# Regular Meeting Of the Board of Trustees - 5:30 PM Monday, April 11, 2022

# Location of Meeting: Administration Office, Board Room 1615 St Louis Street P O Box 157 Gonzales, Texas 78629

# **VISION**

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Gonzales Independent School District is committed to a spirit of excellence in caring service and partnerships that equip students for continuous learning supporting resilience in achieving personal aspiration, and compassionate and dynamic citizenship in an ever

changing world.

NOTE: Any of these items, where appropriate, may become an action at Board discretion. The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows: (Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.)

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will conduct Subchapters	the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board to a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, so D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.	
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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 comment. 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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#### RECOGNITION

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Kim Strozier, Interim Superintendent of Schools and Robin Trojcak, Executive Director

RATIONAL SUMMARY: Recognitions are as follows:

# Student Recognitions

- GHS One Act Play
- GHS Girls and Boys Soccer
- GHS Girls and Boys Powerlifting
- GHS Girls and Boys Basketball
- GHS UIL Academic Update

# Staff Recognitions:

- April 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Assistant Principals Week
- April 6<sup>th</sup> Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- April 13th School Librarian Appreciation Day
- April 27th Administrative Assistant Day



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider action to approve the Consent Agenda

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Kimberly Strozier, Interim Superintendent of Schools, and Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

# **RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

- **A. Meeting Minutes:** On the pages that follow you will find minutes for March 7, 2022, TAPR Special Meeting, and March 7, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.
- **B. Budget Amendments:** On the pages that follow, you will find the most recent budget amendments. Budget amendments are required when funds are transferred between funds and functions, or when there is an increase or decrease in revenue. Transfers of more than 10% of the total budget within a fund or function require Board approval.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

**MOTION:** I move that the Board adopt the consent agenda as presented.

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# Minutes Monday, March 7, 2022 Public Hearing - TAPR 5:00 P.M. **Administrative Office Board Room**

1615 St Lawrence St., Gonzales, Texas

**Board Members Present:** Ross Hendershot, III, President

> Justin Schwausch Sue Gottwald Sandra Gorden Glenn Menking Josie Smith Wright

**Board Member Absent:** Gloria Torres

# Item #1. Call to Order:

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, March 7, 2022, at the Administrative Office Board Room, 1615 St Lawrence St., Gonzales, Texas. President Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

A quorum was declared with six members present.

# Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

Josie Smith-Wright gave the invocation, Sandra Gorden the pledge to the flag, and Glenn Menking read the mission statement.

Item #2 Public Comments: There were no public comments

Item #3 Reports: GISD Administration reported on the required information regarding Gonzales ISD's 2020-2021 Texas Academic Performance Report. Dr. Strozier stated this was a required report and introduced Ms. Amanda Fullilove to share the 2020-2021 Academic Performance report with its updates. Ms. Fullilove shared the information from the 2021 TAPR speaking on the subjects of District Rating and Student Performance, Special Education Determination Status, Student Performance & Secondary Institutions. Also shared was a report on Violence and Reported incidents.

Ms. Fullilove shared a PowerPoint and a hard copy of the TAPR draft. Once Ms. Fullilove completed her report, she offered an opportunity for any questions or comments.

There were a few comments and questions which were addressed.

# Item #4 Adjourn

There were no other questions or discussions.	The Board President,	Ross Hendershot,	III adjourned the	meeting at 5:13 P.M.

Ross Hendershot, III, President Sue Gottwald, Secretary Board of Trustees Board of Trustees

#### Minutes

# Monday, March 7, 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 (arrived @ 6:23 P.M.

#### **Board Member Absent:**

#### Item #1. Call to Order

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A quorum was declared with 6 members present. Ms. Torres arrived at 6:23 p.m.

# Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement

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

# Item #2: Public Comments: No Public comments

Item#3: Recognitions: Ms. Robin Trojcak recognized the Bus Drivers and the Maintenance/Grounds Department. Ms. Trojcak also mentioned that it was Texas Public School Week and she wanted to recognize all the GISD Educators.

