

# **Regular Meeting**

**Monday, October 20, 2025 5:30 PM**

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

**Present:** Charles Alderson, Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, Loyd Hopson, Cheyenne Kizer, Mary Anne Leib

**Absent:** 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**

Dr. Barrett Pollard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. INVOCATION**

Mary Anne Leib gave the invocation.

## **4. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

Dr. Barrett Pollard, Superintendent, honored the leaders of the high school Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) organization. These students spend time planning for FCA meetings and events, so it is truly student led. You can catch many of them at Friday's Prayer at the Pole or other service-oriented activities. In addition to being good students academically, you may also recognize the students tonight due to all the extra-curricular activities they participate in frequently. Please help us honor Taylor Sanderson, Baylyn Roberts, Kayla Mabry, Paisley Wells, Landyn Thomas, Amos Phillips, Gehrig Keeton, and Seth Finley.

## **5. STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

Dr. Pollard honored junior high staff who did an amazing job during a student health emergency. The quick thinking and actions by the Junior High staff certainly helped the student and his family during those scary moments. Please help us honor Jim Hitchcock, Stephanie Streetman, Candi Garvin, Justin Burgan, Eric Herbelin, Staci Pruitt, and Raymond Ramirez.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve consent agenda items A-G as presented.

This motion, made by Calvin Ford and seconded by Cheyenne Kizer, Passed.

Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Mary Anne Leib: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### **A. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 REGULAR MEETING**

### **B. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

### **C. BILLS AND PAYROLLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

### **D. BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

### **E. Y-T-D BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO FUND BALANCE**

### **F. VITAL SIGNS REPORT**

### **G. FOOD SERVICE REPORT**

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. ANNUAL ATTORNEY REPORT ON COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

Nicholas Goettsche, MVBA Attorneys at Law, presented the annual report on the collection of delinquent taxes. This report focused on the delinquent taxes related to the 2024 levy that were assigned to his firm in July 2025 and prior. Typically, delinquent taxes referred to the attorney for collections represent only under 3% of the total tax levy. Ultimately, the District receives between 99-100% of the annual tax levy. Mr. Goettsche works for the company that has performed the service for the District a number of years and does an effective job. His fees are paid for by the delinquent taxpayers, not the District.

### **B. REASONS FOR A FULL RENOVATION OF THE GJHS AUDITORIUM**

Dr. Pollard revisited the GJHS renovation. The driving force behind the renovation is to discontinue the need for students to cross the street to the high school. This creates a safety issue because it leaves our students in a vulnerable, open position. Any activity that requires stage practice or performance will still require students to travel to the high school. In addition, the junior high auditorium is used daily for a variety of reasons. For example, all students gather in the auditorium before the first bell sounds. It acts as a holding space for tennis, band, choir, and theater students. Social studies intervention takes place in the auditorium daily. The principals conduct Monday morning meetings in that space. The Spanish class has their performances and demonstrations in the auditorium. Parent meetings for clubs and athletics occur in the auditorium. The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) uses it for rehearsals. Moving forward, all special events would be in the auditorium such as NJHS. The auditorium is where end-of-year awards currently take place for Junior High and Intermediate students. The auditorium is the first space parents and visitors see upon entering the campus. Currently, it is visually unappealing and impractical to use for guest speakers, performances, and other activities. Staff from the junior high spoke on why they saw the need for the auditorium renovation as well.

### **C. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN REGARDING MAY 2026 BOND ELECTION**

Traci Marlin with Huckabee discussed the community engagement plan regarding the May 2026 bond election. On Wednesday, October 29, a group of educators, parents, students, and board members will meet with the Huckabee architects to discuss design elements of the junior high addition. On Tuesday, November 18, a much larger group of predominantly parents, senior citizens, and community members will be invited to discuss the importance of the junior high and field house projects, talking points for the bond election, and any potential pitfalls or barriers to passing the bond election. Both the October 29 and November 18 meetings will be held in the Junior High library, so members will have easy access to tour different parts of the campus. School officials can speak more freely about the advantages of the bond project before the bond is officially called. Thus, we would like to have a special board meeting on Monday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. to officially call for the bond election. This would give school officials the most amount of time possible to speak freely about the bond.

