

Minutes
Monday, July 22, 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-came in at 12:10
Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
Ashley Molina
Gloria Torres
Naomi Brown

Board Member Absent: D'Anna Robinson

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, July 22, 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 6 members present.

Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

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

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

Item #3: New Business/Action Items:

A. **Discuss and Consider Action on Proposed Budget Amendments**

Amanda Smith, GISD Chief Financial Officer, requested the board approve a budget amendment to the General Fund, within the existing budget, to cover the costs of the ADA ramps project at Apache Stadium: \$64,600 from Function 11 to Function 81.

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

The motion carried 6/0.

B. **Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Schematic Design for CTE Building and Ag Barn as part of the 2023 Bond Program**

Schematic Design approval of the Career & Technology Education Building and Ag Barn is required from the board per VLK's Agreement with the District. Schematic Design includes building size, building floorplan, and preliminary site layout. After Schematic Design is approved, the next phase is Design Development where details of interior layout, door locations, window locations, and finishes will be developed. GISD staff and administration have been involved in the design to ensure the appropriate scope has been considered. The design as presented to the Board on July 8, 2024 included 30,057 square feet for the CTE Building, an additional 4,446 square feet of Auto Tech space, and 4,392 square feet for the Ag Barn.

After hearing comments from the Board and staff earlier in July, VLK Architects updated the design to include more space efficiencies while maintaining all planned programs.

There is no direct cost associated with the approval of this item. This project will be competitively bid by Weaver & Jacobs and brought to the Board for consideration before construction.

Casey Sledge stated that VLK was able to maintain all of the programs (not delete any programs) and they were able to remove some square footage which lowered the cost estimate. He estimates the new design presented to be about \$600,000 under budget, if approved by the board.

Chris Moore from VLK stated that they were able to take off about 3,000 sq ft from the previous design which makes the new design more efficient. About 2,000 sq ft was taken off the first floor alone.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres to approve the Schematic Design of the CTE Building and Ag Barn as part of the 2023 Bond Program.

The motion carried 6/0.

Item #4 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 12:15 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III, President
Board of Trustees



Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary
Board of Trustees