# **District Students Recognitions:**

Ms. Faith Lester was also recognized for receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Breeding Beef Heifer Show at the San Antonio Livestock Show and also won a \$10,000 Scholarship at the Junior Shoot-Out sale. Also recognized was Kinley Cernosek, as she earned a gift certificate to Cole's Fine Guns, some shells, and a belt buckle for Runner-Up Champion in the Open Girls' division of the San Antonio Livestock Show Junior Shoot-Out. Another student recognized was Coy LaBuhn, who earned a new shotgun and buckle as the Class 4 Trap Champion at the San Antonio Livestock Show Junior Shoot-Out. Additionally recognized were Kamren Cavit, who received a white ribbon for his handmade table at the sale for the Junior Ag Mechanics Show, and Michael Mariscal, Abel Martinez, Jay Marquette, and Hadley Borrer, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their class and made it to the live auction, where the trailer sold for \$15,000.00 plus add-ons. The trailer was marketed/sold by Kinley Cernosek, Lauren Johnson, and Jay Marquette.

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

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

- 1. Minutes: February 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, & February 21, 2022, Special Meeting.
- 2. Budget Amendments:

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Kim Strozier shared with the Board the information regarding the Consent Agenda.

There were no comments or questions to address.

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 the Superintendent Search Firm

Interim Superintendent Strozier explained to the Board the need to select a Superintendent Search Firm. The Board President Ross Hendershot, III shared a few words and asked if there were any questions, concerns, or requests. Butch Felkner, a representative of TASB, was at the meeting in case there were some questions from the Board.

There were several questions and comments which were addressed by Mr. Felkner.

Justin Schwausch, made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve TASB as the Superintendent Search Firm, as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

# C. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar

Ms. Sarah Gottwald explained to the Board the steps taken to select the 2022-2023 school calendar. Ms. Gottwald shared information with the Board regarding the process used for selecting the calendar.

There were a few questions that were addressed.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the Option A version of the 2022-2023 school calendar, as presented, with the student start date of August 17, 2022. The motion carried 6/0.

# D. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the 2022-2023 GISD District Improvement Plan Goals

Ms. Amanda Fullilove, Director of Accountability and Strategic Planning, explained the District Improvement Goals to the Board, beginning with Goal 1 and ending with Goal 7. Ms. Fullilove shared a draft report of the DIP with the required changes and district updates that would take place. It was explained by the Superintendent that these goals lead to the development of the district improvement plan itself and the campus improvement plans are aligned with these goals. It was requested that with the forthcoming change in District leadership and to maintain the integrity of the current district improvement plan, changes to goals wait until a new superintendent is approved. Therefore, the same goals were presented for the Board's approval. The only goals that will be updated are those that show they were achieved according to the Academic report data in which case the numbers were adjusted but the purpose and intent of goals remain unchanged.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the 2022-2023 GISD District Plan Goals as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

#### E. Discuss and Consider Action to renew the GISD District of Innovation Plan

Ms. Amanda Fullilove explained to the Board that the District of Innovation Plan would expire in April 2022. The administration is requesting the renewal of the proposed plan which was presented at the Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. It was shared that the DIP was posted for 30 days as required on the district website.

Ms. Fullilove explained the purpose of the renewal with a power-point presentation. She also shared information about the new required certifications and updated certifications.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, to approve and renew the Gonzales ISD District of Innovation Plan as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

# F. Discuss and Possible Action to approve Representatives for Lone Star Investment Pool

Interim Superintendent Strozier explained to the Board that at this time it is being requested to approve new representatives (personnel) to the Lone Star Investment Pool. The three additional personnel to be added are the Interim Superintendent, the new accounting specialist, and the new data entry clerk.

There were no questions or comments to be addressed.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second from Sue Gottwald, to pass and approve the authorized representative's add form as presented. The motion passed 6/0.

G. <u>Discuss and Possible Action including a Possible Resolution, with Regard to the Texas Department of Transportation's Offer to Sell +/-1.848 Acres; D05-251-411, Located at the S. Side of UA 90 & CR 345, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas 78629, to the School District, for \$10,718.40, Plus Costs and Expenses.</u>

Dr. Strozier, Interim Superintendent, explained to the Board that the district had received a letter from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the sale of a property. The letter was a notice of the priority right to purchase the described property. There was a resolution also available if the Board would decide to purchase the property. The Administration's recommendation was not to purchase the property because of the cost, size, and location of the property.

