

Minutes
Thursday, May 27, 2021
Special Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
North Ave. Band Hall, 1032 St Joseph St
Gonzales, Texas

Board Members Present: Ross Hendershot, III President
Justin Schwausch, Vice President
Glenn Menking
Gloria Torres

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Thursday, May 27, 2021, at the North Ave., Band Hall., 1032 St Joseph, Gonzales Texas. President Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

A quorum was declared with four members present. The meeting started at 6:31 pm.

Board Member Absent: Sue Gottwald, Josie Smith Wright, and Sandra Gorden

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Gloria Torres gave the Invocation, Glenn Menking the Pledge to the Flag and Justin Schwausch read the Mission Statement.

Item #2 Public Comments: No public comments

Item #3 Recognitions: Ms. Trojcak asked if the Board would mind waiting for a moment as one of the young ladies to be recognized had not arrived yet. However, with the wait, Ms. Trojcak did recognize the Staff for the great job they were doing with the move.

Superintendent John Schumacher asked Ms. Robin Trojcak to present the recognitions for the month. Ms. Trojcak informed the Board that this week the district wanted to recognize Deissy Hernandez and Arabella Reyna. Both young ladies placed in UIL. Ms. Deissy Hernandez won the UIL State Champion Award for Division One State Design and Ms. Arabella Reyna was awarded the Silver Medal for the full-color Rendering of Cervantes and Don Quixote. Both young ladies received a certificate and a medal.

Item #4 New Businesses:

A. Discuss and Consider Action to Appoint & Charge the additional Members to the TASB Long Range Facilities Committee

Mr. Kridler, Director of Operations, and Ms. Robin Trojcak, Public Relations Officer explained to the Board that there had been some additions to the list of Long-Range Facilities Committee since last month's Board Meeting. They also shared information regarding the next meeting to take place.

A motion was made by Justin Schwausch, with a second from Glenn Menking, to appoint the recommended additional members to the facilities committee as presented. The motion carried 4/0.

B. Discuss and Consider Action to Adopt the Updated Calendar for the 2021-2022 School Calendar.

Ms. Sarah Gottwald explained the current circumstances regarding the update to the calendar. The Board received a revised calendar and a report showing the changes that occurred. The Board was asked to adopt the updated calendar for the 2021-22 school year.

A motion was made by Glenn Menking with a second from Justin Schwausch to adopt the updated calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion carried 4/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to Update PPE Safety Protocol Rules.

Mr. Schumacher explained to the Board that the new Executive Order from the Governor stating that no public schools or government entities would be allowed to require masks. The Superintendent asked the Board to approve the removal of mask-wearing. The Board President also stated that it would be left up to the individual whether they wanted to wear a mask or not.

A motion was made by Glenn Menking, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the removal of mask-wearing as presented. The motion carried 4/0.

D. Discuss and Consider Action to Select the Procurement Method Providing the Best Value for the Districts Practice Field Turf & Lighting Project and to Authorize the Superintendent or his Designee to take all Action for Procurement.

Ms. Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer, explained to the Board the need to determine the project delivery/contract award method that would provide the best value for the district. CFO mentioned that according to CV(local) and the anticipated value at or above 50,000, the Board was required to determine the project delivery/contract award method that would provide the best value for the district. It was asked that the Board select the competitive sealed proposals as the best value for the practice field turf and lighting project. There were a few comments and questions that were addressed.

A motion was made by Justin Schwausch, with a second from Gloria Torres to select the Competitive Sealed Proposals as the Best Value for the practice field turf and lighting project and authorize the superintendent or his designee to take all action for procurement and according to the statute as presented. The motion carried 4/0.

E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve an Engineering Contract for the Gonzales High School Practice Field Turf and Lighting Project.

Mr. Kridler gave a brief description of what took place with this contract. After a few questions, it was decided that there would be no action taken at this time until after the closed session. The Board has asked to get more information on this item before a motion is made. They will come back after the closed session to make a motion.

The Board came out of the closed session at 8:15 pm and made a motion to this item.

A motion was made by Justin Schwausch, with a second by Gloria Torres, to approve the contract with PBK Architects, Inc., as presented. The motion carried 4/0.

F. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve a Purchase for Roof Repair on the Junior high School and Budget Amendment.

Mr. Kridler, Director of Operations, shared with the Board the need to repair the roof over the auditorium at the Junior High School. Ms. Amanda Smith, CFO, was there to answer any questions regarding the budget amendment that was being presented for this project. After a brief discussion, with the questions and comments, a motion was made.

A motion was made by Justin Schwausch, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the purchase and budget amendment as presented. The motion carried 4/0.

At this time the Board went back to Recognitions item #3.

Item #5. Reports

PreK Report: Ms. Robin Trojcak introduced Ms. Michelle Turek the new GPA Principal. Ms. Turek gave a brief presentation with a report on the upcoming PreK program that will be offered for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. There were a few questions and comments that were addressed.

Item #6 Personnel Matters/Closed Session

The Board went into closed session at 6:57 P.M. The Board returned to open session at 8:06 P.M.

Mr. Schumacher reported on the following reassignments:

Wendy Cox, the previous title Interim Principal of GHS. Ms. Cox will be reassigned as the new CCMR-(College Career Military Readiness Coordinator).

Amanda Fullilove, previous title Secondary Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Ms. Fullilove will be reassigned as the Director of Accountability and Strategic Planning.

Tessa Cain, the previous title Elementary Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Ms. Cain will be reassigned as the Director of Math K-12.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the next two reassignments would need to be approved by the Board.

Sarah Gottwald, previous title, Coordinator of Federal Programs and PEIMS. Ms. Gottwald will have a title change to Director of Federal Programs and PEIMS (Public Education Information Management System).

Ms. Robin Trojcak, previous title, Director of Public Relations. Ms. Trojcak will have a title change to Assistant Superintendent. Although Ms. Trojcak will receive the title change to Asst. Superintendent, she will also continue with the responsibilities of the Director of Public Relations.

A motion was made by Mr. Menking, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the title change for Sarah Gottwald from Coordinator of Federal Programs and PEIMS to Director of Federal Programs and PEIMS. The motion carried 4/0.

A motion was made by Mr. Menking, with a second from Ross Hendershot, III, to approve the reassignment for Robin Trojcak from Director of Public Relations to Assistant Superintendent. The motion carried 4/0.


Ms. Amanda Smith, CFO, informed the Board of the BA brought to the Board. There are two BA's. The first one is to take care of the action items just taken with the restructuring/reassignments, and the other is to increase function 41. The second BA will be used to cover the cost of new furniture needed for the Administration office space and the Professional Development room.

A motion was made by Glenn Menking, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the BA's as presented. The motion carried 4/0.


Item #8 Adjourn

There was a motion by Glenn Menking, with a second by Justin Schwausch to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.



Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees



Sue Gottwald, Secretary
Board of Trustees