of our campuses or school district facilities. This grant is in the amount of $40,583.

Ashley Molina made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the submission for the FY 24/25 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant as presented.

The motion carried 7/0

**Item#5 Reports:**

A. **Financial Report**

The Financial and Quarterly Investment Report was presented by Amanda Smith, CFO.

B. **Board Members Continuing Education Credits/SBOE Framework for School Board Development Report.**

Mr. Hendershot announced each board member that has completed, exceeded, or is deficient in the required continuing education.

The following board members have exceeded the required continuing education hours:

* Gloria Torres
* Josie Smith-Wright
* Justin Schwausch
* Ross Hendershot, III

The following board members are deficient in their required continuing education hours:

* Ashley Molina
* D’Anna Robinson
* Sandra Gorden

These board members have scheduled training to timely complete the required continuing education hours.

**C. Superintendent Reports**

Presented by Superintendent, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda

**Item#6 Board Business:**

**Board Correspondence:** No Correspondence

**Dates of Interest:**

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| April 16, 2024 | English 1 EOC  6th RLA STAAR |
| April 17, 2024 | English 2 ROC  3rd-5th RLA STAAR |
| April 18, 2024 | SLI Registration Opens  7th & 8th RLA STAAR |
| April 23, 2024 | Biology EOC  5th Science STAAR  8th Social Studies STAAR  National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day |
| April 24, 2024 | U.S. History EOC  Administrative Professionals Day |
| April 25, 2024 | 8th Science STAAR  TASB Workshop(GHS) |
| April 26, 2024 | Band Banquet |
| April 30, 2024 | HS Algebra EOC  8th Algebra EOC  8th Math STAAR (1/2 students) |
| May 1, 2024 | 6th Math STAAR  3rd-5th Math STAAR  School Principals’ Day |
| May 2, 2024 | 7th Math STAAR  8th Math STAAR (1/2 students)  GHS FFA Banquet |
| May 3, 2024 | Decision Day PepRally(GHS 10:00am)  School Lunch Hero Day |
| May 4, 2024 | Election Day |

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| May 6, 2024 | Top 10% Banquet |
| May 6-10, 2024 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| May 8, 2024 | Military Signing Day PepRally (GHS 10:00am)  National School Nurse Day |
| May 10, 2024 | GE Fun Field Day |
| May 13, 2024 | Regular Board Meeting  Band Spring Concert 7-8pm  GE Picnic with parents(the whole week) |
| May 14, 2024 | Athletic Banquet 6-8pm JB Wells  3rd Grade Awards |
| May 15, 2024 | 4th Grade Awards |
| May 16, 2024 | 1st & 2nd Grade In-House UIL Meet  GJHS Field Day  Apache Olympics  5th Grade Awards |
| May 17, 2024 | Staff Development/Student Holiday |
| May 18, 2024 | National Speech Pathologist Day |
| May 20, 2024 | Senior Walk  Scholarship Night @GJHS 6-7:30  GE Awards (details to come soon) |
| May 21, 2024 | Pre-K Grad 1:00-2:00pm  Kinder Grad 9am  GE Awards (details to come soon)  6th Grade Awards 10-11am  7th Grade Awards 1-2pm  GHS Senior Olympics |
| May 22, 2024 | Pre-K Grad 1:00-2:00pm  Kinder Grad 9am  Senior Awards Day |
| May 23, 2024 | Early Release/Last Day of School |
| May 24, 2024 | Graduation Day/Teacher Work Day |
| May 27, 2024 | Memorial Day/District Closed |

**Item #7 Adjourn to Closed Session:**

Under Texas Government Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.73 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift, Texas Government Code Section 551.074, (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee), Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Deliberation regarding implementation of Security, personnel or devices) and Section 551.082: School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint, Section 551.083: Certain School Boards; Meeting Regarding Consultation with Representative of Employee Group, Section 551.084: Investigation; Exclusion of witnesses from a hearing.

The board went into a closed session at 6:35 P.M.

**Item #8 Reconvene to Open Meeting**:

The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in the Closed Session. The board returned to an open session at 7:39 P.M.

**Item #9 Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

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Ross Hendershot, III, President Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary

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