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09/23/2024

**Subject:**

Approve Previous Board Minutes: Regular Meeting, August 26, 2024

**Contact Person:**

Stephanie Heppenstall, Superintendent Executive Assistant

**Policy/Code:**

**Priority and  
Performance  
Objective:**

Priority 4: Strong Financial Stewardship and Internal System Efficiency  
Objective 4.2: Effective and Efficient District Operations

**Summary:**

**Attachments:**

Board Minutes: Regular Meeting, August 26, 2024

**Recommendation:**

The recommendation is for the Board of Trustees to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting, August 26, 2024.

# **Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 26, 2024**

## **The Board of Trustees Grapevine-Colleyville ISD**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Grapevine-Colleyville ISD was held August 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 3051 Ira E. Woods Ave., Grapevine, TX 76051.

### **I. OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. REGULAR SESSION**

President Shannon Braun called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

GCISD Trustees Present: Shannon Braun, Mary Humphrey, Kathy Florence Spradley, Dalia Begin, Tammy Nakamura, A.J. Pontillo, and Dianna Sager.

GCISD Trustees Absent: None.

School Officials Present: Superintendent Dr. Brad Schnautz, Chief Operations Officer Paula Barbaroux, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Shiela Shiver, Chief Technology Officer Kyle Berger, Chief of Schools Dr. Holly Ray, Chief Financial Officer Derick Sibley, and Chief Human Resources Officer Kelly Mires.

### **III. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board and Administration paused for a moment of silence. Trustee A.J. Pontillo led the pledges to the U.S. Texas flags.

### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee A.J. Pontillo shared that last week, GCISD held its first of six Gold Card sessions scheduled for the year. The Gold Card program is for GCISD residents who are 65 years or older, and members receive free general admission to GCISD events after attending the informational session.

Trustee Dalia Begin shared that GCISD's counseling team is holding parent preview sessions for the SOS Signs of Suicide Prevention Program which is offered for secondary students grades 6-12. The parent previews will be held on August 28 at 10:00 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m. at the GCISD Administration Building. Details about the presentations will be in campus e-newsletters.

Trustee Mary Humphrey shared that Colleyville Heritage High School Head Golf Coach Ryan Parker was named the 2023-2024 North Texas High School Girls Golf Coach of the Year by the North Texas High School Golf Coaches Association.

Superintendent Dr. Schnautz shared that GCISD employees were surprised with the news at Convocation that every full-time employee would receive a one-time payment of \$500 and every

part-time employee would receive a one-time payment of \$250 for their commitment to the 2024-2025 school year.

President Shannon Braun shared that GCISD's Financial Services has received the top rating of "A" for Superior Achievement in the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. GCISD has received the award every year since it was first developed by TEA in 1999.

Vice President Kathy Spradley shared that the Bransford Elementary staff room received a makeover thanks to the school's Dad's Club. She thanked the Bransford dads, families and local businesses that pitched in to transform this room into a beautiful space for staff. She also thanked Todd Raymond for opening MPS to seniors to take photos.

Trustee Dianna Sager shared that Bear Creek Elementary created a Goldilocks-themed area in the school's vestibule, thanks to donations from the Graceful Buys resale store and administrative team members. Since BCES is a No Excuses University School, visitors will find a story about the bears visiting Goldilocks' college living room, which resembles the furniture.

Trustee Tammy Nakamura shared the first home football game is August 30 for Colleyville Heritage High School and September 6 for Grapevine High School. Season tickets can be purchased online.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees during public comment.

Freda Ward

Leslie Hillhouse

Michael Quinn

Zack Penn

Marla Pemmaraju

Hilarie Benedetto

Beverly Mavis

Tami Polenz

Cindy Howard

#### **VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Shannon Braun shared information about the VATRE.

- The Board called for a November Voter-Approved Tax Ratification Election (VATRE) at the August 12 Special Meeting. This election had to be called at a special meeting because the deadline to call the election was August 19 and VATREs can only be placed on the November ballot in Texas.
- This election calls for a three-cent increase on the Maintenance & Operations tax rate.
- The Board lowered the Interest & Sinking (or debt service) tax rate that pays for bonds, so that the overall tax rate will still be lower, even with the passage of the VATRE.
- This is different from the Bond. Bond funds may only be used for facilities and assets, while the additional \$6 million in funds acquired through the passage of a VATRE would impact the Maintenance & Operations revenue, which funds teacher and staff compensation and day-to-day district operations.

- Funds acquired through the three-cent increase from the VATRE are not subject to recapture.

## **VII. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### **A. GCISD Balanced Scorecard Priority Report**

Kelly Mires presented information on Priority 2, Faculty and Staff Recruitment, Retention and Capacity-Building related to exit interviews. She shared the purpose of exit interviews, the number of exit interviews, categories for resignations, and feedback received. Dave Denning provided an update on recruitment and hiring for the 2024-25 school year. Dr. Lisa Pedevilla presented information on professional development. She shared information on the professional learning that took place for staff prior to the first day of school. She shared data on the results from the new employee welcome survey and data from surveys from every professional development session. She also shared professional learning next steps.

Questions and comments took place.

### **B. Act on Donation from GCISD Special Athletics Booster Club**

Dr. Schnautz shared information regarding the intended use and timeframe of the donation.

Move for the Board of Trustees to accept the donation of \$10,000 from the GCISD Special Athletics Booster Club to the GCISD Special Olympics for the 2024-2025 school year.

This motion was made by Tammy Nakamura and seconded by A.J. Pontillo.

Comments took place.

Motion passed 7-0.

### **C. Act on the Texas Association of School Boards Policy Update 123, Affecting Local Policies**

Paula Barbaroux shared the recommendations are based on the regular and special sessions of the 88<sup>th</sup> legislative session.

Move for the Board of Trustees to add, revise, or delete local policies as recommended and according to the Instruction Sheet for Localized Policy Manual Update 123, except for Board Policy EFB(LOCAL).

This motion was made by A.J. Pontillo and seconded by Kathy Florence Spradley.

Motion passed 7-0.

### **D. Act on Board Policy EFB(LOCAL), Library Materials.**

Dr. Schnautz shared the proposed revisions are due to changes to Texas Education Code and Texas Administrative Code.

Move for the Board of Trustees to revise and update Board Policy EFB(LOCAL), as presented.

This motion was made by Kathy Florence Spradley and seconded by Mary Humphrey.  
Questions and comments took place.

Motion passed 7-0.

E. Act to Change the Allocation in the 2016 Bond for the Fiber Installation Project to Interactive Displays for Classrooms

Kyle Berger explained the reason for the allocation change.

Move for the Board of Trustees to approve changing the allocation in the 2016 Bond for the Fiber Installation Project to an allocation for classroom interactive displays and add the fiber installation project to the 2024 Bond Program funded from the interactive displays' allocation.

This motion was made by Tammy Nakamura and seconded by Kathy Florence Spradley.

Questions and comments took place.

Motion passed 7-0.

F. Review the 2016 Bond and Capital Projects Financial Summary

President Braun asked Paula Barbaroux to discuss a/c unit repairs and issues. Paula Barbaroux shared information regarding a/c unit replacements and repairs.

Questions took place.

G. Review Board Planning Calendar

Dr. Schnautz presented the Board Planning Calendar and shared that the School Health Advisory Council Membership approval and the annual renewal of Special Education retainer agreement items have been moved to September.

H. Requests for Reports to the Board

No reports were requested.

#### **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

Dr. Schnautz shared each trustee has a copy of a replacement page for item L, page 575.

Move for the Board of Trustees to accept the consent agenda.

This motion was made by Kathy Florence Spradley and seconded by Tammy Nakamura.  
Motion passed 7-0.

- A. Approved Previous Board Minutes: Special Meeting, July 25, 2024; Regular Meeting, July 29, 2024; Special Meeting, August 12, 2024
- B. Approved 2024-2025 Board of Trustees Good Governance Handbook
- C. Approved Personnel Report: August 26, 2024
- D. Approved Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Certified Appraisers and Second Appraisers
- E. Approved Tax Collection Report: For Year End June 30, 2024
- F. Approved Tax Collection Report: July 2024
- G. Approved Financial Statements: July 2024
- H. Approved Budget Amendments: August 2024
- I. Approved a New Ground and Tower Lease Agreement with Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the Water Tower Site Located at 3050 Mustang Drive, Grapevine, TX
- J. Approved the Allocation of 2016 Bond Funds for Facility Pre-Construction Reviews for Renovation Projects in the 2024 Bond Program
- K. Approved Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives of the District for TexPool Investment Pool
- L. Approved License Agreement with Dallas Surf Soccer Club for Use of a Grass Field at Cross Timbers Middle School with replacement page 575.
- M. Approved Bid: Technology Related Equipment, Software and Services
- N. Approved Bid: General Services and Supplies

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E.

No executive session was held.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

President Braun adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

The term Approval in the wording of any Agenda item contained herein serves as notice that the Board may, in its discretion, dispose of any items by any action in the following non-exclusive list: amendment, approval, disapproval, deferral, table, take no action, or receive and file.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

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Stephanie Heppenstall, Board Clerk

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Shannon Braun, Board President

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Kathy Florence-Spradley, Secretary