

**Minutes**  
**Monday, July 12, 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, July 12, 2021, at the East Avenue, Cafeteria Campus, Gonzales, Texas. President, Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 5:36 P.M.

A quorum was declared with seven board members present.

**Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement**

Josie Smith-Wright gave the Invocation, Sandra Gorden led the Pledge to the Flag, and Gloria Torres read the Mission Statement.

**Item #2 Public Comments:** Public Comment came from Daisy Scheske Freeman regarding Social Media & the Website.

**Item #3: Recognitions: NONE**

There were no recognitions at this meeting

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

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

1. Minutes: June 14, 2021, Regular Board Meeting and June 29, 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.

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

B. **Acknowledgment of Conflict of Interest Policy in connection with the application for agreement for limitation on the appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes from Cannon Solar, LLC Comptroller application #1597**

Supt. Schumacher introduced Ms. Mackenzie Walters as a representative from Sara Leon Attorney's office for any questions regarding the Conflict of Interest Information.

It was asked if there were any questions or concerns about the conflict of interest. Ms. Mackenzie passed around the conflict of interest form while Mr. Hendershot asked each Board member individually if they had any conflict. 6 members had no conflict with one (Ross Hendershot, III) having a conflict of interest. Ms. Walters had Mr. Hendershot complete the required form for the conflict of interest. Ms. Walters then proceeded to explain the Resolution designating the Cannon Solar Reinvestment Zone and any questions or concerns that were presented by the Board.

There were several questions from the Board regarding the public hearing and other issues about this Cannon Solar Reinvestment Zone that was addressed by Ms. Walters.

C. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve a Resolution Designating “Cannon Solar Reinvestment Zone” pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code**

Ms. Walters, and the gentlemen from Cannon Solar shared information to the Board and the public regarding the solar reinvestment zone. The Secretary of the Board read the full Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the GISD Designating the Cannon Solar Reinvestment Zone. Once the resolution was completely read a motion was made by the Board. It was asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the Resolution designating the Cannon Solar Reinvestment Zone as presented. (With Mr. Hendershot, III abstaining from the vote).  
The motion carried 6/0/1.

D. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Teachers Appraisal Calendar and Appraisers for the 2021-2022 school year**

Mr. Schumacher stated that Board policy DNA (legal) required the Board annually to adopt a calendar that designates dates for teacher observation used for the teacher appraisal process. The Superintendent explained to the Board that Ms. Ratliff has provided the Teachers Appraisal Calendar and the list of Appraisers for the 2021-22 school year.

There were no comments or questions.

Justin Schwausch made the motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the adoption of the 2021-2022 Teacher Appraisal Calendar and Appraisers as presented.  
The motion carried 7/0.

E. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the ESL Certification Reimbursement**

Amanda Fullilove, Director of Accountability and Strategic Planning, explained to the Board that to ensure GISD students have access to certified staff and quality programming and services necessary to meet the students' needs and to follow the GISD Bilingual/ESL Strategic Support Plan, the administration recommends paying the necessary fees for ESL Training and certification for core staff.

The Board President, Mr. Hendershot, read the “Resolution of the Gonzales Independent School District Board of Trustees.”

There were no questions or comments.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second by Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the resolution as presented.  
The motion carried 7/0.

F. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the ESSER III Application**

Ms. Sarah Gottwald, Director of Federal Programs and PEIMS, presented to the Board the information needed to submit the Federal Grant Application by July 27, 2021. This grant would be utilized in the areas of payroll, contracted services, and educational materials for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years and have a carryover fund for the 2023-2024 school year.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the ESSER III Applications as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

**G. Discuss and Consider Action to TASB Board Policy Update 117, affecting GISD local policies (see attached list)**

The Superintendent informed the Board that the district had received the information provided by TASB in regards to Update 117. TASB provided the district with an overview of information concerning proposed policy revisions.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second by Gloria Torres, to add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service for Update 117 as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

**H. Discuss and Consider Endorsement of a Candidate to the TASB Board of Directors**

Mr. Schumacher explained to the Board that the district had received written notice of open positions on the TASB Board of Directors. The district received an overview of the 2021 nominations information which would allow the Board to nominate /endorse a candidate. After a brief discussion, Ms. Smith-Wright had mentioned Mr. Terrence Owens from Hutto ISD.

A motion was made by Josie Smith-Wright, with a second from Gloria Torres, to endorse Terrence Owens from Hutto ISD to serve on the Board of Directors, Region 13, position C for the Texas Association of School Boards as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

**Item #5 Reports:**

**A. Financial Report**

Ms. Smith spoke on several items including an update on the PreK Tuition, an update on the Annual Financial Audit, Going Cashless, and IMA Funding Slashed. The CFO also shared a copy of the financial report.

There were no questions or comments to address.

**B. Superintendent Reports**

1. HB 4545 Report

Mr. Schumacher introduced Mr. Basha, HS Principal, Ms. Ramirez, Jr. High Principal, and Ms. Nerada, North Ave Principal to present the HB4545 Report.

2. Campus Dress Code

Mr. Basha, HS Principal gave the Board a brief report on the possible changes to the dress code for the coming year. There were some comments and questions regarding the new changes to the dress code.

**Item #6 Board Business**

Board Correspondence: None

Dates of Interest

Month of August	
Aug. 2-4	New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 5	Convocation JB Wells – 9 am- Thomas Williams speaker
Aug. 5-18	Staff Development
Aug. 9	Regular Brd Mtg
Aug. 12	Methodist Church Luncheon

Aug. 13	Vendor Fair/Breakfast
Aug. 16	Budget Workshop
Aug. 19	First Day of School
Aug. 23	Budget Adoption

**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, July 12, 2021, at 7:04 P.M. for personnel matters and returned to the open session at 8:36 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to increase the Superintendent's contract by 2% for an annual salary of \$183,855 with no other changes in dates or terms. The motion carried 7/0.

**Item #8 Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 8:37 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President  
Board of Trustees



Sue Gottwald, Secretary  
Board of Trustees