There were a few questions and comments which were addressed.

Justin Schwausch chose option A with a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to decline the offer by the Texas Department of Transportation and authorize the Interim Superintendent to complete the information to provide the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the Board's decision not to purchase the property and waiving its priority right to purchase the property. The motion passed 6/0.

H. <u>Discuss and Consider Action to approve the E-Rate Category 1 and Category 2 Proposed Bids and Budget</u> Amendment.

Dr. Strozier, Interim Superintendent, explained to the Board the E-Rate proposed Bids and Budget Amendment. It was shared that Category 1 would allow an increase of bandwidth from 1GB to 10GB to support the needs of the district and its devices. It was stated that, if approved, federal revenue would need to be increased as E-Rate only funds 80% of the total cost. As for Category 2, it would upgrade internal switches to support the increase in bandwidth. It was also stated that if approved, Federal revenue would also need to be increased, as E-Rate only funds 80% of the total cost. Category 2 would need a budget amendment. The district would take care of 20% of the cost. It was recommended that the Board approve these bids contingent upon USAC approval and E-Rate funding, as well as, authorize the administration to amend the current budget if E-Rate funding is made available this year.

There were a few questions and comments, which were addressed by the Director of Technology.

Sue Gottwald, made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve these purchases and budget amendment, as presented, contingent upon USAC approval and E-Rate funding. Motion carried 6/0.

# **Item#5 Reports:**

A. GISD Police Racial Profiling Report

This is a required annual report from the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2, 133(c) Officer Gottwald gave a required report to the Board regarding the racial profiling report.

There were no questions or comments to address.

B. Consideration of Resources for Health/PE Adoptions

The Superintendent shared the report regarding the Health/PE Adoption with the Board. It was shared that to provide flexibility in meeting student instructional needs, it is a common practice for school districts to adopt state-approved resources following the Texas Education Agency's adoption cycle. It was explained that the committee looked at four different resources, they completed and filled out rubrics to support the review and analysis of the resources. The next step is to identify the committee's selection and package options to meet the needs of campuses with a PE/Health resource. The committee plans to bring its decision to the Board in April for action.

# C. Financial Report

Dr. Strozier shared a brief report on the District's finances with the Board.

There were no questions or comments.

# D. Superintendent's Report was shared with the Financial Report

The Superintendent reported on the student enrollment and attendance rate update.

# **Item#6 Board Business**

Board Correspondent: No Correspondence was shared.

March 4, 2022	Bad Weather Day/Stock Show
March 7, 2022	Regular Board Meeting
March 10-12-2022	TCBSBM Summit-Kalahari Resorts & Conventions Round Rock
	Texas
March 14th -18th, 2022	Spring Break
April 5, 2022	STAAR Testing
April 11th-15th, 2022	STAAR Testing
April 11, 2022	Board Meeting

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

Under Texas Government Section <u>551.071</u> (Consultation with Attorney), Code Section <u>551.072</u> (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), <u>551.73</u> Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift, Texas Government Code Section <u>551.074</u>, (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee), Texas Government Code Section <u>551.076</u> (Deliberation regarding implementation of Security, personnel or devices) and Section <u>551.082</u>: School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint, Section <u>551.083</u>: Certain School Boards; Meeting Regarding Consultation with Representative of Employee Group, Section <u>551.084</u>: Investigation; Exclusion of witnesses from a hearing.

The Board adjourned into a closed session at 6:13 P.M. to discuss items on the agenda.

Ms. Torres arrived at 6:23 P.M. The Board returned to the open session at 7:25 P.M.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the creation and/or reorganization of Administrative positions, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the Administrator contracts, as presented & amended. The motion carried 7/0.

