



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 September 18, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

BOT in attendance: Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Jobe, and O'Neal

Staff in attendance: Martello, Post, Patrick, Scott, Polzin, Monges, Mizelle, Pruitt, Mueller, Grant, Dudas, Dickerson, Neighbors, Bly

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. –6:00
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. –6:01 *Began with a presentation by Samuel Angarita, 2nd grader at Austin, about his native home country, Columbia.*
- 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. –6:04
 - Pastor Tim Sykes -Asked what will be done with La Morgan and asked the board to support the school police department financially.*
 - Paul Wasserloos - Spoke about Special Ed*
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. –6:04 *None*
- 5) District Reports –6:10
 - A) Superintendent's Report
 - 1) Campus and District Improvement Plans –6:10 *Dr. Scott gave an overview of Campus and district improvement plans.*
 - 2) Improvement of student scores on STAAR Reading Examinations and on ELA EOC Examinations –6:15 *Reading and writing presentation by Stephanie Mizelle and Desire Monges. 6:22 questions from the board.*
 - 3) Morning programming at GISD schools –6:54 *Reported by Dr. Neighbors.*
 - B) Board Committee Reports –7:00
 - 1) Facilities/Finance Committee –7:00 *Report by Chair, Mr. Johnny Smecca*
 - 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update –7:00
 - 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items –7:08
 - A) Discuss and consider the submission of the application for Optional Flexible School Day for AIM College and Career Preparatory Academy. –7:08 *Motion by Beeton. Second by O'Neal. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - B) Discuss and Consider Nominations for Persons to Serve on the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. –7:09 *Motion by Masel to nominate Tom Farmer. Second by Jobe. Motion passes 6-0. Brown abstained.*
 - C) Discuss and Consider the First Amendment to the Superintendent Employment Contract. –7:09 *Motion by O'Neal to accept the contract for the Superintendent. Second by Lakin. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

D) Discuss and consider proposals for purchase of land adjacent to district property. *-7:14 Discussion by Dr. Neighbors.*

8) 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. *-7:15*

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) Consultation with Attorney (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.071) - Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or matters in which the duty of the attorney to the school district under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the state's open meetings laws.

B) Personnel Matters (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.074) – Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or resignation of an employee or employees, including the Superintendent.

C) Real Property (Tex. Govt Code Section 551.072) – Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate in which the discussion in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the ability of the school district to negotiate with a third party.

D) Prospective Gifts or Donations (Tex. Govt Code Section 551.073) – Discuss prospective gifts or donations to the Galveston Independent School District and/or individual campuses, programs or facilities.

E) Security for athletic events (Tex. Govt Code Sections 551.076 and 551.089) – Discuss the deployment of security personnel, infrastructure, or devices.

9) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. *-9:12*

10) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items *-9:12 Motion by Jobe. Second by Masel. Discussion about elections. All in favor.*

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the August 28, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting.

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

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

D) Discuss and consider approval of monthly Budget Amendment (Under separate cover.)

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

F) Discuss and consider approval for contracted services for professional development from Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

G) Discuss and Consider approval for an out of state trip to Tampa, Florida for the Ball High Varsity Basketball team December 27-29, 2024.

H) Discuss and consider approval of Employee Travel Reimbursement Rates for fiscal year 2024-2025

I) Discuss and consider resolution to allow the receipt of Sun Life dividend funds.

J) Discuss and consider Resolution to join Region 2 ESC Statewide Cooperative Purchasing Program, Goodbuy.

K) Discuss and Consider Approval of Agreement with Communities in Schools for Dropout Prevention Program

L) Discuss and Consider approval to cancel the Regular School Trustee Election for District 1-A and 4-D for the November 5, 2024 School Board Election.

M) Discuss and Consider approval of Certification of Unopposed Candidate for the Regular School Trustee Election for District 1-A and 4-D

N) Discuss and Consider Regulation FMG-R –Student Travel

O) Discuss and consider approval for the campus goals and performance objectives as presented in the campus plans.

- P) Discuss and consider approval for the District Goals and Performance Objectives for 2024-2025
- 11) Suggested Future Agenda Items
- 12) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES –9:16
O’Neal - Great start of the year. Kudos to Dr. Neighbors for being featured in the Invest magazine.
Jobe - Kudos to the board for working hard.
Smecca - Come watch the football team play.
Brown - Mark Kelso has been recognized nationally for putting together data for finding people from WWII and will be honored.
- Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, Trustees may report on any of the following items:
1. Expressions of thanks, gratitude, and condolences
 2. Information regarding holiday schedules
 3. Honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen
 4. Reminders regarding GISD events
 5. Reminders regarding community events
 6. Health and safety announcements
- 13) Adjournment–9:22

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on October 16, 2024

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Shae Jobe, Secretary