

Minutes
Monday, August 28, 2023
Special 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
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, August 28, 2023, 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

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

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

Item #4: New Business/Action Items:

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

1. Budget Amendments

Amanda Smith reviewed the budget amendments to move existing budget between various functions at fiscal year end for the General Operating Fund and Food Service Fund.

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

The motion carried 7/0.

B. **Discuss and Consider Action to Adopt the 2023-2024 Budget**

Amanda Smith presented to the board the 2023-2024 Budget for the General Fund, Food Service Fund and the Debt Service Fund. Each of the three budgets must be adopted separately.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to adopt the General Fund budget, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to adopt the Food Service budget, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden to adopt the Debt Service Fund budget, as presented.

The motion carried 7/0.

C. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Ordinance to Set the Tax Rate for the Tax Year 2023**

Amanda Smith came to the board seeking approval for the Ordinance to Set the Tax Rate for the Tax Year 2023. The required notice was published in the newspaper on August 17, 2023.

The Tax Code requires the tax rate be set by an ordinance, resolution, or order. The ordinance must be read and a record vote recorded in the meeting minutes.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to move the property tax rate be adopted at a rate of \$0.8247. This tax rate is comprised of \$0.7331 for the purpose of funding maintenance and operation expenditures and \$0.0916 to service the district's debt.

The motion carried 7/0

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 5:41 P.M.

Item #8 Reconvene to Open Meeting:

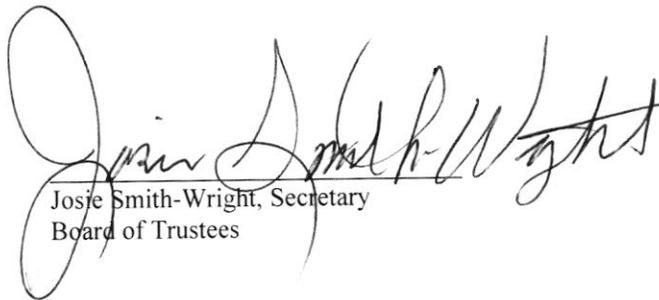
The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in the Closed Session. The board returned to an open session at 6:12 P.M.

Item #9 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 6:13 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees



Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
Board of Trustees