

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

The Public Hearing to present the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) began at 8:25 pm in the Board Room at the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held January 22, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX.

Present: Mr. Tony Brown, President; Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary, Dr. Matthew Hay, Trustee, Mr. Shae Jobe, Trustee; Mr. David O'Neal, Trustee, Ms. Mindy Lakin, Trustee; Dr. Kelli Moulton, Superintendent

Absent: Mr. Johnny Smecca

- 1) *Mr. Tony Brown called to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas at 6:34pm.*
- 2) *Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag was recited.*
- 3) *Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items.*
 1. *Krystn Sendejas, teacher and parent, addressed the Board on the lack of choices for their 5th grade students for middle school. She expressed her feeling that 5th grade students should not be at the same campus as 8th graders; the social and emotional learning environment is very different between the age groups. She suggested that the District realign with a 5th and 6th grade campus and a 7th and 8th grade campus, conceding that you might have to leave Austin Middle School alone. In addition she requested that the Board take the time to ask the community for their input.*
 2. *Rosanna Negrini, parent, has concerns with the choice of middle schools in Galveston ISD. She expressed that students with disabilities may experience discrimination if they would like to attend Austin. She expressed that the rubric is written in a way that a 504 student will never score as well as kids that educationally disadvantaged. She said that Collegiate Academy is an unacceptable choice due to the lack of safety and poor academic achievement. She also stated that since the principal at Central is leaving, she has concerns sending her student to a school without proven leadership.*
 3. *Sasha White, parent, came to express her concerns with the schools of choice process for middle school in Galveston ISD. She feels that there is no choice, or a very limited choice on the Island. She expressed that if your student does not get accepted into Austin, the next choice is Collegiate. She stated that Collegiate is a concern due to teachers leaving in the middle of the year, and the lack of safety on the campus. She is also in favor of a 5th/6th grade campus and 7th/8th grade campus to achieve better academic results.*

4. *Ken Jencks, community member, talked about the importance for passing a Bond to build a new Ball high school. He feels that we are in a new generation, and this generation deserves a new high school. He suggested the Board conduct town hall meetings with the public to talk about the Bond.*

4) Superintendent's Report

A) School Board Appreciation Month

Dr. Kelli Moulton and staff presented the Board members with thanks and appreciation for all the work that they do to make the District better.

B) Campus Highlight: L.A. Morgan Elementary, Divya Nagpal, Principal.

Mrs. Divya Nagpal presented a variety of students from Morgan Elementary showcasing clubs and activities that they are involved in.

C) Board Committee Reports

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

Mr. David O'Neal announces these policies that were updated.

BE(LOCAL): BOARD MEETINGS; BED(LOCAL): BOARD MEETINGS - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION; CDA(LOCAL): OTHER REVENUES – INVESTMENTS; CH(LOCAL): PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION; CKC(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT - EMERGENCY PLANS; CKE(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT - SECURITY PERSONNEL; CQ(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES; CQB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES – CYBERSECURITY; DFFA(LOCAL): REDUCTION IN FORCE - FINANCIAL EXIGENCY; DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT; EHBB(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS; ELA(LOCAL): CAMPUS OR PROGRAM CHARTERS - PARTNERSHIP CHARTERS; FDE(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS - SCHOOL SAFETY TRANSFERS; FFAA(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS; FFB(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CRISIS INTERVENTION; FFBA(LOCAL): CRISIS INTERVENTION - TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE; FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS; GBAA(LOCAL): INFORMATION ACCESS - REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION; GKA(LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS - CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

2) Curriculum Committee Chair- Ms. Monica Wagner

Mrs. Monica Wagner reminded the public that they next curriculum meeting will be February 4, 2020. This meeting is open to the public.

3) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair

Report by Mr. Shae Jobe in Mr Smecca's absence

D) Previously Requested Information by the Board:

1) Policy Review Follow-Up

- 5) *The Board did 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.*

6) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items

- A) Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 18, 2019.

- 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 October 16, 2019.
- F) Consider approval of the 2020-2021 School Calendar.
- G) Consider approval to apply to the Moody Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund.
- H) Consider authorization to procure through the Choice Partners purchasing cooperative, replacement, and/or repair services-mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems (MEP package 7). This purchase is a bond-funded project for MEP renovations at Central Middle School.
Dr. Matthew Hay moved to approve the consent agenda pulling item F as presented. Mr. Shae Jobe 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6/0 unanimously.

7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items

- F) Consider approval of the 2020-2021 School Calendar.
Mr. Shae Jobe moved to approve calendar C for the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Mindy Lakin 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6/0 unanimously.
- A) Discuss and consider extension of the Superintendent's Contract through the 2021-2022 school year.
Mr. Tony Brown pulled this item from the agenda.
- B) Discuss and Consider approval of the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2019.
Mr. Tony Brown pulled this item from the agenda.

8) Suggested Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items requested.

9) Board Comments

Mr. David O'Neal requested a moment of silence for Mr. Earl Williams. He passed away over the Holiday break. Mr. O'Neal enjoyed the MLK essay contest, the winners were 1st place: Robert Ellis III; 2nd place: Sarah Mukhida; 3rd place: Zoe Barber.

Mr. Shae Jobe cleared up some questions for the public, a Bond has not been called and no decisions have been made. The CAC recommendation for the new high school is still in conversation. There is no design at this time. He also spoke to the middle school situation presented in the public comments: The District has been collecting data, so that the Board can make the best decision since it may involve a program change. He did let the public know that teachers and staff at all the middle school campuses are working hard.

Dr. Matthew Hay reminded the public that Ball High sports are going on, so come out to support the kids. In regards to middle school, 5th grade going back into elementary school will not work because there is no room in the current elementary schools. He welcomes anyone with ideas to solve the middle school problem to email him. As a board member for many years, this subject has been discussed with little success of solving.

Ms. Monica Wagner also talked about her thoughts on the middle school situation and welcomes options from the public. She thanked staff for celebrating School Board Appreciation month. She expressed congratulations to all the winners in the Houston Livestock Art Show.

Mr. Tony Brown expressed his opinion on the middle school situation: He reminded the public that all campuses have discipline issues, and understands the concerns from the community members. He did reassure the audience that the District is working on solving the concerns expressed. Mr. Brown also shared with the public that the board understands that any future Bond may be a large dollar amount, but that is what it will take to build a new school. By passing this Bond and providing a new Ball High School it will be an opportunity to make the school great as well as maximize the use of available fund. He reminded the public that each year inflation will continue to rise, and the cost of maintenance will also increase.

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

10) Adjournment

Mr. Tony Brown adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:13pm.

Minute taken by: Emily Fortune

Approved on: _____

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary