

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held April 15, 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 551.125 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.*
There were no requests to address the Board at that time.

4) Superintendent's Report

A) District Update

1) COVID-19 Suspension of Normal District Operations

Dr. Kelli Moulton gave an updated summary of District efforts and accomplishments during the suspension of normal district operations. The District served 458 meals at Ball, 300 at Collegiate, 200 at Central, and 180 at Crenshaw. MECC has also served 23 breakfast and 23 lunches. MECC has been open to essential employees for daycare per the Governor's announcement. We have made a deal with Verizon to provide internet in 9 buses that will be placed through the City to help support students. There have been 1162 devices provided to students to support completion of schoolwork. The Governor will speak this Friday to give additional guidance for reopening Texas. Maintenance projects have been started and continue at campuses. Lastly, Dr. Moulton made a plea to parents and students that if they have not been contacted by their teachers to please call the campuses.

2) School of Choice Update

Dr. Kelli Moulton announced that letters for 4th grade students going into middle school and kindergarten students' placement will go out this Friday.

3) 2020-2021 Registration

Dr. Moulton announced that online registration for returning students will open May 11 and continue through June 30.

B) Summer Hours

The Support Center will be open from Monday- Thursday from 7:30am- 5:45pm and closed on Fridays.

C) Grading during Suspension of Normal District Operations

Dr. Kelli Moulton presented a resolution for grading procedures during the COVID pandemic. The District Administration, principals, and committee have put together a procedure for teachers to grade students work as follow: Elementary will record one grade per core subject per week. Middle School will record a minimum of one grade or maximum of two grades per core subject per week. Both elementary and middle school grade will weight all entered grades equally. High School will continue giving graded assignments as outlined in the GISD and BALL HS handbooks. This will allow high students to keep their GPA's for ranking purposes.

D) Board Committee Reports

- 1. David O'Neal, Policy Chairman, let the public know that there have been no updates on District Policies.*
- 2. Monica Wagner, Curriculum Chairman, gave a summary of the committee meeting held on April 7th. The committee discussed District Incentive Pay Impact, COVID Concerns: attendance, grading, support; and Potential Programs/Instructional delivery models to address student's outcome gaps resulting from efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.*
- 3. Mr. Johnny Smecca, Facilities and Finance Chairman, reported that a facilities committee meeting has been scheduled for May 6th. As for the*

Finance Committee meeting held on April 14th the group discussed attorney bills, financial reports, general fund budget amendment, purchases over \$50,000-Rosenberg roof bid award; RFP Award- athletic apparel and equipment agreement; donations; RFP Award- financial audit services; and other curriculum/grant contracts. There was also a presentation from PBK on the current Bond 2018 projects, revisit budget calendar, and bus service to Crenshaw.

For more detailed information please visit:

<https://gisd.viebit.com/player.php?hash=V8jJpGACTpcE>

- 5) *The Board recessed into Closed Executive Session as permitted by the Texas Open Meeting Act Government Code Sections 551.071- 551.090 Subchapter D and E at 7:24pm.*

A) Personnel

B) Board Appointment

Mr. Tony Brown reopened the regular meeting at 7:55pm.

- 6) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items

A) Consider approval of minutes of the Special Board Meeting on March 16, 2020 and the Regular Board Meeting on March 25, 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 January 22, 2020.

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

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

H) Consider authorization to award "Athletic Apparel and Equipment Agreement"- RFP #2020-0228 to the most responsive proposer.

I) Consider approval of the donation made by Galveston Restaurant Association to the Ball High Hospitality Class.

J) Consider applying for the 2019-2020 Missed School Day Waiver.

K) Consider approval of the in-district charter contract with Moody Early Childhood Center (Year 3). The contract has been updated to reflect modifications in personnel, but there are no substantive changes in the agreement.

L) Consider approval of a resolution to authorize refinement to student grading guidelines for Spring 2019-2020.

Mr. David O'Neal moved to approve items A-L on the consent agenda. Ms. Mindy Lakin 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.

- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items

A) Discuss and consider authorization to award "Independent Financial Audit Services"- RFP #2020-0227 to the most responsive proposer.

Mr. Shae Jobe moved to authorization to award "Independent Financial Audit Services" - RFP #2020-0227 to Mitch Fontenot LLC. Mindy Lakin 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.

- B) Discuss and consider appointment to fill the unexpired term for Trustee 5E, Board of Trustees of the Galveston Independent School District.

Mr. Tony Brown moved to appoint Ann Masel as the District 5E Board of Trustee of Galveston Independent School District. Mr. Johnny Smecca 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.

- 8) Suggested Future Agenda Items

There were no suggested future agenda items at this time.

- 9) Board Comments

Monica Wagner congratulated the Moody Art Contest Winners. She also announced that the community has put together "Adopt a Senior"; a program for community members to drop off gifts to a graduating senior. Participation guidelines are posted on Facebook.

Mr. David O'Neal thanked the GISD staff, teachers, and administration for the great job they are doing to continue to support the students in Galveston.

Dr. Matthew Hay also thanked the administration and principals for being educators that do not take the easy way out. He expressed his appreciation for the way that the grading procedures were decided for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Shae Jobe reminded the public that the District still has Bond projects going on around the district and urged them to go check them out.

Mr. Johnny Smecca asked parent to have their kids go outdoors and enjoy the air. This could help their mental state of having to be indoors for this time. He also thanked everyone for the hard work that has been done to help support the students and staff in GISD.

Mr. Tony Brown thanked the parents and students for their hard work to stay connected to the schools, in addition to their own jobs. He reminded everyone that we are going to have to continue learning to keep them on pace to succeed next year. He also let the public know that the District will reopen as soon as it is safe for everyone.

- 10) Adjournment