

# Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

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A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held May 13, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX.

Notice was given pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127 as modified by the Texas Attorney General, that due to the state of emergency declared by, Governor Abbott on behalf of the State of Texas, and President Trump on behalf of the United States of America regarding the spread of coronavirus/COVID-19 (hereafter "COVID-19"), the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees will meet via videoconference called meeting. Additionally, a determination was made that the convening at one location of a quorum of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees is difficult or impossible, given the emergency/disaster declarations and the mandates safe social distancing.

Governor Abbott and Attorney General Paxton have temporarily suspended a number of open meetings laws in response to COVID-19, allowing governmental entities, including Galveston ISD, to conduct meetings by telephone or video conference. Notice was given that Galveston ISD intends to conduct this meeting via videoconference. As required by the temporary suspension, Galveston ISD:

- Has provided online written notice containing a free-of-charge website link, as well as an electronic copy of any agenda packet, before conducting this meeting via videoconference; specifically, the public may use the following free-of-charge website link: <https://www.gisd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=5397>; or a live broadcast on Channel 17.
- Will provide the public with access and a means to participate in the emergency called meeting, at 3904 Ave T Galveston, TX 77550; and
- Will provide the public with access to a recording of the meeting.

*Present: Mr. Tony Brown, President; Mr. Johnny Smecca, Vice-President; Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary; Dr. Matthew Hay, Trustee; Mr. Shae Jobe, Trustee; Mr. David O'Neal, Trustee; Ms. Mindy Lakin; Mrs. Ann Masel; Trustee; and Dr. Kelli Moulton, Superintendent.*

- 1) *Mr. Tony Brown called to order Open Session at 6:30pm*
- 2) *Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag was recited.*
- 3) *Administer Oath of Office to Ann Masel as Trustee, District 5E  
The Honorable Jeffrey Brown, United States District Judge, administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Ann Masel, appointed School Board Trustee District 5E.*
- 4) *Recognize Dr. Matthew Hay for his Service on the School Board.  
Mr. Tony Brown presented a plaque to Dr. Matthew Hay for the 9 years of service he has provided to the students, staff, and community of Galveston. Trustees and Dr. Hay shared comments and remembrances of his tenure on the Board.*
- 5) *Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items.*

1. *Mr. Ken Jencks called in to congratulate Ms. Masel for joining the Board. He also wanted to solute Matthew Hay as being an incredible leader on the Board. He wanted to say that he enjoyed the parade for the seniors at Ball High.*

6) Superintendent's Report

A) Citizenship Award Presentations

*Dr. Kelli Moulton announced the Campus Citizenship Awards for the 2019-2020 school year. Raelynn Parfait, Ball High; Audra Cooper, Austin MS; Ward Nesbitt, Rosenberg El; Giavanna Hays, Oppe El; Sara Sonderfan, Parker El; Camila Gonzalez, Burnet El; Emma Grace Sheaffer, Morgan El; Bella Medellin, Crenshaw School; Nathaniel Bracewell, AIM Middle; Jaylen Vallair, AIM High; Nam Ngo, Central MS; Natalia Juarez, Collegiate MS; and Jiaxiang Xie, MECC.*

B) District Update

*Dr. Kelli Moulton announced that Ball High will have an outdoor, in-person graduation on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at Kermit Courville Stadium. This event will operate under restrictions for everyone's safety, to be announced at a later date. This week is student growth week: the District is giving students assignments that will measure and show the achievements of each student. She also asked for parents and students that have not received any instruction during this time to reach out to their student's school or the support center. Dr. Moulton reported that we have developed a District Task Force to help structure the return to instruction for next year and the options that may be necessary in response to the Pandemic.*

C) MECC Quarterly Report, Ms. Karin Miller, Executive Director

*Ms. Karin Miller presented the student outcome goals in the In-District 1882 charter agreement between GISD and MECC. The presentation included data on the level of achievement for each goal. She also gave a summary of the procedures and precautions put in place to keep students and staff during the pandemic.*

D) Galveston Educational Foundation Annual Report, Mrs. Brittany Viegas, Executive Director

*Mrs. Brittany Viegas gave of summary of the 2018-2019 funds raised and granted to the teachers of GISD. The Foundation raised more than \$174,000 dollars to award grants to teachers. Some of the large-scale projects that GEF collaborated with GISD to support are the Book Bus, Incubator Program, Ball high STEM and Bio MED labs, and the first-year teacher academy.*

E) Board Committee Reports

1) Policy Committee Chair- Mr. David O'Neal

*There was no update in Policy at this time.*

2) Curriculum Committee Chair- Ms. Monica Wagner

*Mrs. Monica Wagner gave a summary of the curriculum meeting held on May 5, 2020. The committee talked about the following topics: Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Spending Plan, Magnet Grant, COVID Update,*

*Graduation/Senior Celebration, and Student Learning Objectives (SLOs).*

- 3) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca  
*Mr. Smecca provided a review of the finance meeting held on May 12, 2020. Consent agenda items such as attorney fees and financial reports were reviewed in detail. Authorization of contracts for continued work on Bond projects were reviewed. For more details, please visit : <https://gisd.viebit.com/?folder=ALL>*

