

# Minutes of Regular 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 March 25, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.127 and 551.045 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 in an emergency called meeting. An emergency exists that requires immediate action of the Board of Directors because of an imminent threat to public health and safety and/or a reasonably unforeseeable situation, specifically the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, a determination is 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 to socially distance.

Governor Abbott 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 is hereby given that Galveston ISD intends to conduct this emergency called 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, Trustee; and Dr. Kelli Moulton, Superintendent.*

- 1) *Mr. Tony Brown called to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas at 6:30pm.*
- 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. *Ken Jencks, community member, expressed the needed for new high school in Galveston and the importance of continuing the push for the Bond even if the*

*May election is postponed.*

2. *Mike Dudas, teacher at Ball High, gave a shout-out to Dr. Moulton and staff for the roll out of online instruction for our students*

#### 4) Superintendent's Report

##### A) Recognition of Major Jesus Torres for his appointment to West Point Military Academy

*Dr. Kelli Moulton read a resolution that Galveston ISD presented to Cadet Major Jesus Torres to congratulate him on his appointment to the West Point Military Academy.*

##### B) District Update

*Dr. Kelli Moulton gave an update on the suspension of normal business operations in the District. To address continuity of instruction, students will have two types of instruction high tech (internet based instruction) and low tech (paper packets) to continue with their class work. Child Nutrition Curbside Pickup will continue to service meals. Other updates in the District are: 1. Many other District programs are reaching out to students- SEL, teleservices for bilingual students, fine arts/athletics. 2. Please call your campus if your student has not been contacted for arrangements to receive their schoolwork. 3. The Athletic department is doing "Beacons of Hope". This is our way to show support for students while they are at home, each night a different set of light from each sports complex will shine between 8:00-9:00pm. 4. Teen Health will be open for appointments at Collegiate Academy @ Weis, Austin Middle School and Central Middle School. 5. MECC will provide daycare for UTMB health care workers. 6. Communication with students, staff, and community has been fantastic, and we will continue to update as information becomes available. 7. Ball High has cancelled prom and postponed graduation. 8. The Food Bank will be handing out food at Alamo*

##### C) Board Committee Reports

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

*Mr. David O'Neal announced there was no updates at this time. The Policy meeting that was scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>, will be cancelled and rescheduled for another date.*

###### 2) Curriculum Committee Chair- Ms. Monica Wagner

*Ms. Monica Wagner gave a summary of the curriculum meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee discussed Oppie Dual Language Program, Core Complete-High School Initiatives, Additional Days School Year (HB3), Summer Programs, Proposed Programs for 2020-2021, and an Update on Teacher Incentive Allotment.*

###### 3) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca

*Mr. Johnny Smecca reported that there is no update from the facilities committee, but requested a meeting date. He gave a summary from the finance committee meeting where they discussed attorney bills, financial reports, donation by the Galveston Restaurant Association, Germblast Contract, Rosenberg roof bid award, general fund budget amendment, and*

*curriculum/grant contracts. The non-agenda items discussed included an update from PBK on Bond projects, vehicle replacements, bus services to Crenshaw, long term utility contract, and redistricting services.*

D) Previously Requested Information by the Board:

*There was no report on previously requested information at this time.*

5) *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 7:42pm.*

*Mr. Tony Brown reopened the regular meeting at 8:00pm.*

6) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items

A) Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 19, 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 December 18, 2019.

F) Consider approval for professional services from The Flippin Group beginning August 3, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

G) Consider approval of the recommendations for Chapter 21 Administrator contracts for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

H) Consider approval of the recommendations for Non-Chapter 21 Administrator contracts for the 2020-2021 school year.

I) Consider approval of the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for the 2020-2021 school year.

J) Consider approval to apply to the Lone Star STEM Grant.

K) Consider approval of GISD requested to apply for the Galveston Community Dyslexia Initiative Grant through the Moody Foundation.

L) Consider authorization to award GISD RFCSP#730-2020 "Roof and Envelope Repairs at Rosenberg Elementary School" to the most responsive bidder.

M) Consider approval of 2019-2020 General Fund budget amendment.

