

**Minutes**  
**Monday, May 13, 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  
Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary  
D'Anna Robinson  
Gloria Torres  
Naomi Brown

**Board Member Absent:** Ashley Molina

**Item #1. Call to Order**

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, May 13, 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.

**Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement**

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

**Item #2: Public Comments:** We had one public comment. Caitlin McNeil spoke to the board about the possibility of homeschool participation in UIL activities.

**Item#3: Recognitions:**

Recognitions were presented by Veronica Johannsen, Chief of Communications and Safety, and Joey Rivera, Athletic Director.

Ms. Johannsen presented the Student Recognitions and Staff Recognitions. Coach Rivera recognized the AHSCA Academic All State Recipients. Jennifer Sampleton and Coach Harris presented the board with Apache Olympics t-shirts and invited the board members to cheer for the students.

**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 4 and District 7**

Dr. A, GISD Superintendent of Schools, and Maggie Holub, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, presented to the board the canvassing results from the May 4, 2024 General Election submitted by Gwen Schafer, The Gonzales County Elections Administrator. Under Texas Election Code, Section 67.003, the board is required to canvass and certify the official election results of the General Election no later than the eleventh day after the May 4, 2024, General Election. Ms. Holub made the board aware of the ballot by mail tally from 1 to 2 on the documents submitted through BoardBook.

D'Anna Robinson made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden to approve the canvass of returns and approve the Order Declaring Results of the Gonzales ISD Trustee Election on May 4, 2024, as presented.

The motion carried 6/0.

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

Dr. A presented the action to Administer the Certificate of Election and Statement of Elected Officer.

GISD School Board Policy BBB (legal) States: "A certificate of election shall be issued to each elected candidate". "Newly elected and appointe43d 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 record of the office."

Based on this requirement, Maggie Holub presented Josie Smith-Wright, District 4 and Naomi A. Brown, District 7 elected officers with a Certificate of Election, and each signed the Statement of Officer form provided by the Secretary of State's Office.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden to approve the recommendation that the Certificate of Election be presented to Josie Smith-Wright, District 4 and Naomi A. Brown, District 7, 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**

Dr. A presented to the board the action 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."

Maggie Holub, Notary public, administered the Oath of Office to serve as Gonzales ISD School Board Trustees to, Josie Smith-Wright, District 4 and Naomi A. Brown, District 7.

D'Anna Robinson made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch that the Oath of Office be administered to Josie Smith-Wright, District 4 and Naomi A. Brown, District 5 7 by a Notary Public as presented.

The motion carried 6/0.

**\*\* Mrs. Brown took her seat at the board member for District 7 at 6 p.m.\*\***

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

Dr. A presented to the board, Board Policy BDAA (legal) which states:

"At the first meeting after each election and qualification of Board members, the members of the Board shall organize by selecting:

1. A president, who shall be a member of the Board.
2. A secretary, who may or may not be a member of the Board.
3. Such other officers and committees as the Board may deem necessary.

Based on this policy, the Board may choose to elect officers.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from D'Anna Robinson that the board accept the newly elected officers to serve as officers for the Gonzales ISD School Board.

Board President: Ross Hendershot III  
Board Vice President: Justin Schwausch  
Secretary: Josie Smith-Wright

The motion carried 6/0.

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

1. Budget Amendments
2. Minutes: April 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and April 22, 2024, Special Board Meeting

Dr. A reviewed the budget amendments to the food service fund with the board. They were as follows:

- \$85,000 Local Foods for Schools Grant Funding to support purchases of Texas-sourced unprocessed or minimally processed foods.
- \$7,300 No Kid Hungry Grant Funding to support purchases for the “breakfast in the classroom” program at Gonzales Elementary.
- \$448 due to state funds being received in excess of budgeted amount.
- \$63,000 to cover the summer feeding food service program(s) (due to the program we’re operating this year, the financials are recorded in the primary food service account rather than a separate account as has been done in the prior years).

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

The motion carried 6/0.

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

Dr. A presented the action item to the board to name a Delegate/Delegate Alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly.

The annual Texas Association of School Boards’ Delegate Assembly, held in conjunction with the TASB/TASA Convention to be held in San Antonio, Texas. The foundation of the Association’s governance structure provides critical direction as the Association represents members’ interests before state and national policymakers. Each member school district is asked to name a delegate and delegate alternate through school board action. The delegate(s) will represent the views of the school board at the delegate assembly.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres to accept Josie Smith-Wright as the Delegate and D’Anna Robinson as the Delegate Alternate to the 2024-2025 TASB Delegate Assembly.