# Item #9 Adjourn

There being no further business, President Hendershot, III adjourned the meeting at 7:26 P.M.		
Ross Hendershot, III President Board of Trustees	Sue Gottwald, Secretary Board of Trustees	

# 2021-22 Proposed Budget Revision General Operating Fund Regular Board Meeting - April 11, 2022

	Current Budget	Proposed Amendment	Proposed Revised Budget
REVENUES			
5700 Local Property Taxes	17,145,978	380,000	17,525,978
5700 Other Local Sources	536,146	(380,000)	156,146
5800 State Revenues	10,715,796	68,288	10,784,084
5900 Federal Sources	909,478		909,478
TOTAL REVENUES	29,307,398	68,288	29,375,686
EXPENDITURES			
0011 Instruction	14,938,843		14,938,843
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	141,888		141,888
0013 Curriculum & Staff Development	688,403		688,403
0021 Instructional Leadership	480,232		480,232
0023 School Leadership	1,389,592		1,389,592
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation	992,937		992,937
0032 Social Work Services	172		172
0033 Health Services	315,909		315,909
0034 Student Transportation	1,250,698		1,250,698
0035 Food Services	0		0
0036 Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities	1,083,946		1,083,946
0041 General Administration	2,078,303		2,078,303
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	3,575,967	99,211	3,675,178
0052 Security & Monitoring Services	263,310		263,310
0053 Data Processing Services	1,300,107	(30,923)	1,269,184
0061 Community Services	52,575		52,575
0071 Debt Services	687,000		687,000
0081 Facilities Acquisition & Instruction	114,400		114,400
0099 Other Intergovermental Charges	490,000		490,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	29,844,281	68,288	29,912,569
7915 Operational Transfer In			0
8911 Operational Transfer Out	500		500
NET ACTIVITY	(537,383)	0	(537,383)

# Notes:

-Increase function 51 & decrease function 53 by \$30,923 each: Move existing budget for phone service to correct function

-Move \$380k from "other local sources" to "local property taxes" to correct clerical error

-Increase state revenue & function 51 by \$68,288 each: Record LED Grant on Financial Statements



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the 2022-23 District Compensation Plan

**ADMINISTRATORS RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Kimberly Strozier, Interim Superintendent, Haley Ratliff, Chief Human Resources Officer and Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** In accordance with policy code DEA, administration will present the recommended 2022-23 Compensation Plan for review and approval by the Board.

Included with the presentation will be a five-year pay history review, current market analysis, and the administration's recommendation for a revised, highly competitive compensation plan that will support GISD's strategically developed goals for the recruitment, hiring, and retention of highly qualified employees. Also included in the presentation will be the budgetary implications of the recommended plan.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve** 

**SAMPLE MOTION:** "I move that the board approve the 2022-23 Compensation Plan to support the district's goals of recruitment, hiring, and retention of employees, as presented."



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Set the Prekindergarten Tuition Rate for the 2022-23 School Year

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Kimberly Strozier, Interim Superintendent; Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Texas Education Code (TEC) § 29.1531 authorizes school districts to offer Pre-K classes on a tuition basis.

Each year, the tuition rate must be approved by the Commissioner of Education and cannot exceed a proposed rate published annually by TEA. TEA tuition rates for 2022-23 have not yet been released (anticipated release date June 2022); however, the 2021-22 tuition rate is available and is \$7,192.

Administration recommends submitting a rate of \$5,150 to the Commissioner. This was calculated using the same method utilized last year - averaging the daily cost of childcare and other tuition-based prekindergarten programs in our area (option 2).

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Set the rate at \$5,150

**SAMPLE MOTION:** "I move to set the tuition rate for the tuition-based prekindergarten program at \$5,150 for the 2022-23 school year pending approval from the Commissioner of Education, as presented."



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider action to approve the K-12 Textbook Adoptions

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Kimberly Strozier, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Tessa Cain, Director of Math

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** During the 2021 -2022 school year, districts across Texas reviewed and adopted resources for PE/Health. The textbook selection committee from GISD carefully reviewed four vendors, completed the formal adoption process timeline for a recommendation. Their recommendations are included in the pages that follow.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve

**MOTION**: "I move that the board approve the recommendation from the textbook committee for the K-12<sup>th</sup> grade PE/Health adoptions as follows: Quaver for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade and McGraw Hill Education for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade as the adopted resources as presented.

