

Minutes
Monday, June 14, 2021
Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Location of Meeting: East Avenue, Cafeteria, Gonzales Texas 78629

Board Members Present: Ross Hendershot, III, President
Justin Schwausch, Vice President
Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Sandra Gorden
Glenn Menking
Josie Smith-Wright
Gloria Torres

Board Member Absent:

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, June 14, 2021, at the East Avenue Campus, Cafeteria, Gonzales, Texas. President, Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

A quorum was declared with seven board members present.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Justin Schwausch gave the Invocation, Sue Gottwald led the Pledge to the Flag, and Glenn Menking read the Mission Statement.

Item #2 Public Comments Public Comment came from Steve Fountain, from the Gonzales Inquirer.

Item #3: Recognitions

Superintendent John Schumacher asked Ms. Robin Trojcak to present the recognitions for the month. This month Ms. Trojcak recognized Mr. Daniel Flores with Daya's Extreme Snowcones. They were praised for their generosity in treating the entire GISD Staff with delicious creative tasty snow cones.

The next recognition was recognizing the time and service from Christine Presley, Stephanie Hill, Sara Schmidt, and Felipe Leon. All four had served the Education Foundation Committee and were now stepping down from the EFC.

Item #4: New Business/Action Items

A. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes: May 10, 2021, Regular Board Meeting and May 27, 2021, Special Board Meeting
2. Budget Amendments:

Ms. Amanda Smith, CFO, shared a revised sheet with information regarding the Budget Amendments presented.

There were no comments or questions.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second by Justin Schwausch, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

B. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve a Depository Contract

Ms. Smith informed the board of the Depository contract the district would like to recommend to the board. Mr. Hendershot and Mr. Menking removed themselves from the decision of this item. Ms. Smith informed the board of Bill 754 amended Texas Education Code. To enter into an agreement the district and depository bank must execute the included form the new bank depository contract would be effective from Sept 1, 2021, to August 31, 2023. The motion carried 5/0/2, with Mr. Hendershot and Mr. Menking abstained.

C. Discuss and Consider Action Regarding GHS Cosmetology Program Including Operation of Salon

Ms. Jennifer Ervin, CTE Coordinator, asked the board to approve the opening of the cosmetology salon to the public. The program has been operational for 3 years and the students are ready to offer their services to the public. Ms. Ervin has worked closely with the attorneys to make sure that all they are doing is following procedure.

There were a few questions and concerns that were addressed.

A motion was made by Glenn Menking with a second from Gloria Torres to approve the creation and operation of a salon at GHS to be operated by students enrolled in the Cosmetology Program, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

D. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan (DIP)

Ms. Fullilove was asked to share the information on the 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan. A PowerPoint was presented to the board to show them the plan that was used to focus strategies to reach the district goals.

Some comments and questions were addressed by Ms. Fullilove.

A motion was made by Sue Gottwald with a second from Glenn Menking to approve the 2021-2022 GISD District Improvement Plan as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Date for the Public Meeting on the 2121-2022 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

Amanda Smith, CFO explained to the board the conditions on the Truth in Taxation guidelines. Ms. Smith informed the board that before the budget and tax rate can be adopted, a public hearing must be held. It was recommended to set the date of August 23, 2021, to hold the public meeting for 2021-2022 proposed budget and tax rate.

The only action needed is the date for the budget and tax rate adoption.

There were some questions and comments that were addressed.

Sue Gottwald made a motion with a second by Gloria Torres to hold the public meeting for 2021-2022 proposed budget and tax rate on August 23, 2021, at 5:30 pm. As presented. The motion carried 7/0.

F. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the rescinding of the Resolution of the GISD, Delegation of Authority to the Superintendent in response to COVID-19 Epidemic

Mr. Schumacher presented a resolution of the Gonzales ISD Delegation of Authority to Supt. in Response to COVID-19. Since this is no longer a state of emergency the board would like to rescind this agreement.

Sandra Gorden made a motion with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to approve the rescinding of the Resolution of the Gonzales Independent School District Delegation of Authority to Superintendent in Response to COVID-19 that was adopted on March 27, 2020 as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

G. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the 2021-2022 GISD Compensation Plan

(Board of Trustee’s moved to discuss in closed session before action was taken).

Sue Gottwald made a motion with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to approve the 2% increase plus the step increase for employees as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

Item #5 Reports:

A. Federal Grants Updates

Ms. Sarah Gottwald presented a summary report to the board regarding the Federal Grant Updates.

B. Financial and Quarterly Investment Report

Amanda Smith, CFO, shared a PowerPoint with the financial and Quarterly report she shared with the Board. Ms. Smith spoke on several items consisting of Legislative Update, HB 1525 which passed, and HB 3445 which did not pass, and Update on Annual External Financial Audit. Invest report on interest earnings went down. She also reported on the staffing process for the district, campus and discretionary budget, departmental budget (zero-based budgeting), etc.

CFO also shared a copy of the financial report.

There were no questions and comments that were addressed.

C. Technology Report Update

Dr. Fairchild gave an updated report on technology. A report regarding the Xerox contract and possibility on changing to a different company for our copy machine vendors. She also reported on her department staff. All ChromeBooks have been picked up and 20 of those needing repairs have been sent off for repair.

There were a few questions and comments from the board that was addressed.

D. Superintendent Reports

1. Enrollment-Attendance

The Superintendent shared the enrollment information with the board.

2. Reconfiguration Report-Director of Operations

A report was given by the Director of Operations, (Gene Kridler), regarding the moving company and the schedule of the reconfiguration schedule. Other facility reports were shared with the board.

Item #6 Board Business

Board Correspondence: None

Dates of Interest

Month of June	
June 14, 2021	Board Meeting – East Ave Campus
June 22-25, 2021	STAAR Re-Testing for Math/Reading

Item #7 Personnel Matters, Under Texas Government Code Section 551.074, and Property Matters: Section 551.072, Attorney Matters Section 551.071 & Security Matters: Section 551.076 and Texas Government Code 551.002-Consultation with legal counsel regarding Application for Value Limitation Agreements pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

The Board adjourned into a closed session Monday, June 14, 2021, at 7:34 P.M. for personnel matters and returned to the open session at 8:41 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from _Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the new Director of Literacy, as presented by the Human Resource and the Superintendent.

The motion carried 7/0.

Reconvene to Open Meeting

The board goes back to item 4G Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Compensation Plan.

Item #8 Adjourn

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Ross Hendershot, III to adjourn.

The motion carried 7/0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees



Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Board of Trustees