The motion carried 6/0.

G. **Discuss and Consider Action to Appoint Crystal Cedillo, Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector, as the individual to Calculate and Prepare the 2024 No-New Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates for the Gonzales ISD**

Dr. A recommended to the board to appoint Crystal Cedillo, Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector, as the individual to calculate and prepare the rates for Gonzales ISD.

The law requires all taxing entities to specify the person responsible for calculating the no-new-revenue and voter-approval tax rates.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch to appoint Crystal Cedillo as the individual to calculate and prepare the 2024 No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates for Gonzales, ISD as presented.

The motion carried 6/0

H. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve an Order Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Gonzales Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024; Levying a Tax and Providing for the Security and Payment of Such Bonds; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating Thereto**

Dr. A introduced Mr. John Robuck, the district’s financial advisor with BOK Financial Securities, to present & seek the board’s approval of the results of the bond sale associated with the November 2023 school building bond election.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres to approve the Order Authorizing the Issuance, sale and delivery of Gonzales Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024; levying a tax and providing for the security and payment of such bonds; and enacting other provisions relating thereto, as presented.

The motion carried 6/0.

I. **Discuss and Consider Action on an Amended Resolution Declaring Intention to Reimburse Project Expenditures and Associated Budget Amendment**

Mr. John Robuck came to the board seeking approval to amend the Reimbursement Resolution by \$2,000,000 before the district receives the bond proceeds on June 11, 2024.

At the December meeting, the Board approved a resolution that allowed administration to move forward with committing the district to up to \$5,000,000 of bond-related projects prior to receiving the proceeds from the bond sale.

The bond program management team has been successful in securing the ability to move forward with projects valued at more than \$5,000,000; however, additional authorization from the board is necessary to move forward with projects at the current pace.

Administration recommends that the board authorize an additional \$2,000,000 for a total of \$7,000,000. Doing so will allow the board to consider the roofing and paving agenda items on today's agenda in a legally compliant manner. Budget would be amended to cover the value of the projects, as needed, up to the maximum amount authorized by the board.

Bond proceeds are scheduled to be received on June 11, 2024 with payments going out to vendors after that date. Therefore, the district does not anticipate needing access to the associated general fund cash. This is strictly a paperwork item that covers the district in the event funds are not received on schedule.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to approve the amendment to the resolution and associated budget amendment, as presented.

The motion carried 6/0.

J. **Discuss and Consider Action on an Interlocal Agreement with Education Service Center Region 10 to allow Gonzales ISD to Participate in ESC Region 10 Sponsored Purchasing Cooperatives**

Presleigh Zella, Financial Operation Specialist, presented to the board the Interlocal Agreement with Education Service Center Region 10 that would allow the district to utilize their associated purchasing cooperatives.

GISD is primarily interested in using Equalis which Region 10 works with. Later in the agenda, the board will be asked to consider approving two purchases utilizing this purchasing co-op, if approved.

Cooperatives allow governmental entities to procure goods and services in a more efficient manner.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from D'Anna Robinson to approve the interlocal agreement, as presented.

The motion carried 6/0,

K. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve roofing repairs and improvements for the 2023 Bond Program**

Casey Sledge with Sledge Engineering and the Region 13 Bond Program Management team, presented to the board the campus pricing and Scope for roof repairs per campus requested through RoofConnect.

Mr. Sledge explained that pricing was received for multiple campuses. Repair options were proposed and evaluated for each building considered. Staff further considered the future life-cycle plans of certain buildings to ensure the cost-effectiveness with this investment. All repair work considered includes manufacturer and workmanship warranties. Work can begin June 2024 and will be expected to continue into Fall 2024. Final completion of each campus will be scheduled prior to work beginning.

GHS, GJHS, GNA, EAC and GES are the campuses getting roof repairs.

Campus	Cost	Scope Summary
GHS	\$2,618,704	Re-roof w TPO; clean slate tiles
JHS	\$126,822	Replace ends metal panels; repairs
GNA	\$557,762	Re-roof with TPO; coating & repairs
EAC	\$1,757,687	New roof over old with TPO; repairs
GES	\$259,498	New coating & membrane; repairs
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,320,473</b>	

The total amount gives allowances for any bad decking replacement. Mr. Sledge anticipates that we will finish under the total amount listed. From the bond election we had \$28 million allocated for maintenance repairs on all campuses.

