

## Special Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 5:00 PM

GISD Administrative Board Room, 1615 St Lawrence St., P O Box 157, Gonzales, Texas 78629

1. Call to Order	<b>Presenter:</b> Board President
1.A. Roll Call	<b>Presenter:</b> Board President
1.B. Invocation:	<b>Presenter:</b> Justin Schwausch
1.C. Pledge:	<b>Presenter:</b> Sandra Gorden
1.D. Mission Statement:	<b>Presenter:</b> Josie Smith-Wright
2. Public Comments	<b>Presenter:</b> Board President
3. New Business/Action Items	
3.A. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve The Gonzales ISD District of Innovation Plan Amendment	<b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Supt.; Amanda Fullilove, Executive Director of Innovation, School Improvement, and Strategic Initiatives
3.B. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve an Order Authorizing the Defeasance and Redemption of a Portion of the District's Outstanding Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015A, Approving an Escrow Agreement and Providing for Other Matters and Procedures Related Thereto	<b>Presenter:</b> Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools
3.C. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve an Order Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Gonzales Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2023; Authorizing a Pricing Officer to Approve the Amount, the Interest Rates, Price, Redemption Provisions and Terms Thereof; and Containing Matters Related Thereto	<b>Presenter:</b> Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools
4. Reports	
4.A. TASB Facility Recommendations	<b>Presenter:</b> Gene Kridler, Director of Operations
5. Adjourn to Closed session: Under Texas Government Code Chapter 551, The board will recess this open session and convene in a closed meeting to discuss items on the agenda. The board may conveniently meet in such a closed or executive session or meeting, concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Texas Government Code Chapter 551:	<b>Presenter:</b> Board President
5.A. Resignations	

5.B. New Positions

5.C. New Hires

6. **Reconvene to Open Meeting: The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session** **Presenter:** Board President

7. **Adjourn**



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**SUBJECT:** Public Comments

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

The next item on the agenda is public comment. Before we begin, I will remind our audience members of the Board's procedures for handling public comments. The public comment portion of our meeting is available to members of the public who wish to address a meeting item on tonight's agenda or other matter pertaining to Gonzales ISD.

Anyone who wants to speak during public comment must sign in before the start of the meeting and list the agenda item they want to discuss. Each public comment speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to address the Board. If necessary for effective meeting management, or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, we may shorten the time for each individual wishing to present comments. The public comment portion of the meeting will allow all speakers who have signed up before the start of the meeting to address the Board regarding an item on tonight's agenda. Persons requiring a translator will be given additional time.

Please keep your comments or criticisms civil and courteous. Please also avoid using profanity during your opportunity to speak. Last, we ask that you not discuss students who are not your child.

If a speaker is seeking Board resolution of a specific complaint, that concern should be addressed through the District's grievance process. District policy DGBA has been established for addressing employee complaints, policy FNG is the avenue for filing parent complaints, and policy GF address community member complaints. Grievance forms can be obtained at any campus administration office, or in the central administration offices.



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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve The Gonzales ISD District of Innovation Plan Amendment

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent; Amanda Fullilove, Executive Director of Innovation, School Improvement, and Strategic Initiatives

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Gonzales ISD administration is seeking approval of an amendment to the GISD District of Innovation plan. This amendment removes the stipulation that uncertified individuals hired for a teaching position receive state-based pay. Administration is proposing two options to the locally developed compensation procedure: Option 1 is a \$5,000 increase to state-based pay and Option 2 is a \$7,000 increase to state-based pay.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the Board of Trustees approve Option\_\_\_\_ and the amendment to the District of Innovation plan as presented."*



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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve an Order Authorizing the Defeasance and Redemption of a Portion of the District's Outstanding Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015A, Approving an Escrow Agreement and Providing for Other Matters and Procedures Related Thereto

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Administration recommends authorizing a defeasance (i.e. pay down a portion of debt ahead of the original schedule) for tax rate management and stability and interest cost savings.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the board approve the order authorizing the defeasance and redemption of a portion of the district's outstanding bonds and approve an escrow agreement and other related matters, as presented."*



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**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The district has an opportunity to refund a portion of its 2014 bonds at a lower interest rate to save on interest costs over the life of the bond. The refunded bonds will be named the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2023.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the board approve the order authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of the refunding bonds, authorize a pricing officer to approve the interest rates, price, redemption provisions, terms and related matters, as presented."*



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## REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** TASB Facility Recommendations

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Gene Kridler, Director of Operations

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** n/a

**SAMPLE MOTION:** n/a





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**Adjourn to Closed Session**  
Under Texas Government Code Chapter 551

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Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney;

Section 551.072: Deliberation Regarding Real Property;

Section 551.073: Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift;

Section 551.074: Personnel Matters; Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Closed Meeting.

Section 551.076: Deliberation Regarding Security Devices;

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.

No voting will take place in the closed meeting. Any action the board wishes to take as a result of discussions in a closed session will take place after the board reconvenes in an open meeting. Today's date is \_\_\_\_\_ and it is \_\_\_\_\_ p.m./am

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Personnel Matters

Personnel matters are as follows:

- A. Resignations
- B. New Positions
- C. New Hires



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