

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2026 5:30 PM

Gatesville ISD Administration Building
311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, TX
76528

Present: Charles Alderson, Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, Emily Wuenschel, **Absent:** Loyd Hopson, Cheyenne Kizer, Linda Maxwell.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Charles Ament, President, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ament led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Calvin Ford gave the invocation.

4. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Barrett Pollard, Superintendent honored senior Aiden Holt. Over the years, he has been a member of the Gifted and Talented program, performed at UIL academic events, participated in the Skills USA competition for construction, and he is also a talented golfer, placing at various tournaments. Over the summer he earned a couple of recognitions due to his high scores on college entrance exams. To earn a College Board National Recognition award, a student must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher and meet specific test score milestones on the PSAT exams. Aiden achieved two of these prestigious awards. 1. The School Recognition Award: Honors top-performing test-takers within their specific high school community. 2. Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award: Elevates students attending schools in smaller communities.

5. STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Pollard recognized Christa Hitt, a social worker for GISD. From her leadership in the GYS basketball program to being active in her church, Christa is a servant in our community. As a social worker, she helps many of our disadvantaged or at-risk students with anything from counseling services to necessities they may need plus she is on-call for any and all outcries across the district at all times.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve consent agenda items A-K as presented.

This motion, made by Charles Ament and seconded by Calvin Ford, Passed.

Loyd Hopson: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament:

Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

A. MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

B. MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING

C. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026

D. BILLS AND PAYROLLS FOR AUGUST 2026

E. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

F. Y-T-D BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO FUND BALANCE

G. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026

H. VITAL SIGNS REPORT

I. FOOD SERVICE REPORT

J. CONTRIBUTION TO DRUG-FREE SENIOR PARTY

Donate \$1,500, as we have in the past. The money is in the budget as a board level expense.

K. CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

Donate \$1,500, as we have in the past. The money is in the budget as a board level expense.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

Rickey Phillips, Athletic Director, presented the district's athletic participation numbers for the 26-27 school year.

B. PURPLE STAR CAMPUS DESIGNATIONS

Bridget Register, Exec Dir of Bilingual Ed & Accountability, announced that Gatesville Elementary, Intermediate, Junior High, and High School received the Purple Star Campus designation. Primary received their designation last year. Only 5 districts in Region 12 were awarded out of the 329 campuses across Texas that received designations this year. The addition of these campuses reflects the continued growth of the Purple Star program and Texas schools' strong commitment to supporting military-connected students and their families.

9. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. JUNIOR HIGH OUT OF STATE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC SUMMER OF 2028

Jessica Houser, JH ELAR Teacher, presented her proposal for a trip to Washington D.C. for the summer of 2028. Last month, the board approved the D.C. trip for the summer of 2027. To have enough time to prepare for the 2028 trip, she needed to present to you tonight. Last summer, they had a very successful trip to Washington D.C. through World Strides, which is an accredited travel school that specializes in trips to historical sites. Last summer the all-inclusive price (bus fare, lodging, meals, etc. for 4 days) was \$2,299 for students and \$2,644 for adults.

Dr. Pollard recommended that the board approve the proposed out-of-state trip to Washington D.C. for the summer of 2028 for any interested 8th grade student.

This motion, made by Calvin Ford and seconded by Emily Wuenschel, Passed.

Loyd Hopson: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

B. GATESVILLE INTERMEDIATE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2026-2027

Angela Pearson, Intermediate Principal, presents a Local Improvement Plan that will help her campus with the STAAR test and corresponding accountability scores.

Dr. Pollard recommended that the board approve the Gatesville Intermediate Local Improvement Plan for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

This motion, made by Calvin Ford and seconded by Emily Wuenschel, Passed.

Loyd Hopson: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

C. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT POLICY

Liz Shoaf, High School Principal, presented the Foreign Exchange Student Policy.

Dr. Pollard recommended that the board approve the Foreign Exchange Student Policy as presented. This motion, made by Emily Wuenschel and seconded by Charles Alderson, Passed.

Loyd Hopson: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

D. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN AND REUNIFICATION ANNEX SUBMISSION

Dr. Yancey Sanderson, Asst Supt. of Admin. Services, presented the GISD Emergency Operations Plan. In accordance with Texas Education Code 37.2071, the Texas School Safety Center has requested all documents be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2026 or the district will be out of compliance with this directive. The GISD Safety and Security Committee reviewed and approved these plans for submission at their September 16, 2026 meeting.

Dr. Sanderson recommended the Board approve the 26-27 GISD EOP Basic Plan and Reunification Annex for submission to the Texas School Safety center for review.

This motion, made by Charles Alderson and seconded by Emily Wuenschel, Passed.

Loyd Hopson: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

E. STUDENT HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHAC) SELECTION PROCESS

Dr. Sanderson presented the SHAC committee. Annually, the School Board approves SHAC committee members for the district. The SHAC committee meets four times annually and makes recommendations about physical fitness, health, counseling, nursing, and nutrition.

The District solicits parent volunteers at the beginning of each school year through on-line registration.

The 2026 - 2027 SHAC committee member will be: Yancey Sanderson, Laura Winkler, Diedra Wuenschel, Mary McCartney, Barbara Blake, Lauren Morrell, Jennifer Doss, Tara Blanchard, Amanda Aguirre, and Christa Hitt.

Dr. Sanderson recommended the Board approve the SHAC committee members for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

This motion, made by Calvin Ford and seconded by Charles Alderson, Passed.

Loyd Hopson: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN LAWS UNDER TEC 39.008 AS ENACTED BY SB12

Dr. Sanderson presented Senate Bill 12 which requires school districts to annually certify compliance with certain provisions of Texas Education Code §§11.005 and 28.0022 related to prohibited diversity, equity, and inclusion duties and certain instructional requirements and prohibitions. The certification must be approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees at a public meeting before being submitted to the Texas Education Agency through AskTED. GISD has reviewed applicable Board policies and procedures, including policies related to employee conduct, contracted services, and instruction on controversial issues. The District has also prepared official notification for employees, contractors, vendors, and third-party service providers regarding these requirements and the consequences for intentional or knowing violations. Upon Board approval, the certification will be submitted electronically to TEA through AskTED by the September 30, 2026 deadline.

Dr. Sanderson recommended the Board approve the Senate Bill 12 Annual Certification of Compliance for submission.

This motion, made by Calvin Ford and seconded by Emily Wuenschel, Passed.

Loyd Hopson: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Ament: Nay, Charles Alderson: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 1, Absent: 3

G. CERTIFICATE OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

Dr. Pollard announced that at the July board meeting, the trustees called for an election to be conducted on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing three trustees for full three-year terms. During the July 20th to August 17th sign up period, only three candidates filed for a place on the ballot. Our two incumbent

candidates (Charles Ament and Calvin Ford) along with one new candidate (Ryan Bay) filed for a place on the ballot. Incumbent Loyd Hopson had decided not to run again. With three openings and only three candidates, there is no longer a need for an election.

To initiate the cancellation process of the election, Dr. Pollard hereby certified that Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, and Ryan Bay are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on November 3, 2026.

Dr. Pollard recommended the Board accept the Certificate of Unopposed Candidates.

This motion, made by Charles Alderson and seconded by Emily Wuenschel, Passed.

Loyd Hopson: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

H. CANCELLATION OF ELECTION

Dr. Pollard recommended the Board cancel the election scheduled to be held on November 3, 2026, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code by adopting the Order of Cancellation and hereby elect Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, and Ryan Bay as school trustees.

This motion, made by Calvin Ford and seconded by Charles Alderson, Passed.

Loyd Hopson: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.001)

The board took a break at 6:20 PM and then went into executive session at 6:25 PM and returned to open session at 7:07 PM.

A. DELIBERATION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074)

B. DELIBERATION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074)

11. ACTION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL - Information only; no board action needed.

B. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL - Information only; no board action needed.

12. FUTURE BUSINESS

A. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ament adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM with no voiced objections.

President

Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____