N) Consider approval of an agreement between Galveston ISD and UTMB Galveston for Medical Services.

*Mr. Shae Jobe moved to approve the consent agenda pulling items L and M as presented. Mr. Johnny Smecca 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.*

7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items

A) Discuss and consider authorization to approve procurement of cleaning services, three treatments in the next 12 months, with GERMBLAST INFECTION CONTROLS, via Choice Partners cooperative contract 19/015MR-02, in the amount not to exceed \$119,490.87. Approval of this award will require a budget amendment, increasing Fund 199, function 51(General Fund, Maintenance) in the

amount of \$119,490.87.

*Mr. David O'Neal moved to approve the procurement of cleaning services, three treatment in the next 12 months, with Germblast Infection Controls, via Choice Partners cooperative contract 19/015MR-02, in the amount not to exceed \$119,490.87. Mr. Johnny Smecca 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously. The relating Budget amendment was pulled from the agenda for consideration at a future date.*

- B) Discuss and consider approval of retiring K-9 Apollo on June 1, 2020; giving ownership of Apollo to Officer Timmy Cowart in accords with Galveston ISD-PD Order 58.00, effective May 2018, section VII-Retirement or Replacement of Canine; and purchasing a new District Canine.

*Mr. Johnny Smecca moved to approve retiring K9 Apollo on June 1, 2020; giving ownership of Apollo to Officer Timmy Cowart in accords with Galveston ISD-PD Order 58.00, effective May 2018, section VII-Retirement or Replacement of Canine; and purchase a new District Canine. Mr. David O'Neal 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.*

- C) Discuss and consider postpone/move Locally Ordered Bond Election.

*Mr. Shae Jobe moved to postpone/move the Locally Ordered Bond Election. Mrs. Monica Wagner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.*

- 8) Suggested Future Agenda Items

There were no suggested future agenda items at this time.

- 9) Board Comments

*Mr. David O'Neal applauded the Superintendent, staff, and the Board for making strides in these uncertain times, while continuing to uphold the integrity of the Districts academic performance.*

*Mr. Shae Jobe expressed the importance of moving forward with the Bond Election once everything returns to normal. The delay in the election does not change the need for a Bond. He asked the community to keep hope and campaigning.*

*Mrs. Monica Wagner said special thank you to Dr. Moulton and the cabinet for the work they are doing to support students and staff. She also thanked the teacher's and principal's work adapting to the situation, and educating their students at home. She encouraged community to please reach out to their campus and teacher to help with any issues or concerns so that they can help you work through it. In addition, Child Nutrition Curbside Pick-Up is tomorrow, and Central MS will be serving meals for the first time. Parents please follow the warnings and stay home to keep down the spread of COVID-19.*

*Mr. Johnny Smecca thanked the administration for the work they are doing as well as the child nutrition staff that was ready in a moment notice; a special thank you to Jennifer Douglas and her team. He thanked the Board and community for supporting his businesses during this time. He expressed that one of the good things is that we are learning today to help us be better in the future.*

*Ms. Mindy Lakin thanked the admin team for doing an extraordinary job working through this time. She also thanked the parents for being patient with the District as the teachers are getting instruction to their students. She also gave a few websites and links for students to discover new things around the country. Lastly, she thanked her fellow board members for the work and support they have shown her.*

*Mr. Tony Brown advised parents to “take a breath”. Students need to stay home and work with their parents to complete assignments. “In uncertain times, Galveston always gets through the disaster and comes back better than before”. He also thanked teachers, campus staff members, and administration for the work that is being done.*

*Dr. Matthew Hay announced that he would be resigning from the Board effective as soon as the Board is able to swear in a new member. His daughter is doing her student teaching in Galveston with the hope that she will be hired as a teacher here. He also stated that the law requires him to continue performing the duty of a Board trustee until a replacement is sworn in. He asked the Board to find a replacement in District 5E and be sworn in during the May board meeting. In closing, Dr. Hay said that it has been an honor and privilege to serve the students of Galveston ISD.*

*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 8:30pm.*

Minutes taken by: Emily Fortune

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

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Mr. Tony Brown, President

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Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary