

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 March 31, 2021, 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 Biden 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 have attended this meeting via videoconference in order to properly mitigate the spread of COVID-19, pursuant to State and local emergency/disaster declarations. Notice was given that Galveston ISD intends 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. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown.

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

*Board members present: Brown, Smecca, Wagner, O'Neal, Jobe, Masel, Lakin
Administration in attendance: Jerry Gibson, Annette Scott, Billy Rudolph, Mary Patrick, Walter Fortune, Paul Byers, John Pruitt and Dyann Polzin, Connie Morgenroth, Jessica Edwards.*

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. --6:30
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag.--6:30
- 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. --6:31-6:41 and 6:58 - 7:01
6:32 - Jessica Edwards - Director of SPED- Thanks to the Moody Foundation for two new Grants.

6:32 - *Torrina Harris - Community member - Spoke to the teachers of the district in support of them.*

6:35 - *Heather Foster - Parent - Stands in support of the SAIL teachers.*

6:38 *Carrie Hunnicut - SAIL History teacher - Complaint about how SAIL teachers were treated and Superintendent's actions.*

Closed session --6:41 - 6:58

--6:58- Sandra Flores - Spoke on behalf of the SAIL program

4) District Reports

A) Superintendent's Report --7:01

7:01 - Recognition of Robert Ellis.

7:06 - April 28th is going to remain an early release day. STAAR writing test starts April 6th. Robotics had competitions over Spring Break and advanced to the next level. Item "W" application for a grant for 11 more options for dual credit. Stephanie Mendoza has been the driving force on this grant.

7:10 - Stephanie Mendoza reported on consent agenda item "W."

7:13 - GEF fundraiser starting 4/1.

7:15 - Addressed complaint about SAIL teachers returning to their classroom.

B) Board Committee Reports--7:18- 7:35

1) Policy Committee Chair- Mr. David O'Neal --7:18 Policy meeting in February. Next meeting is scheduled for October.

2) Curriculum Committee Chair- Ms. Monica Wagner --7:19 Joint curriculum and facilities meeting April 7th. Encouraged the public to view.

3) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca --7:29

5) Financial Reports and Budget Update --7:35 *Report given at the Finance meeting*

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. --7:35 - 9:50

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) Discuss and consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.

B) Consultation with Attorney

C) Real Property

6) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees.--9:50

7) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items --9:50 *with the exception of item C, F, and X Motion by Wagner. Second by Jobe. Unanimous in favor.*

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on February 24, 2021.

B) Consider approval of the Board's Time Use Tracker – February 24, 2021.

C) Consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.
Deferred to Regular Agenda to be voted on separately.

- D) Discuss and consider approval of payment of attorney fees.
- E) Consider approval of Budget Amendments
- F) Consider Approval of Purchases >\$50,000 *None*
- G) Discuss and consider accepting donations in accordance with Board Policy CDC Local.
- H) Discuss and Consider Approval of Annual Renewal of Microsoft Volume Licensing Agreement
- I) Discuss and consider submitting for a TEA waiver for Hybrid Instruction during District Scheduled Testing Days for K – 8 Grade Students
- J) Discuss and consider submitting for a TEA waiver for Missed Days
- K) Discuss and consider approval of PK tuition for students who do not qualify for the PK program and provide GUSD employees a 25% discount for PK if their children do not qualify for the 2021-2022 school year.
- L) Discuss and consider submitting for a TEA waiver for Remote - Only Instruction on February 23 for Crenshaw Elementary and Middle School
- M) Discuss and consider submitting for a TEA waiver for Missed School Day for Crenshaw Elementary and Middle School
- N) Discuss and consider the purchase of printing equipment and supplies for the CreaTOR Legacy Project from Lab Resources for an amount not to exceed \$175,000.
- O) Discuss and consider submitting a TEA waiver for the CPR instruction requirement for seniors graduating 2021.
- P) Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution to Accept Offer to Purchase Tax Foreclosed Property Located on Bolivar Peninsula
- Q) Consider Resolution Extending Depository Contract for 2 Additional Years.
- R) Discuss and consider the submission of the National Professional Development Program Grant for Galveston ISD.
- S) Discuss and consider approval of the recommendations for Chapter 21 Administrator contracts for Principals and Assistant Principals for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.
- T) Discuss and consider approval of the recommendations for Non Chapter 21 Administrator contracts for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.
- U) Discuss and consider approval of the recommendations for Chapter 21 Professional Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.
- V) Discuss and consider approval for professional services from The Flippen Group beginning August 5, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$52,000
- W) Discuss and consider applying for the 2021-2023 Expansion of Dual Credit Faculty for CCRSM (College and Career Readiness School Model) on behalf of Ball High School.
- X) Discuss and consider approval of award for Construction of the Outdoor Classroom at Crenshaw Elementary RFCSP #2020-21-004, to the most responsive bidder (under separate cover). *Removed*
- Y) Discuss and consider approval of upgrades, repairs, and service to electrical panels and branch wiring serving kitchen equipment at each campus using Crescent Electric Buy Board Contract #558-18 to be paid from Child Nutrition fund balance.

Z) Discuss and consider approval of purchase of Kitchen Exhaust/Supply Fan replacement for campus cafeterias using Child Nutrition funds from CFI Mechanical, Choice Partners Contract #18/306 MC-02.

8) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items

Consent Agenda Item (C) was presented at 9:51 Motion by Wagner. Second by Smecca. Approved 6-0 Jobe abstained

9) Suggested Future Agenda Items

10) Board Comments 9:53

9:53 - O'Neal - Applauded Robert Ellis on academics and athletics

9:54 - Jobe - Spoke about Robotics being state champions.

9:54 - Masel - Spoke about learning loss from Covid-19. The board is committed to doing what they can to make up for the learning loss.

9:56 - Wagner - Spoke about board support of teachers and students.

9:58 - Lakin - Echoes Wagner in support of teachers.

10:00 - Smecca - Also supports comments made by Wagner and Lakin. Congratulations to Robert Ellis and Reminder of GEF virtual fundraiser and spoke about the parade for Mike Evans and thanks to all who helped make it happen.

10:11 - Lakin - Thanked Johnny for what he has done.

10:12 - Brown - Spoke about an anonymous website by an anonymous person with unfounded information and voiced support of the superintendent by the board.

11) Adjournment 10:18

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on: _____

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary

For the Board of Trustees