

Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2024
Special Board Meeting at 12:00 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
Ashley Molina
Naomi A. Brown

Board Member Absent: D'Anna Robinson
Gloria Torres

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, May 20, 2024, at the Administrative Office Board Room, Gonzales, Texas. President, Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

A quorum was declared with 5 members present.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Justin Schwausch gave the Invocation, Naomi A. Brown led the Pledge to the Flag, and Ashley Molina read the Mission Statement.

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

Item #3: New Business/Action Items:

A. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Apache Stadium Renovations and Associated Budget Amendment**

Mr. Gene Kridler, GISD Executive Director of Operations, presented the action to consider approval for field renovations and associated budget amendment for this action.

Field evaluations were completed and pricing was received from Texas Multi—Chem to improve the safety, maintenance, and playability of the natural grass at Apache Stadium. Work can begin June 2024 and is expected to be completed in August 2024 if awarded and approved.

The two options for sod were: Option 1 for \$498,400 and Option 2 \$348,000. The difference in the pricing is the amount of topsoil that would be put on the field. One option is to cover from the South fence to the North fence. Option 2 is to cover it 10 foot from the end line.

Dr. A asked what the time line would be to begin and end the work. Work can begin June 2024 and is expected to be completed in August 2024 if Awarded approval.

The grass will be in big rolls and rolled on the field. The sprinkler system will also be replaced in this process.

Josie Smith-Wright what type of grass and Mr. Kridler stated it will be a type of Bermuda that does well with the heat. The grass will be provided by the King Ranch.

Dr. A asked Mr. Kridler to explain the difference in the dirt amount and the importance.

- The large amount is for 3,000 tons
 - The smaller amount is for about 1,040 tons
- The difference is how far they will cover on the outside of the playing field.

Dr. A explained and emphasized that the funding will be provided by the general fund balance if approved and not bond money.

Dr. A stated that we have a healthy fund balance of \$17million.

The inquirer asked if he could ask a question and was turned down by Dr. A.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch to approve the stadium field renovations in the amount of \$498,400 as presented and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the final terms of the agreement.

The motion carried 5/0.

B. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Purchase of Fencing to be Installed Districtwide

Erin Lindemann-LaBuhn, GISD Executive Director of State and Federal Programs, presented to the board a proposal for fencing options.

As a component of the TEA School Safety Compliance Requirements (19 TAC 61.1031), Gonzales ISD has procured a quote from Foster Fencing (through BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative) in order to install TEA approved safety fencing on all campuses and around additional facilities such as Apache Field.

This purchase requires board action since the total cost exceeds \$75,000.

The cost of this purchase has been allocated in the Safety and Facilities Enhancement Grant (SAFE), Cycle 2, and the SAFE Grant, Cycle 1. If approved, the goal is for this project to begin this summer.

The total for all fencing would be \$876,260. We received grant money totaling \$956,741. \$137,644.18 of that grant money was used to purchase Cell Boosters. The remaining amount of Grant money is \$819,096.82. Leaving a difference of \$57,163.18 that administration recommends be funded with bond money.

Dr. A responded to a question from President Hendershot and confirmed that, if approved, this project will conclude all fencing needed at GISD.

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

The motion carried 5/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action on Board Policy EHBG

Amanda Smith, GISD Chief Financial Officer, came to the board seeking approval of the revised local policy EHBG.

Board policy EHBG (Local) outlines the tuition-supported prekindergarten program. The reason for the action is to align paperwork with the district practice.

Naomi Brown made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright to approve policy EHBG, as presented.

The motion carried 5/0

D. Discuss and Consider Action on Purchase of Promethean Boards

Amanda Smith went to the board seeking approval of the purchase of Promethean boards.

The district has been working for a few years to phase in equipment replacement. The Jr. High campus is the only campus left to do this. If approved, the Jr. High campus will receive 40 Promethean Active panel. This would complete the district's equipment purchase and installation of Promethean Boards across all campuses.

The purchase utilized the TIPS purchasing cooperative.


Board Policy CH (Local) requires the board to approve all purchases in excess of \$75,000 before a purchase order can be issued to the vendor.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch to approve the purchase, as presented.

The motion carried 5/0

Item #4 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 12:16 P.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Hendershot', written over a horizontal line.

Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Josie Smith-Wright', written over a horizontal line.

Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
Board of Trustees