

**Minutes**  
**Monday, June 13, 2022**  
**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  
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, June 13, 2022, 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, Josie Smith-Wright led the Pledge to the Flag, and Gloria Torres read the Mission Statement.

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

**Item#3: Recognitions:** Student Recognitions- Soloist Receive 1's at UIL State Competition  
Brianna Torres (Marimba) and Ava Medellin (Twirling)

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

Moved up Item 7 Executive session before the new business and action items were discussed.

The Board adjourned into a closed session at 5:32 P.M. The Board returned to the open session at 5:35 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion with a second from Justin Schwausch to approve the employment of the new Superintendent, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda as discussed in the closed session. The motion carried 7/0.

Sue Gottwald made a motion with a second from Glenn Menking to approve the title change of Associate Principal of Curriculum and Instruction to Academic Dean at Gonzales High School. The motion carried 7/0.

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

1. Minutes: May 2, 2022, Regular Meeting, May 9, 2022, Special Meetings, May 11, 2022, Canvassing Meeting, May 11, 2022, Special Meeting, May 12, 2022, Special Meeting, and May 18, 2022, Special Meeting.

2. Budget Amendments:

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Kim Strozier, shared information with the board regarding the Consent Agenda and the Budget Amendments.

There were no questions or comments.

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

B. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve of Offer to Employ New Gonzales ISD Superintendent**

This item took place in a closed session. After the closed session a motion was made.

Sue Gottwald made a motion with a second from Justin Schwausch to approve the employment of the new Superintendent, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda as discussed in the closed session. The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Representative for the Lone Star Investment Pool

Dr. Strozier, Interim Superintendent, informed the Board that with the upcoming personnel changes for the superintendent position there was a need to update the authorized representatives at the district's investment pools. This shift could only be made by the board and is done by approving the resolution. The only change made by the resolution is to add the newly hired superintendent. This would be effective on the first day of the new superintendent's employment.

There were no comments or questions.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to pass and approve the authorized representative add form, as presented for the Lonestar Investment Pool. The motion carried 7/0

D. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve Representative for TexPool/TexPool Prime Investment Pool.

Interim Superintendent, Kim Strozier, shared with the Board that the personnel change brings a need to update the authorized representatives at the district's TexPool/TexPool Prime investment pools. The shift can only be granted by the board approving the resolution in this action item.

There were no questions or comments to be addressed.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to pass and approve the resolution amending authorized representatives, as presented for the TexPool. The motion carried 7/0.

E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve Memorandum of understanding with Victoria County Junior College for the Dual Credit Program

Dr. Strozier shared the information regarding the changes in the MOU and the advantages for the GISD students.

There were a few questions and comments that were addressed.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Victoria College, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

F. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas at Austin for the 2022-2023 OnRamps Program.

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Kim Strozier, explained to the Board the contract agreement from UT which gives the students the ability to earn credits for college entry. It was recommended by the administration to continue the OnRamps higher education program with UT.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas at Austin for the 2022-2023 OnRamps Program, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

G. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Purchase of HVAC Equipment

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Kim Strozier, informed the Board that to ensure the district secures the products currently in stock and gets the order in the queue for the ones backordered, the administration recommended the board approve the purchase of the items pending legal approval of the terms and conditions.

No questions or comments.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to Approve the Purchase of HVAC Equipment pending legal approval, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

H. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve a Lease Agreement for Copiers and Associated Budget Amendments.

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Kim Strozier, informed the Board that the district had reached the end of its existing lease agreement for the majority of its copy machines. The administration recommended a two-phase approach to replacement. Phase 1 will be presented for consideration at this time, with Phase 2 estimated for February 2023. To ensure the district can get the order in the queue, the administration recommends the board approve the purchase of the items pending legal approval of terms and conditions.

There were a few questions and concerns that were addressed by the Technology Director.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the Lease Agreement for Copiers and Associated Budget Amendments, pending legal approval, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

**Item#5 Reports:**

A. Financial Investment Report and 2022-23 Budget Workshop

Amanda Smith, CFO, shared the 2022-23 budget development information with the board. She also shared reports with the board regarding the financial report for June 2022. This report included the Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance as of April 30, 2022. She also shared the Monthly Expenditure Level Comparison, and Monthly Statement of Ad Valorem Collections for April 2022, April 2021, and April 2020.

B. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported on the student enrollment and attendance rate updates with the financial report.

**Item#6 Board Business**

Board Correspondent: None

Month of June	
June 13, 2022	Board Meeting
June 15-June 18, 2022	Summer Leadership - SA
June 20, 2022	Special Board Meeting 5:30pm
June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022	Superintendent Reception@ HS Student Center 5:30pm-7pm
June 27, 2022	Board Training 5pm-8pm

**Item #7 Adjourn to Closed Session:**

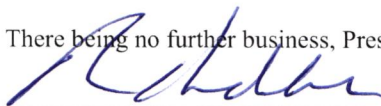
Under Texas Government Section [551.071](#) (Consultation with Attorney), Code Section [551.072](#) (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), [551.73](#) Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift, Texas Government Code Section [551.074](#), (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, 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.

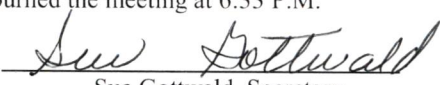
The Board adjourned into a closed session at the beginning of the board meeting. Please see above.

It was noted that the board would be accepting the resignation of Dr. Kim Strozier, Interim Superintendent, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, as the new Superintendent would be starting on the following Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Item #8 Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Hendershot, III adjourned the meeting at 6:33 P.M.

  
Ross Hendershot, III President  
Board of Trustees

  
Sue Gottwald, Secretary  
Board of Trustees