### **D. 2025 SUMMER FEEDING REPORT**

LeighAnn Goodwin, Asst. Supt. of Finance, presented a summary report covering the operation of the Summer Feeding Program. For 2025, the district served 10,823 meals over a 38 day period spanning the months of June and July. That is down 1,950 meals from the prior year. The district reported a decrease of \$3,271 this year. The decrease in meals can be contributed primarily to the fact that we set up in one location for athletic camps for only 3 days a week and did not serve strength & conditioning. We use the program to feed students in the community as well as students attending summer school. Summer School was shorter in duration this year, the students came less amount of days equating to less meals served. The deficit can and will be paid for with our excess fund 240 nutrition balance.

#### **E. PRIMARY RECEIVES PURPLE STAR DESIGNATION**

Bridget Register, Exec Dir of Bilingual Ed & Accountability, announce that the Gatesville Primary received the Purple Star Campus designation in September. Only 8 campuses in Region 12 were awarded out of the 98 campuses that received designations this year. This increases Purple Star designated schools to 640.

#### **F. 2024-2025 EMERGENT BILINGUAL PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Register gave the annual report over the Bilingual Education program evaluation and effectiveness.

#### **G. ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD TRAINING**

Under State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member. This information is reflected in the Board minutes as the eight training areas for board member continuing education and is made available to the public. Charles Ament, President, gave the following final report of the Board Members' Continuing Education Hours from November 5, 2024 – October 31, 2025:

##### **2025**

##### **Local District Orientation**

New board members were required to complete local district orientation training for the time period covered by this announcement. We did not have any new board members this year.

##### **Orientation to the Texas Education Code**

New board members were required to complete Orientation to the Texas Education Code training for the time period covered by this announcement. We did not have any new board members this year.

##### **Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code**

The following board members have completed Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code training: Charles Alderson, Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, Loyd Hopson, Cheyenne Kizer, Mary Anne Leib, and Linda Maxwell.

##### **Team Building**

The following board members are scheduled to complete the annual team-building training on Monday October 27, 2025 which is in compliance: Charles Alderson, Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, Loyd Hopson, Cheyenne Kizer, Mary Anne Leib, and Linda Maxwell.

##### **Additional Continuing Education**

The following board members have completed the additional continuing education requirements: Charles Alderson, Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, Loyd Hopson, Cheyenne Kizer, Mary Anne Leib, and Linda Maxwell.

##### **Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals**

The following board members have completed the biennial training on evaluating student academic performance and setting goals: Charles Alderson, Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, Loyd Hopson, Cheyenne Kizer, Mary Anne Leib, and Linda Maxwell.

##### **Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and other Maltreatment of Children**

The following board members have completed the biennial training on identifying and reporting abuse and trafficking: Charles Alderson, Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, Loyd Hopson, Cheyenne Kizer, Mary Anne Leib, and Linda Maxwell.

### **School Safety**

The following board members have completed the biennial training on school safety: Charles Alderson, Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, Loyd Hopson, Cheyenne Kizer, Mary Anne Leib, and Linda Maxwell.

### **EXCEEDING REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Board Member Charles Alderson exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 3.00 additional hours.

Board Member Mary Anne Leib exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 3.00 additional hours.

## **9. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. JUNIOR HIGH OUT OF STATE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. SUMMER 2026**

Jessica Houser, ELAR teacher at Gatesville Junior High, proposed a trip to Washington D.C. from June 9 to June 12, 2026. Every teacher earns professional development credit by going on the trip. Students also have an opportunity to earn high school credit. Mrs. Houser has been in communication with World Strides, which is an accredited travel school that specializes in trips to historical sites. The all-inclusive price (bus fare, lodging, meals, etc.) is \$2,299 for students and \$2,644 for adults. The trip would entail 4 days in Washington D.C. for our students to explore the many historical sites. On Day 1, the group can see the White House, Smithsonian Museum of American History, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial. On Day 2 they can tour the Arlington National Cemetery, U.S. Marine Corp War Memorial, Capitol Hill Grounds, Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Pentagon 9/11 Memorial. On Day 3 the group will visit Ford's Theater, National Archives Museum, World War II Memorial, Washington Monument, National Museum of African American History, National Cathedral, Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, and MLK Memorial. On Day 4, the group would see the Mount Vernon Education Center and Grounds and the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History before departing for home.

Dr. Pollard recommended that the board approve the proposed out-of-state trip to Washington D.C. for the summer of 2026 for any interested 8th grade student.

This motion, made by Mary Anne Leib and seconded by Loyd Hopson, Passed.

Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Mary Anne Leib: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### **B. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS 2025-2026**

Dr. Yancey Sanderson, Asst Supt. of Admin. Services, presented the district improvement plans. GISD uses Plan4Learning to make these plans. This platform ensures that compliance requirements have been addressed in each of the documents. These plans are designed to serve as guiding documents for campuses and the district. They address campus and district goals, current needs, and strategies to address these needs. The plans also include a summary of how GISD uses all funds to meet these needs. The plans can be updated due to needs of the campus and district after approval.

Dr. Sanderson recommended to approve the District and Campus Plans submitted for the 2025-2026 school year.

This motion, made by Cheyenne Kizer and seconded by Calvin Ford, Passed.

Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Mary Anne Leib: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### **C. BOARD MEETING DATE TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL CANVASS OF RETURNS FOR ELECTIONS**

Dr. Pollard advised that election day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025. A date needs to be determined to conduct the official local canvass of returns for the elections. The earliest date for official canvass of returns by School Board is Friday, November 7, 2025. The last day for official canvass of returns is Monday, November 17, 2025. Our regular board meeting occurs on November 17, but we prefer not to wait until the last possible date to canvass the returns. Two board members constitute a quorum for the purpose of canvassing the election. Under the Open Meeting Act, however, no other school business may be conducted at this meeting unless there is a full quorum present.

Dr. Pollard recommend a special meeting to conduct the official local canvass of returns on Thursday, November 13, at 5:30 PM with Mr. Ament and Mrs. Maxwell constituting the quorum.

This motion, made by Calvin Ford and seconded by Loyd Hopson, Passed.

Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Mary Anne Leib: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### **D. POLICY UPDATE 126**

Dr. Pollard presented the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) recommended changes to our local policies. TASB is a trusted source of legal advisement for Texas school district. Remember, legal policies reflect the legal context, inform local decision-making, and are not adopted but reviewed.

Dr. Pollard recommended that the board replace, add, and delete the (LOCAL) policies as described in TASB Update 126. This motion, made by Calvin Ford and seconded by Mary Anne Leib, Passed.

Linda Maxwell: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Mary Anne Leib: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

#### **1. (LEGAL) POLICIES**

#### **2. (LOCAL) POLICIES LISTED**

1. BE(LOCAL): BOARD MEETINGS
2. BED(LOCAL): BOARD MEETINGS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
3. CJ(LOCAL): CONTRACTED SERVICES
4. CJA(LOCAL): CONTRACTED SERVICES-BACKGROUND CHECKS AND REQUIRED REPORTING
5. CLE(LOCAL): BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT - REQUIRED DISPLAYS
6. CQ(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES
7. CQB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES-CYBERSECURITY
8. CQD(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
9. CSA(LOCAL): FACILITY STANDARDS-SAFETY AND SECURITY
10. CV(LOCAL): FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION
11. DBD(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS-CONFLICT OF INTEREST
12. DEC(LOCAL): COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS-LEAVES AND ABSENCES
13. DFBB(LOCAL): TERM CONTRACTS- NONRENEWAL
14. DGBA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS - EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
15. DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
16. EEP(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS-LESSON PLANS
17. EFA(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES-INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
18. EHBAF(LOCAL): SPECIAL EDUCATION-VIDEO/AUDIO MONITORING
19. EIA(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT-GRADING/PROGRESS REPORTS TO PARENTS
20. FA(LOCAL): PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
21. FEF(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE-RELEASED TIME
22. FFAC(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES-MEDICAL TREATMENT
23. FFB(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE-CRISIS INTERVENTION

24. FFF(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE-STUDENT SAFETY
25. FFG(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
26. FNG(LOCAL): STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES-STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
27. FO(LOCAL): STUDENT DISCIPLINE
28. GF(LOCAL): PUBLIC COMPLAINTS
29. GKA(LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS-CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

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

The board took a break at 6:54 PM and then went into executive session at 7:01 PM and returned to open session at 8:00 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**-No action taken
- B. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL**-Information only; no board action needed.

| <i>Resignations</i> | <i>Campus/Position</i>                         | <i>Last Day</i> |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| Dixon, Kylie        | JH- College & Career Connections & Head Tennis | 12/18/2025      |
| Moyes, Jeremiah     | INT- 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade                     | 10/24/2025      |

#### **C. FORMATIVE SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION**

#### **12. FUTURE BUSINESS**

- A. TEAM OF 8 TRAINING OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ament adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM with no voiced objections.

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President

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Vice President

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_