

Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2024
Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 P.M.
Location of Meeting: GISD Administrative Board Room, 1615 St Lawrence St.
Gonzales, Texas 78629

Board Members Present: Ross Hendershot, III, President
Justin Schwausch-Vice President
D'Anna Robinson
Ashley Molina

Naomi Brown
Josie Smith-Wright

Board Member Absent: Gloria Torres-Arrived at 5:33 PM

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, December 9, 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 6 members present.

Mrs. Torres arrived at 5:33 PM

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Justin Schwausch gave the Invocation, Ashley Molina led the Pledge to the Flag, and Gloria Torres read the Mission Statement.

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

Item #3: Recognitions: Coach Joey Rivera, Athletic Director, and Coach Dana Sestak recognized athletes that received Academic All District, Student winners for the Christmas card design contest were recognized along with Amanda Sanchez, HR Administrative Assistant, and the Human Resources team, for organizing & executing the Christmas Card Design Contest.

Item #3: New Business/Action Items:

A. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda

1. Budget Amendments-Increase Function 99 by \$13,005: Gonzales Central Appraisal District adopted budget higher than the estimate used for GISD original budget.
2. Minutes: November 11, 2024-Regular Meeting
November 16, 2024-Special Meeting

Ashley Molina made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith Wright, to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

B. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Purchase of One Regular Education School Bus and Associated Budget Amendment

Gene Kridler, Executive Director of Operations, recommended to the board the purchasing of one regular yellow bus and the associated budget amendment. This purchase is in the budget for this school year, due to inflation Mr. Kridler requested a budget amendment to cover the cost of the purchase.

One to two buses are typically purchased each year. Most buses are kept for 10-15 years. All buses have air conditioning and heating. Six buses (32 total) along with our special need's buses have seatbelts. All buses purchased from 2017-present have seatbelts. All buses also have cameras.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to approve the purchase of a regular school bus from Longhorn Bus Sales and Associated Budget Amendment, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

Item#4 Reports:

A. Academic Report

Dr. Rachelle Ysquierdo, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the Academic Report.

B. District Improvement Plans and Campus Improvement Plans Progress Report

Presented by Dr. Rachelle Ysquierdo.

C. Financial Report

Presented by Amanda Smith, Acting Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer.

D. 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update

Jennifer Black with Sledge Engineering presented the update as noted below.

CTE / Ag Barn Project

- Final Construction Documents underway with staff feedback
 - Geotech borings & lab work COMPLETE by Terracon; awaiting revised report
 - Tracking CDs (final plans early 2025; bidding to follow)
 - Water/Wastewater utility extensions: upcoming review with City

Maintenance Projects: Weaver & Jacobs

- Design Development drawings underway
- Bid award plan/strategy:

GMP#1: Safety/Security Package

- Targeting Board Award March 2025
- Construction Summer 2025

GMP#2: Remodel Package

- Targeting Board June 2025 (after GMP#1 known)
- Construction to Fall 2026

Maintenance Projects: ISD Direct

Roofing Projects:

- GHS Roofs: 90% complete
- EAC Roof: 85% complete
- GNA Roof: 85% complete
- JHS: 30% complete
- GES: upcoming

Paving Project:

- Awaiting final billing to close out which will bring the project under budget

Item #5 Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Smith conducted listening tours at each campus and received feedback on how the Central Office Administrative team could better serve the campuses.

High school underwent two compliance reviews last week that ended well.

1. The cosmetology program is now on a 1-year inspection rotation due to many consecutive positive reviews.
2. NJROTC program had their annual inspection by the Navy. The area manager of the Navy stated that this is the best that he has ever seen our program look. However, we are still on probation with the program due to the lack of cadets. 50 students should be enrolled and we are at 37 with the program growing, considering only 8 students were enrolled at the beginning of the year. If 10% of our high school enrollment, enrolled into the NJROTC program, the Navy would fully fund the program.

Accolades were provided to the Human Resources department for positive feed back that has been received.

The fencing projects around the district are almost complete.

Operations along with the technology team have been working with Bus Boss Program which allow parents and administration to track student attendance and follow them on the bus route. This should be available early spring semester.

Reminder, that our annual Strategic Planning community update has been scheduled for Thursday December 12, 2024.

Enrollment at the end of November was 2,559 with attendance at 92.45%

Item#6 Board Business:

Board Correspondence: No Correspondence

Dates of Interest:

<i>December</i>	
December 10	Band Concert
December 12	Strategic Planning Community Meeting
December 17	1 st grade Music Performance @GE
December 19	Early Release
December 20-January 3	Student/Staff Holiday
<i>January</i>	
January 6-7	Staff Dev/Student Holiday
January 15	First day to apply for a place on the ballot for the May election
January 20	Student/Staff Holiday

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 6:25 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 9:02 P.M.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres to approve the stipend agreement with Amanda Smith for her performance duties as Acting Superintendent.

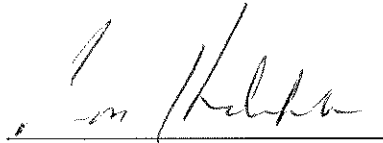
Motion carried 7/0

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch to approve Walsh Gallegos and Charlotte Baker to serve as the GISD Superintendent search firm.

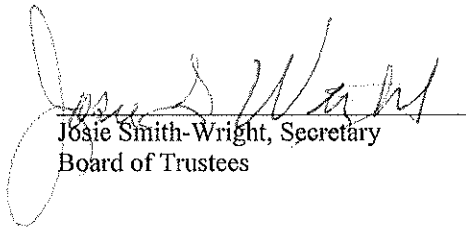
Motion carried 7/0

Item #9 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 9:03 P.M.



Ross Hendershot III, President
Board of Trustees



Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
Board of Trustees