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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Acknowledgement of District Conflict of Interest Policy in Connection with the Amended Application for Agreement for Value Limitation made pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code from Starling Solar, LLC, Comptroller Application #1586

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Kimberly Strozier, Interim Superintendent; Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Administration will present conflict of interest information related to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Attachments are provided on the following pages: Affidavit Disclosing Substantial Interest in a Business Entity or Real Property, Affidavit Disclosing Interest in Property, and the Acknowledgement of Individual Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District Board of Trustees of Conflict of Interest Policy.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that each board member read thru the conflict of interest policy before the meeting. At the meeting, the board president will poll each board member, one by one to state whether or not they have any conflicts of interest.

**SAMPLE MOTION: N/A** 



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Accept an Amendment to the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes with Starling Solar, LLC, Comptroller Application #1586

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Kimberly Strozier, Interim Superintendent; Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Administration will present a request received from Starling Solar #1586 to amend the existing agreement.

The original project value was expected to be about \$138 million and this amendment would add another \$40+ million to the project. The increase in value is to add 60 MW of battery storage to the project. The footprint and project timelines are not impacted.

If approved, there will be a full review process performed by the Comptroller, which we've been told is expected to take approximately two months given the small size of the amendment.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the amendment

**SAMPLE MOTION:** "I move that the Board approve an Amended Application for Value Limitation for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code from Starling Solar, LLC, Comptroller Application #1586."



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider action to Re-Schedule May 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting to May 2, 2022.

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Kimberly Strozier, Interim Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The regular May scheduled monthly meeting of the Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees is May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and one of the same days the board holds the second round of follow-up interviews. It is requested to move the regular board meeting to May 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow the continuation of interviews as scheduled.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

**MOTION**: "I move the Board reschedule the regular May 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting from May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, as presented.

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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Audit Engagement Letter from Singleton, Clark & Company, PC

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE: Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The district solicited, received, and evaluated qualifications from audit firms to perform the annual financial audit. One proposal was received, from Singleton, Clark & Company, PC. This is the firm the district has worked with for the most recent 5 years. To help ensure independence, the current proposal includes an audit manager rotation schedule.

The administration recommends the Board approve the engagement letter from Singleton, Clark & Company, PC for the audit of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022. This recommendation is primarily based on the district's 5-year history with the firm and a current proposal that indicates that superior service will continue.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** "I move that the board approve the audit engagement letter with Singleton, Clark & Company PC, as presented."



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve Representatives for TexPool / TexPool Prime Investment Pool

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE: Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The recent personnel changes bring a need to update the authorized representatives at the district's investment pools.

This shift can only be granted by the board and is done by approving the resolution included with this action item.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve** 

**MOTION:** "I move that the board pass and approve the resolution amending authorized representatives, as presented."



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve an Amended Interlocal Participation Agreement with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE: Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The TASB Board of Trustees recently adopted an amended interlocal participation agreement and it goes into effect May 1, 2022. In order for us to continue our coverage in the Fund's programs (auto & unemployment), the board must approve and return the agreement.

An explanation of changes to the interlocal agreement follows. The changes focus on three areas: 1) clarity of purpose and meaning, 2) updates to Fund Member duties and obligations, and 3) revisions to the dispute resolution provisions.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** "I move that the board approve the interlocal agreement and authorize the superintendent or CFO to sign as authorized representatives for the district, as presented."



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action Regarding a Division Order based upon the Draft Submitted by Ranger Oil, for the Property Name of Hawkeye H 9H, Rainey Unit, Gonzales County, Texas, with an Operator identified as Lonestar Operating, LLC

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Kimberly Strozier, Interim Superintendent; Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The District has received a new Division Order with Ranger Oil Corporation. The Order was reviewed and amended by the District's legal counsel. This is the same interest/property that was most recently acted upon at the June 11, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting. Also, the property that we received notification on in November 2020 regarding the prior operator's bankruptcy status.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve** 

**SAMPLE MOTION:** "I move that the Board approve the revised division order, as presented."



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Consideration/Action Regarding Written Consent Agreements for 401(a), 403(b) and 457 (b) Investment Plans

