

Minutes  
Thursday, July 6, 2023  
Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 P.M.  
Location of Meeting: GISD Administrative Board Room  
1615 St Lawrence St.  
P O Box 157  
Gonzales Texas 78629

Board Members Present: Ross Hendershot, III, President,  
Justin Schwausch, Vice President  
Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary  
Sandra Gorden  
D'Anna Robinson  
Ashley Molina  
Gloria Torres

Board Member Absent:

Item #1. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met on Thursday, July 6, 2023, 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

Ashley Molina gave the Invocation, D'Anna Robinson led the Pledge to the Flag, and Josie Smith-Wright read the Mission Statement.

Item #2: Public Comments: None

Item #3: New Business/Action Items

A. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes: 6-12-23 Regular Board Meeting, 6-20-23 Special Board Meeting, and 6-26-23 Special Board Meeting
2. Budget Amendments: None

Dr. Avellaneda mentioned to the board the minutes were presented for board approval and the board president asked if there were any questions or corrections that may be needed

No comments, or questions needed to be addressed.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

B. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the 2023-2024 Bus Driver Rate of Pay Increase

Gene Kridler, Director of Operations shared with the board the need for a bus driver pay increase. There was an informational sheet that was shared with the board showing the minimum, medium, and maximum pay comparison from other districts in the surrounding areas. There were a few questions and comments that were addressed.

Josie Smith-wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the 2023-2024 Bus Driver pay increase by \$3.00 as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to a Resolution for Dual Credit Program Tuition

Ms. Amanda Smith, CFO presented a resolution to the board for their approval. The Resolution was for the Dual Credit Program Tuition for students. Ms. Smith explained to the board that the district had an opportunity to pay the college credit tuition costs for its students. The administration presented an overview of the benefits of the program as well as the financial implications of the decision.

There were a few questions that were addressed, and a few comments as well.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the resolution for the Dual Credit Tuition Program, as presented. The motion carried 7/0.

Item#4 Reports:

A. Financial Report

Amanda Smith, CFO, spoke to the Board on three financial items: (1) Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance as of May 30, 2023 (2) Monthly Expenditure Level Comparison & (3) Monthly Statement of AD Valorem Collections, May 2023.

The CFO addressed a few questions.

B. Bond Capacity and Tax Analysis

Ms. Smith presented John Robuke to the board. Mr. Robuke is the district's financial advisor, currently serving as the Managing Director of BOK Financial Securities, Inc. Mr. Robuke provided an overview of the district's current bond capacity and presented the tax implications of different bond package values.

There were a few comments and a few questions that were answered.

C. Federal Grants/Funding Planning Report FY2024

Ms. Erin Labuhn, Director of Special Services reported to the board on the Federal Grants. She expressed that at this time the Special Ed Staff is what is being worked on. Ms. Labuh also explained the programs that were being implemented for the new school year.

There were a few comments and a few questions that were addressed.

D. Superintendent Reports

The Superintendent reported on the student enrollment for the coming year

The Superintendent also reported on the Guardian Program implementation which would be ready for the 23-24 school year. The Superintendent reported on the great job that the Maintenance and Operations team had been doing. He is very pleased with the work they have done.

#### Item#5 Board Business

Board Correspondent: A Thank you card was received from the De La Rosa family regarding the plant that was sent to them during the loss of their mom.

#### Dates of Interest

July 2023	
July 6, 2023	Regular Board Meeting
August 2, 2023	All Staff First Day of School/Convocation
August 14, 2023	Budget Workshop
August 15, 2023	First Day of School
August 17, 2023	Public Hearing (Budget & Proposed Tax)
August 28, 2023	Budget & Tax Rate Adoption

#### Item #6 Personnel Matters.

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 6:23 P.M. for personnel matters

#### Item #7 Reconvene to Open Meeting:

The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in the Closed Session. The board returned to an open session at 7:26 p.m.

#### Item #8 Adjourn

There being no further business, Board President Hendershot adjourned the meeting at 7:27 P.M.



Ross Hendershot, III  
School Board President



Josie Smith-Wright  
School Board Secretary