The TASB report listed roof repairs at GHS and GJHS, but not at GNA, EAC, or GES; however, staff feels the room repairs at these campuses are warranted. GPA and OMT campus roofs do not need roof repairs to this level and will continue to be monitored by staff. This total pricing is approximately \$1M over the original budget items for Roofing but included the addition of GNA, EAC, and GES campuses. The 3 added campuses result in \$2.5M worth of roofing repairs for the \$1M. The bond program budget contained escalation and contingencies that more than cover the addition.

This item will be funded from 2023 Bond Program and will utilize the Region 10/Equalis Purchasing Cooperative if awarded.

Mr. Schwausch asked about warranty. The warranty for workmanship and materials generally 20 year or better(labor). Workmanship is a 1or 2 year warranty (labor itself).

Ms. Smith-Wright asked if high school would be first on the list. Mr. Sledge response was that they would get together and make a schedule.

Dr. A asked if we could prioritize high school to number 1.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to approve the roof repairs and improvements in the amount of \$5,320,473 as presented and authorize the superintendent to negotiate the final terms of the agreement.

The motion carried 6/0

#### **L. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Paving Repairs and Improvements for the 2023 Bond Program**

Paving evaluations and inspections were completed and pricing was requested from PaveConnect, a national paving service company. Repair options were proposed and evaluated for each campus considered. Work can begin June 2024 and will be completed by August 2024 if Awarded.

Paving work would be done on parking lots and drives and curbs on all campuses. The pricing was the higher and better more improved pricing for the best thing on campuses. The pricing from PaveConnect was good pricing. The recommendation is to do paving work as recommended by TASB and more for every campus including Maintenance and Operations.

- Re-striping included at all campuses listed
- 5% discount can be applied if all projects are Awarded due to mobilization and general condition savings
- Includes 5% Allowance for unforeseen repairs or quantity adjustments made in the field. ISD will control this expenditure.
- Schedule of Value pricing is presented with quantities for various pavement items. Final payment will be based on final quantities installed

Campus	Cost	Scope Summary
GHS	\$351,164	Full depth repairs; HMAC overlay; seal coat
JHS	\$24,856	HMAC level up; seal coat
GNA	\$135,029	HMAC overlay
EAC	\$204,113	New roof over old with TPO; repairs
GPA	\$15,445	Seal coat
OMT	\$141,435	HMAC level up; seal coat
GES	\$84,106	HMAC overlay
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$956,149.10</b>	

\*Error under EAC no new roof over old with TPO it should say HMAC overlay with seal coat and a new curb\*\*

GPA is not getting new pavement because that campus is in good shape compared to other campuses.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to approve the paving repairs and improvements in the amount of \$956,149.10 as presented and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the final terms of the agreement.

The motion carried 6/0

#### **Item#5 Reports:**

##### **A. Superintendent Reports**

Presented by Superintendent, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda

Staff remember have reached out to Dr. A to thank the board members for being involved at events and in the community.

##### **B. 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update**

Casey Sledge, ESC 13/Sledge Engineering provided the Board with a monthly update for the 2023 approved Bond Program.

#### **Item#6 Board Business:**

**Board Correspondence:** Thank you letter from the Chamber Team.

#### **Dates of Interest:**

May 14, 2024	Athletic Banquet 6-8pm JB Wells 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Awards
May 15, 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards
May 16, 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade In-House UIL Meet GJHS Field Day Apache Olympics 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards
May 17, 2024	Staff Development/Student Holiday
May 18, 2024	National Speech Pathologist Day
May 20, 2024	Senior Walk Scholarship Night @GJHS 6-7:30 GE Awards (details to come soon)
May 21, 2024	Pre-K Grad 1:00-2:00pm Kinder Grad 9am GE Awards (details to come soon) 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards 10-11am 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards 1-2pm



	GHS Senior Olympics
May 22, 2024	Pre-K Grad 1:00-2:00pm Kinder Grad 9am Senior Awards Day
May 23, 2024	Early Release/Last Day of School
May 24, 2024	Graduation Day/Teacher Work Day
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day/District Closed
June 12-15, 2024	SLI

**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 6:43 P.M.

Ashley Molina arrived at 7:03 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 7:42 P.M.

**Item #9 Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President  
Board of Trustees



Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary  
Board of Trustees