**ADMINISTRATORS RESPONSIBLE:** Kimberly Strozier, Interim Superintendent and Haley Ratliff, Chief Human Resources Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** As a part of the Voluntary Retirement Agreement (VRA) with the former superintendent, the District agreed to establish 401(a) 403(b) 457(b) investment plans for the purposes of funding the payments under the Retirement Agreement. Through an interlocal agreement with Education Service Center, Region 10, GISD is establishing these plans. These plans will be used to perform GISD's obligations under the VRA. Before the Board are three consent agreements appointing Omni and TSACG Compliance Services as Plan Administrator for these plans.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve** 

**SAMPLE MOTION:** "I move to approve the Written Consent Agreements for the 401(a) 403(b) 457(b) Investment Plans as presented, and further authorize the Interim Superintendent to sign the agreements on behalf of Gonzales ISD."



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#### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Ranking of Offerors for the Gonzales High School Practice Field Turf and Lighting Project and the Delegation of Contract Negotiations

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Gene Kridler, Director of Operations; Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The district has solicited and received four (4) responses to the request for proposals on the High School Turf and Lighting Project.

Due to the current economic conditions, the administration recommends moving forward with the turf and lighting system only (which comes in under the advertised total project budget of \$2.5M). It is recommended that the District does not move forward with Base Proposal B and some alternates and that instead those projects be considered independently at a later time.

# **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve**

**SAMPLE MOTION:** "I move that the board approve the ranking and selection of the highest ranked offeror and delegate to the superintendent or their designee the ability to negotiate the contract, as presented.".



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REPORT ITEM

SUBJECT: Financial and Quarterly Investment Report

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE: Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

RATIONAL SUMMARY: Administration will provide the board with an update on the district's financial and Quarterly reports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: N/A

**SAMPLE MOTION: N/A** 

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#### REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Board Members Continuing Education Credits/SBOE Framework for School Board Development Report

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Kim Strozier, Interim Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Under the State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member. School Board members must complete the training required by the State Board of Education (SBOE). The announcement must be made at the last regular meeting of the board before an election of trustees. The board president must announce the name of each board member that has completed, exceeded, or is deficient in the required continuing education.

Please see the attached list.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

SAMPLE MOTION: N/A

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# REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Superintendent's Report

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** John Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, & Sarah Gottwald, Director of Federal Programs and PEIMS

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Information provided by the superintendent is designed to keep the Board of Trustees informed regarding daily operations of the school district.

- A) Campus Updates
- B) Student Enrollment and Attendance Update

March 2021 Student Enrollment – 2628 March 2022 Student Enrollment – 2593

March 2021 Attendance Rate – 91.54% March 2022 Attendance Rate – 91.55%

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: N/A

SAMPLE MOTION: N/A

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#### INFORMATION ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Board Business

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Kim Strozier, Interim Superintendent of Schools

AUTHORITY FOR THIS ACTION: GISD School Board Policy BF (Local)

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Information is provided through the Board Business section of the agenda aimed at keeping trustees informed of routine correspondence. Board Operating Procedures are included in each agenda packet as a convenience for trustees if procedural questions arise.

# \*Added Items

April 4-8, 2022	Assistant Principal Week
April 5 & 7, 2022	STAAR Testing
April 6, 2022	Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
April 11, 2022	Board Meeting
April 11, 2022	Pre-K Registration
April 11th – 15th, 2022	STAAR Testing
April 12 <sup>th</sup> ,2022	Gonzales Economic Community Training
April 13-16, 2022	STAAR Testing
April 13, 2022	School Librarian Appreciation Dy
April 15, 2022	Staff / Student Holiday (Good Friday)
April 17, 2022	Easter
April 18, 2022	6 week Report Cards/Registration
April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Early Voting Begins
April 27, 2022	Administrative Professionals Day

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# 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 closed or Executive Session or meeting, concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Texas Government Code chapter 551, including, but not limited to:

Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney;

Section 551.072: Deliberation Regarding Real Property;

<u>Section 551.073</u>: Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift;

<u>Section 551.074:</u> 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

Complaint

<u>Section 551.083:</u> 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. Kim Strozier, Interim Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Personnel Matters

Personnel matters are as follows:

- A. Resignations
- B. New Positions
- C. New Hires
- D. Administrator Contract Consideration
- D. Teacher Contract Consideration