

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held February 16, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

*A full recording can be found at: <https://gisd.viebit.com/index.php?folder=ALL>*

*Board members in attendance: Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Jobe, O'Neal  
Staff members in attendance: Gibson, Morgenroth, Post, Neighbors, Polzin, Scott, Patrick, Byers, Curry, Miller, Ellinger, Paul, Le, Moore, Rogers, Bly*

1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. --6:06 PM

*Moment of silence for Bill Quiroga and Suzanna Edwards who passed away this week.*

2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. --6:07 PM

Presentation of GISD Alumni of the month – Todd Scott --6:08 PM by *Johnny Smecca*

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. --6:29 PM  
*Tom Schwenk – Comments about Austin MS*

*Josephine Sullivan – Comments about the “A Night to Shine” event sponsored by the Cristina Grillo Sullivan Foundation – Thanks for Dr. Gibson, Mr. Jobe, Dr. Ramirez from GISD and many others for helping with coordination of this event.*

4) 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.  
*Board recessed into Closed Executive session at 6:35 PM*

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

5) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. --7:02 PM

6) Board President to Appoint Standing Committees. --7:32 PM

*Finance Committee - Chair, Johnny Smecca with Mindy Lakin and Ann Masel*

*Curriculum Committee - Chair, Ann Masel with Shae Jobe, Tony Brown, Beatriz Rodriguez and Stephanie Mendoza*

*Policy Committee Chair, David O'Neal, Members, Mindy Lakin and Elizabeth Beeton*

*Facilities - Chair, Johnny Smecca with Shae Jobe and Elizabeth Beeton*

7) District Reports

A) Superintendent's Report --7:02 PM

1) Young Gardeners presentation --7:03 PM By Honi Alexander

2) Ball High Alumni Recognition --6:08 PM (discussed above)

3) MECC Quarterly Report --7:16 PM by Karin Miller

4) Board Appreciation Month --7:23 PM from our students

--7:23 PM Great things going on with our students! Presentation of students by Dr. Gibson.

B) Board Committee Reports --7:34 PM

1) Policy Committee Chair- Mr. David O'Neal --7:34 PM

2) Curriculum Committee Chair- Ms. Ann Masel --7:36 PM

3) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca --7:39 PM

8) Financial Reports and Budget Update --7:41 PM by Mr. Smecca

9) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items --7:44 PM Items R and T pulled and moved to the regular agenda. Motion by Masel, Second by Lakin Comments by Brown. Approved unanimously

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on December 15, 2021 and Special Meetings on December 20, 2021, and January 24, 2022.

B) Consider approval of the Board's Time Use Tracker - December 15, 2021

C) Consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.

D) Discuss and consider approval of payment of attorney fees.

E) Consider approval of Budget Amendments

F) Discuss and consider accepting donations in accordance with Board Policy CDC Local.

G) Discuss and consider approval to contract with N2Learning to assist with district planning for school improvement including the facilitation of the Visioning process in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

H) Discuss and approve CTE and Advanced Academic Administration's request to apply for the JET Grant (Jobs for Education and Texas) in order to expand the construction and industrial trades & operations shop at Ball High School. Not to exceed \$400,000.

I) Discuss and consider approval for an out of state trip to Cozumel Mexico via a Cruise leaving from the Galveston Port on Feb. 2, 2023, for eligible Band and Choir students (75-100 students and 15 chaperones). Select student groups will perform on the ship and all students will be given the cultural experience of visiting Cozumel Mexico.

J) Discuss and Consider out of state trip to Panama, for eligible 7th & 8th grade students at Austin Middle School June 2022.

K) Discuss and consider approval of additional courses as Advanced for 9th graders entering 2022-2023.

L) Discuss and consider approval of purchases exceeding \$50,000 for training and instructional materials through the sole source provider Neuhaus Education Center to support the implementation of the Moody Foundation Community Dyslexia Grant.

M) Discuss and consider approval of purchases exceeding \$50,000 for technology devices to support the implementation of the Moody Foundation Community Dyslexia Grant.

N) Discuss and Consider Resolution to join Central Texas Purchasing Alliance.

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) Discuss and Consider Approval of Annual Renewal of Microsoft Volume Licensing Agreement.

Q) Discuss and consider approval of Audit Engagement Letter for the August 31, 2022 Fiscal Year-End Audit

R) Discuss and Consider Approval of Property Insurance Renewal with Galveston Insurance Associates (GIA) --*pulled to Regular Agenda*

S) Automobile and General Liability Insurance Renewal

T) Discuss and Consider approval of the Job Order Contracting procurement method for renovations to Central Middle School related to the Middle School Realignment in 2022-2023. --*pulled to Regular Agenda*

10) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items --7:45 PM

*Item R pulled from the Consent Agenda --7:45 PM Motion by Masel for option 3, second by Jobe. Discussion at 7:49 PM Approved unanimously*

*Item T pulled from the Consent Agenda --7:56 PM Motion by Jobe to proceed this the proposed project, using (1) job order contracting for those portions of the proposed work which the District's Legal Counsel determined could be performed using job order contracting, and (2) using competitive bidding on those portions of the proposed work estimated at about \$880,000 which the District's Legal Counsel has determined cannot be performed using job order contracting. Second by Masel. Comments by Brown, noting that Trustees had received a written opinion from Legal Counsel concerning the use of job order contracting prior to taking this item up for consideration. Further discussion. Motion passed 6-1, Beeton opposed.*

A) Order by the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District Calling a Bond Election to be Held Within Said District; Making Provisions for the Conduct and the Giving of Notice of the Election; and Containing Other Provisions Relating Thereto.

--8:09 PM Options for components of the proposed bond election were presented.

“Option 3” includes five component propositions :

A. Ball High School	\$229,972,809
Transportation	\$2,820,186
Bond Resolutions	\$1,061,093
Total - Prop A	\$233,855,000
B. Aquatic Center at BHS and Central MS	\$15,980,000
C. Renovations at Central MS	\$8,513,236
Renovation at Collegiate/Weis MS	\$18,745,885
Renovations at Austin MS	\$8,900,000
Total - Prop C	\$36,160,000
D. Technology Equipment	\$4,535,000
E. Courville Stadium	\$24,270,000
Total for all five Components	\$314,800,000

*Motion by Smecca for the Board to call an election for the five propositions included in option 3, second by Jobe. Approved unanimously.*

B) Discuss and Consider for action trustees' request for information concerning a comparison of prices for sports clothing and equipment by the district's prior vendor and those compared to current vendor. --8:40 PM *Deferred*

C) Discuss and consider appointment of District Employee to Respond to Information Requests from Board of Trustees --8:41 PM *Deferred*

11) Suggested Future Agenda Items --8:43 PM

*Masel - Look into tax credits for Middle School renovations included in the called bond election.*

*Smecca – Requested staff provide a presentation at the next curriculum meeting next month concerning how the lottery process currently works for students.*

*Jobe – Requested a presentation at the next curriculum committee meeting concerning the possibility of adding another community at Ball High concerning the Hospitality Industry.*

12) Board Comments --8:50 PM

*O'Neal - Mike Pistone passed away. He was instrumental in setting up the hospitality program years back. Also Alex Prince passed away. He had a 37 year career with the District. Also Lilly Gibson from Rosenberg. Moment of silence for all. Jobe – "A Night to Shine" was a great event.*

13) Adjournment –*Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM*

*Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly*

Approved on March 30, 2022

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Mr. Tony Brown, President

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Shae Jobe, Secretary