F) Previously Requested Information by the Board:

- 1) TSL Update: 2020 Payout  
*The Board asked for additional information on the performance measures used to determine TEEM payouts in the TSL Grant. Along with the annual T-TESS evaluation, the Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) are a measurement tool used to show the student's achievement within a given year. The TEEM payout will be based on combined performance of T-TESS and SLO.*
- 2) Position funded by Grants  
*This information was presented to the Board under a personnel item.*
- 3) WIFI on Buses  
*Dr. Kelli Moulton announced that the Verizon wi-fi equipment has been delivered to install in the buses. The Internet services will project out 100ft from the parked bus to allow student to connect to continue instructional services.*

7) *The Board recessed 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 at 7:54pm.*

*Mr. Tony Brown reopen the Regular School Board Meeting at 8:31pm.*

8) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items

- A) Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 15, 2020.
- B) Consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.
- C) Attorney Fees
- D) Finance Reports
- E) Consider approval of the Board's Time Use Tracker for February 19, 2020 and March 25, 2020.
- F) Consider adoption of the School Board's Quarterly Progress Tracker.
- G) Consider adoption of Board Operating Procedures.
- H) Consider approval of the recommendations for Chapter 21 Professional Contracts for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.
- I) Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Galveston Independent School District and Galveston College for the provision of Dual Credit/Early Admission Courses for the Ball High Students.

- J) Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Galveston Independent School District and Galveston College for College Preparatory Courses.
- K) Consider Affirmation of the 2020-2021 Galveston ISD Student/Parent Handbook.
- L) Consider the submission of a proposal for the Magnet School Assistance Program Grant.
- M) Consider approval for an out of state trip to Washington DC, New York, and Williamsburg for eligible 8th grade students at Austin Middle School June 7th-11th, 2021.
- N) Consider order reducing the original Austin MS lighting damage project budget to \$10,000 (see attached)
- O) Consider authorization to award Annex HVAC replacement contract to CFI Mechanical Inc. using the Choice Partners cooperative contract #18/036 MC-02, in an amount not to exceed \$289,290.
- P) Consider authorization to award the "Building Automation Controls-Rosenberg" contract to Automated Logic, using the Choice Partners cooperative contract #16/044JN-01, in an amount not to exceed \$100,340.
- R) Consider approval of Administration's recommendation to purpose the non-renewal of a term contract teacher at Central Middle School at the end of the 2019-2020 contract year.  
*Mrs. Ann Masel moved to approve the consent agenda items A-R pulling K, R, and Q as presented. Mr. David O'Neal 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.*

9) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items

- Q) Consider approval of the recommendation to terminate a probationary contract teacher at Ball High School at the end of the 2019-2020 contract year, in the best interests of the District.  
*Mr. Tony Brown moved to approve the recommendation to terminate the probationary contract for Larry Dewitt a teacher at Ball High School at the end of the 2019-2020 contract year, in the best interests of the District, effective at the expiration of the employee's approved leave of absence, if applicable. Ms. Mindy Lakin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.*
- A) Discuss and consider approval of Galveston ISD Teacher Incentive Allotment Spending Plan.  
*Mr. Shae Jobe moved to approve the Galveston ISD Stakeholder recommendation to allocate 90% of the Teacher Incentive Allotment to each teacher earning a designation. Mr. Johnny Smecca 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.*

10) Suggested Future Agenda Items

*There were no suggested future agenda items at that time.*

11) Board Comments

*Mr. Shae Jobe thanked Matthew Hay for his service to the Board and the District. He congratulated the Seniors for their year. He also thanked the Ball High Administration and staff as well as a GISD administration for hosting the parade to celebrate the seniors.*

*Mrs. Monica Wagner thanked the first responders, City of Galveston, and Ball High Staff for the work they did to make the parade today a success to celebrate the 2020 seniors. She also thanked the teachers for all the work they have been doing to support and continue providing instruction to their students. She added a thank you to the parents who have been teachers at home to their children.*

*Mr. David O'Neal thanked the teachers, parents, and students for working together during this difficult time. He also thanked his fellow school board members for the work that they are doing to support GISD Administration as they move the District along.*

*Ms. Mindy Lakin thanked Matthew Hay for getting her involved in being on the School Board. She thanked the Child Nutrition department for feeding the students in GISD. She also thanked the parents for having patience with their students as they learn at home. She recognized Dr. Moulton and her incredible team for making this transition look easy; and to the teachers for supporting each student and continuing the help for them learn and grow.*

*Mrs. Ann Masel thanked the Trustees for giving her the opportunity to serve on the School Board.*

*Mr. Tony Brown acknowledged the support that the City of Galveston, Police Department and Fire Department gave to help make the Ball High Senior Parade successful. He also reminded the public that the Board is here to support Dr. Moulton and the education team. The answers to what is coming in the future are unknown, and the District is driven by the guidance that the State provides.*

*For more details on this agenda item please watch the meeting in its entirety at <https://gisd.viebit.com>*

12) Adjournment

*Mr. Tony Brown adjourned the regular meeting at 8:50pm.*

Minutes taken by Emily Fortune

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Tony Brown, President

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Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary