

Minutes
Monday, May 12, 2025
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
Ashley Molina
Gloria Torres
Naomi Brown
Josie Smith-Wright-Secretary

Board Member Absent: D'Anna Robinson

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, May 12, 2025, 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.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Legacy Miller, GE Student gave the Invocation, Gunner Craven & Ceidy Juarez, GE Students led the Pledge to the Flag, and Caleb Thiele, GE Student read the Mission Statement.

Item #2: Public Comments:

Item #3: Recognitions:

- GHS
 - Dixie Lester-Student of the Month
 - Color Guard
 - Teacher of the Month-Scotty Upshaw
- Athletics-Coach Cantu, Coach Hamilton, and Coach Sestak
 - Varsity Track Regional Qualifiers Boys and Girls
- GPA
 - Tania Mendez Lopez- Pre K
 - Staff members
 - Brooke Behlen
- GE
 - Noah Jordan-Kinder
 - Jasmin Castillo-1st Grade
 - Jaziel Almazan-2nd Grade
 - Staff Member
 - Ms. Hicks
- GNA
 - Isidoro Durantes-3rd Grade
 - Noelia Ontiveros-4th Grade
 - Venancia Almaguer-5th Grade

- Staff Member
 - Mrs. Nela Gallardo
- GJHS
 - Mason Camarillo
 - Staff Member-Jacob Pena

Item #4: New Business/Action Items:

A. Discuss and Consider Action to Canvass and Certify the Results of the General Election for Trustees in Single Member District 1 and District 2

Maggie Holub went before the board seeking approval of an order canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 3rd school board election for districts 1 & 2.

The results received in a majority voting for Gloria Torres District 1 and Justin Schwausch for District 2.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Ashley Molina to approve the canvass of returns and approve the Order Declaring Results of the Gonzales ISD Trustee Election on May 3 2025.

The motion carried 6/0

B. Discuss and Consider Action to Administer the Certificate of Election and Statement of Elected Officer

Maggie Holub went before the board seeking approval to Administer the Certificate of Election and Statement of Officer.

GISD School Board Policy BBB (Legal) states:

“A certificate of election shall be issued to each elected candidate”

“Newly elected and appointed Board members, before taking the oath or affirmation of office and entering upon the duties of office shall sign the required officer’s statement. The statement shall be retained with the official records of the office.”

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Ashley Molina to approve the recommendation that the Certificate of Election be presented to Gloria Torres, (District 1), Justin Schwausch (District 2), and that they sign the Statement of Officer form.

The motion carried 6/0

C. Discuss and Consider Action to Administer the Oath of Office

Maggie Holub went before the board seeking approval to Administer the Oath of Office.

GISD School Board Policy BBB (Legal) states:

After the officer’s statement has been signed and certificates of the election have been issued, but before entering upon the duties of the office, the Board member shall take the oath or affirmation of office and shall file it with the president of the board.

Ashley Molina made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to administer the Oath of Office to Gloria Torres, (District 1) and Justin Schwausch, (District 2) by a Notary Public.

The motion carried 6/0

D. Discuss and Consider Action on the Reorganization of Elected Officers

Mr. Hendershot suggested reorganization of new board officers. In 2020 the LBB review suggested regularly changing officers.

Mr. Hendershot made a motion, with a second from Naomi Brown to nominate Justin Schwausch as President of the board.

The motion carried 6/0

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres to nominate Ross Hendershot as Vice President of the board.

The motion carried 6/0

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres to nominate Ashley Molina as Secretary of the board.

The motion carried 6/0

Mr. Schwausch took over the meeting as president, Mr. Hendershot as Vice President, and Ashley Molina as Secretary

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

1. Minutes: April 14, 2025- Regular Board Meeting

2. Budget Amendments:

- Chief Brooks-Increase the revenue & expenditure budget by \$1,010 each: The NRA Foundation grant for glock training pistols for police dept.

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

The motion carried 6/0

F. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the TEA Staff Development Waiver Minutes Application**

Dr. Dana Arreola made a recommendation for the board to approve the application for 2,100 staff development waiver minutes to TEA for the 2024-25 school year.

Mr. Hendershot asked what the waiver pertained to. Dr. Arreola explained that the state allows school districts to swap instruction hours for professional hours. GISD took 2100 hours of instructional time to provide teachers with professional development.

Mr. Schwausch asked what the 2100 minutes equaled to in days. Mrs. Molnoskey stated 5-420 min. days.

Ross Hendershot made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to approve the application for 2,100 staff development waiver minutes to TEA for the 2024-25 school year.

The motion carried 6/0

G. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Grounds Services Contract**

Dr. Arreola asked for the item to be tabled until further information is gathered.

H. **Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Delegate/Delegate Alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly**

Dr. Arreola went before the board seeking nominations for the Delegate and Delegate Alternate for the annual Texas Association of School Boards' Delegate Assembly, held in conjunction with the TASB/TASA Convention.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Ross Hendershot to accept Josie Smith-Wright as the Delegate and Ashley Molina as the Delegate Alternate to the 2025-2026 TASB Delegate Assembly.

The motion carried 6/0

I. **Discuss and Consider Action to Appoint Crystal Cedillo, Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector, as the individual to Calculate and Prepare the 2025 No-New Revenue (Rate to Maintain) and Voter-Approval Tax Rates for the Gonzales ISD**

Presleigh Zella went before the board to recommend and request Crystal Cedillo, Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector, as the individual to Calculate and Prepare the 2025 No-New Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates for Gonzales ISD with the assistance of Amanda Smith, GISD Chief Financial Officer. This is an annual item that needs board action/approval.

Ashley Molina made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to appoint Crystal Cedillo as the individual to calculate and prepare the tax rates.

The motion carried 6/0

Item#5 Reports:

A. **Curriculum Report**

Dr. Rachelle Ysquierdo, Executive Director of C&I, presented the Curriculum Report

B. **2023 Bond Program Monthly Update**

Presented by Casey Sledge, Sledge Engineering/Region 13

CTE/Ag Barn

1. Groundbreaking 5/16 10am
2. Earthwork/grading underway
3. Utility work prep underway
4. 3rd-party Materials Testing underway
5. UPCOMING:
 - (a). Off-site Water/Wastewater line
 - (b). Foundation prep
 - (c). On site utilities

Maintenance Projects-Weaver & Jacobs

1. GMP#1: Safety/Security Package (cameras)
 - (a). Awarded April 2025
 - (b). Pre-Construction Meeting 4/30
 - (c). Construction Summer 2025

Weaver & Jacobs

1. GMP #2: Doors/Vestibules Package

- (a). GMP #2: Doors/Vestibules
- (b). Doors/hardware/vestibules, P.A.
- (c). Board Award June 2025

2. GMP #3 Remodel Package

- (a). Remodels, HVAC, Primary restrooms, sewer replacements, Transportation Addition
- (b). Construction to Fall 2026

Maintenance Project-ISD Direct

1. Roofing

- (a). Awaiting roofing material manufacturer final inspection
- (b). Adding re-roof repairs at JHS using cost savings; still under budget

2. Playgrounds

- (a). GNA & GES playground Awarded April
- (b). Installation Summer 2025

C. **Financial Report**

Presented by Presleigh Zella, Financial Operations Specialist

D. **Superintendent's Report**

Presented by Dr. Dana Arreola, Superintendent of Schools

Enrollment: 2,532

ADA: 93%

Item#6 Board Business:

Board Correspondence:

Dates of Interest:

May 15	Superintendent Meet and Greet
May 16	Bad Weather Day CTE Groundbreaking @10am
May 18	Senior Parade
May 19	Senior Walk Scholarship Ceremony @6pm
May 20	Pre-K Graduation
May 22	Early Release
May 23	Graduation
May 26	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 6:37 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 8:42 P.M.

Gene Kridler went before the board seeking approval to Name the CTE Center, the Tom Lester Jr. CTE Center. The proposed name complies with Board Policy CW (Local)

Ross Hendershot made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to name the CTE Center the Tom Lester Jr CTE Center.

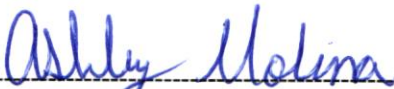
The motion carried 6/0

Item #9 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Schwausch adjourned the meeting at 8:46 P.M.



Justin Schwausch, President
Board of Trustees



Ashley Molina, Secretary
Board of Trustees