

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

A Regular Meeting with members of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees was held November 18, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

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"), one or more members of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees may attend this meeting via videoconference in order to properly mitigate the spread of COVID-19, pursuant to State and local emergency/disaster declarations. Notice is given that Galveston ISD intended to conduct this meeting via videoconference. As required by the temporary suspension, Galveston ISD:

- 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 have used the following free-of-charge website link: <https://www.gisd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=5397>; or a live broadcast on Channel 17.
- Provided the public with access and a means to participate in the meeting, at 3904 Ave T Galveston, TX 77550; or by telephone at 409-766-5139; and
- Provided the public with access to a recording of the meeting.

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

Board members in attendance: Wagner, O'Neal, Jobe, Brown, Masel, Smecca, and Lakin
Administration in attendance: Kelli Moulton, Connie Morgenroth, Annette Scott, Billy Rudolph, Audrey Torres, April Pinkham, Walter Fortune, Paul Byers, and Dyann Polzin.

Audio visual recording of this meeting can be found online at:
<https://gisd.viebit.com/index.php?folder=ALL>

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. --6:30pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag.
Moved from Regular Agenda 9A - Swearing in of Trustees Masel and Smecca --6:32pm
- 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. --6:34pm **70**
Michelle Pedallino spoke on behalf of the SAIL program.
Elizabeth Beeton spoke against Austin closing.

Ken Jencks spoke against Austin closing.
Don Davison spoke against Austin closing.
Manuel Alvarado spoke against Austin closing.
Alma Jiminez spoke against Austin closing.
Sandra Tetley spoke against closing Austin.
Laura Beebe spoke against closing Austin.
Xochiti Gaskin spoke in favor of Middle school realignment.
Barbie Cahill spoke in favor of Middle school realignment.
Premal Patel spoke in favor of Middle school realignment.
Erin Barnhart spoke in favor of Middle school realignment.
Lauren Scott spoke in favor of Middle school realignment.
Georgia Scott spoke in favor of Middle school realignment.
Meg Fagg spoke in favor of Middle school realignment.
Thomas Overhose spoke against closing Austin.
Robert Davis spoke against closing Austin.
Paul Morgan spoke in favor of inclusion.
Janet Hoffman spoke about Ball's hybrid program not being enough for their kids to learn.
Norm Hoffman spoke about Ball's hybrid program not being enough for their kids to learn.
Leslie Clift - Does not want her children going to three middle schools. She wants the matrix removed and a lottery enacted.
Keath Jacoby - Spoke in favor of Middle school realignment.
Micah Simmons - Spoke against closing Austin.
Sara Roberts - Spoke against closing Austin.
Christie Gonzales - Spoke against closing Austin.
Zarah Ecktefaei - Spoke in favor of Middle school realignment.

4) Superintendent's Report --7:44 pm **18**

A) Update on Returning to Learning 2020-2021

Spoke about Enrollment, Technology, COVID-19, and tips for Thanksgiving and the holidays.
--8:02 pm – 5 Board comments - Masel - Asked that info about COVID-19 testing be more advertised. Wagner - Question about equity audit. Jobe - Will it affect teacher instruction time? Smecca - Questioned when hybrid would end at Ball high. Brown - Question about COVID-19 testing.

B) Request for Agenda items Update --8:07 pm

Wagner - Would like a presentation about how the district is working to help failing students.
Masel - Would like a presentation on block scheduling at Ball HS.

C) Board Committee Reports --8:07 pm *Deferred.*

- 1) Policy Committee Chair- Mr. David O'Neal
- 2) Curriculum Committee Chair- Ms. Monica Wagner
- 3) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca

5) Financial Reports --8:09 pm **48**

Presented by Connie Morgenroth

Board questions from Smecca and Masel. Report continued by Morgenroth.

--8:20 pm Board comments about IVP. --8:40 Report continued by Morgenroth. --8:43

Deferred maintenance report by Paul Byers. --8:51 Board comments.

6) 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. --8:57 pm - **30**

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.

- A) Personnel
- B) Consultation with Attorney
- C) Real Property

7) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. --9:27 pm

8) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items **1**

Motion to approve the consent agenda (Item G withheld) by Ann Masel, Second by Monica Wagner. No discussion. Unanimous in favor.

- A) Consider approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- B) Consider approval of the Board's Time Use Tracker - October 21, 2020
- C) Discuss and consider approval of the Board's Quarterly Progress Tracker.
- D) Consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.
- E) Consider approval of November Budget Amendments
- F) Consider approval of Gifts and Donations.
- G) Consider approval of Purchases >\$50,000 *Deferred*
- H) Discuss and consider approval of payment of Attorney fees.
- I) Discuss and consider the approval for the Causeway Galveston program to apply for a grant from the MHA Center for School Behavioral Health. The amount of the award is \$100,000.
- J) Discuss and Consider for the 2020 2021 school year, delegating contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.1511 to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).
- K) Discuss and consider RFCSP Contract for HVAC Supplies and Services.
- L) Discuss and consider RFCSP Contract for Maintenance and Operating Supplies
- M) Discuss and consider approval of the contract with Adaptive Behavior School East (Harris County Department of Education) for a student in GISD.
- N) Discuss and Consider approval of deferred maintenance projects, not to exceed \$460,000 utilizing fund balance, as presented.
- O) Discuss and consider the approval for the Human Capital Management Department program to apply for the Texas Education Agency Mentor Program Allotment. The estimated amount of the award is \$108,000.
- P) Consider Secondary TEAL (Texas Education Agency Login) approver status for Lea Walker.

9) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items --9:28 pm - **16**

- A) Administer Oath of Office to Single-Member Districts 5-E and 6-F. --6:32 pm

B) Discuss and consider reorganization of Officers of the GISD Board of Trustees.--
9:28 pm

Ann Masel moved to keep the current officers. Second by David O’Neal. Board President, Tony Brown, Vice-President Johnny Smecca and Secretary Monica Wagner. Unanimous in favor.

C) Discuss and consider Purchase of Real Property --9:30 pm

Motion by Masel, 2nd Lakin to give Dr. Moulton authorization to negotiate on the district’s behalf for the purchase of real property. Unanimous in favor.

D) Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution to authorize compensation of employees for the days when the District is closed due to Coronavirus 19. --9:32 pm

Motion by Wagner, Second by Lakin --Unanimous in favor.

E) Discuss and consider approval of resolution adopting a temporary ad valorem tax exemption pursuant to Governor Greg Abbott’s disaster declaration and Texas Tax Code §11.35. --9:33 pm

Motion by Smecca, Second by Masel --Unanimous in favor.

F) Discuss and consider approval of resolution to commit fund balance. --9:35pm

Explanation by Connie Morgenroth

Motion by Masel to commit 11 million of the balance for disaster recovery, Second by Smecca -- Unanimous in favor.

10) Suggested Future Agenda Items

11) Board Comments --9:44 pm **21**

David O’Neal

--9:50 Shae Jobe

--9:51 Ann Masel

--9:51 Monica Wagner

--9:54 Mindy Lakin

--9:55 Johnny Smecca

--10:01 Tony Brown

12) Adjournment --10:05

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on: _____

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary

For the Board of Trustees