

Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Galveston Independent School District

A Public Hearing on GISD's 2022-2023 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas began at 6:01pm in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX. Chief Financial Officer, Jeff Martello, presented the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Management Report and went over GISD's School FIRST accountability rating for the August 31, 2022 fiscal year.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held Wednesday, December 20, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550. --6:29pm

Board members in attendance: Beeton, O'Neal, Jobe, Brown, Smecca, Lakin. Masel was absent.

Staff in attendance: Martello, Curry, Post, Patrick, Polzin, Scott, Clark, Davis, Camp, Pruitt, Pickavance, Mueller, Dickerson, Rogers, Bly, Morton.

The subjects discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown.

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. --6:29
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. --6:30 *Led by Zoe Sanders and May Chuba from Crenshaw.*
- 3) Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items. Please complete sign-up sheets available in the lobby prior to the start of the meeting. --6:32
Henry Goldberg and Jason Goldberg - Son and father spoke about robotics.
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. --6:36 *Jobe has conflict with item K on consent*
- 5) District Reports --6:36
 - 5)A) Superintendent's Report --6:36
 - 5)A)1) Staffing Study --6:36 *Report given by Lloyd Graham from Moak Casey. --6:56 comments from the board.*
 - 5)A)2) TEA Safety and Security Report --6:58 *by Dr. Neighbors*
 - 5)B) Board Committee Reports --6:59
 - 5)B)1) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca --6:59
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update --7:03 *Report given by Martello. --7:11 Audit report given by Patrick Simmons from Whitley Penn.*
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items --7:30
 - 7)A) Discuss and consider approval of the Voluntary Early Notification Incentive Program --7:30 *Explanation by Dr. Neighbors. Motion by Smecca. Second by Jobe. Discussion. Approved 6-0*
- 8) The Board may recess into Closed Executive Session in the Library as permitted by the Texas Open Meeting Act Government Code Sections 551.071- 551.090 Subchapter D and E. --7:34

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed meeting then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- A) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or
- B) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

- 8)A) Personnel
- 8)B) Consultation with Attorney
- 8)C) Real Property
- 8)D) Security
- 9) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. --8:43
Overview of closed session by Jobe.
- 10) Discuss and consider reorganization of Officers of the GISD Board of Trustees. --8:43 *Motion by O'Neal to keep the current slate of President Brown, Vice President Smecca and Secretary Jobe. Second by Beeton. All present in favor.*
- 11) Board Hours --8:43 *Reported by President Brown.*
- 12) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items --8:48 *Pulling item 12K, N, O, and P Motion by Jobe. Second by Lakin. Discussion. All present in favor.*
 - 12)A) Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 15, 2023 and the Special Meeting on November 28th.
 - 12)B) Consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.
 - 12)C) Discuss and consider approval of payment of attorney fees.
 - 12)D) Consider approval of Budget Amendments
 - 12)E) Discuss and consider accepting donations in accordance with Board Policy CDC Local.
 - 12)F) Discuss and consider the approval to purchase laptops and docking stations for Weis Middle School using the School Action Fund grant in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.
 - 12)G) Discuss and approve the GISD Robotics Team to travel to the National Robotics Competition in Council Bluffs, Iowa the week of March 11- 17, 2023.
 - 12)H) Discuss and approve GISD Robotics hosting "The Water Game" tournament on Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's Harmony of the Seas. The tournament will take place January 5-12, 2025.
 - 12)I) Discuss and Consider Approval of GMP #6A to include Electrical, Plumbing & Fire Suppression System Packages (North Building)
 - 12)J) Discuss and Consider Approval of the Proposal for Center Point to provide temporary power re-routing to West side of 43rd Street
 - 12)K) Discuss and Consider Approval of Courville Stadium Press Box Bid Proposals to include Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Structural Steel Concrete, Curtain Wall, Roof, and Elevator Sub Packages --8:49 *Motion by Smecca. Second by Beeton. Approved 5-0-1 Jobe abstaining.*
 - 12)L) Discuss and consider approval of the August 31, 2023, Annual Financial and Compliance Report
 - 12)M) Discuss and consider approval of EF Tours trip to Italy and Spain for eligible 9th-12th grade students at Ball High school, March 10th-19th 2024.
 - 12)N) Discuss and consider the approval to apply for a grant to the Moody Foundation on behalf of the Galveston Career-Connect (GCC) program for the 2024-2025 school year, and for an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000. --8:50 *Motion by Beeton. Second by O'Neal. Discussion. All present in favor.*
 - 12)O) Discuss and consider the approval to apply for a grant to the Moody Foundation on behalf of the Tor Kids/Prep After-School Program for the 2024-2025 school year, for an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000. --8:51 *Motion by Smecca. Second by Jobe. All present in favor.*
 - 12)P) Discuss and consider approval to contract with a legal professional concerning federal tax matters. *Deferred.*
- 13) Suggested Future Agenda Items --8:52 *Rezoning Rosenberg Elementary*
- 14) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES --8:52
Smecca would like to thank teachers and directors who run the robotics program and would like to continue support for robotics. Also, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Lakin wishes everyone Happy Holidays

Jobe congratulated the band on a great Holiday show. Also, Happy Hanukkah to those who celebrated and Merry Christmas ahead.

O'Neal congratulated the dancing Dolls on a great show. Kudos to the participants. Happy holidays to all.

Brown said take a break and get some rest so we can come back in January.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, Trustees may report on any of the following items:

1. Expressions of thanks, gratitude, and condolences
 2. Information regarding holiday schedules
 3. Honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen
 4. Reminders regarding GISD events
 5. Reminders regarding community events
 6. Health and safety announcements
- 15) Adjournment --8:58

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on January 24, 2024

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Shae Jobe, Secretary