

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Baytown, Texas

March 3, 2025

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Trustees and the Administrative Staff of the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District met in a School Board meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025, 6:02 p.m. at the Administration Building with the following Board members present.

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Helen Berrott-Tims, President; Mrs. Tiffany Guy, Vice President; Mr. James “Jim” Campisi, Secretary; Mr. Mercedes Renteria III, Assistant Secretary; Mr. Jessie Martinez, Mr. Richard Clem, and Mr. Howard Sampson

**ABSENT:** None

**OPENING EXERCISES**

The opening exercises for the March 3, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting was presented by students from Crockett Elementary School. Board Member Richard Clem led the prayer. The Allegiance to the United States flag was recited by Annette Pantoja and Texas flag by Malillany Navarro. The following students performed the songs called, “The Marines Hymn”, “Benjy Met the Bear” and “Bottle of Pop”.

Annette Pantoja	Malillany Navarro	Leonel Mata
Ulices Moreno	Camila Robles	Ronaldo Cabrera
Alylin Navarro	Yariel Calderon	Payton Pope
Brissa Cruz	Miguelangel Soria	Allen Zorrilla
Mariela M. Vargas		

The students were under the direction of Choir Teacher Albert L Bear and Principal Tailis Oniwon.

**RESIGNATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

AVID Demonstration Recognition

Executive Director of Community Engagement Kendal David recognized the AVID Demonstration Schools; IMPACT Early College High School and EF Green Junior Schol, they now join Goose Creek Memorial High School.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Marga Matthews, Wybra Holand and Nicholas Rice addressed the Board of Trustees in support of Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Guy moved and Mr. Clem seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 17, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.** The motion passed with Mrs. Berrott-Tims, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Campisi, Mr. Renteria, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Sampson, voting for motion.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Superintendent's Reports:

#### 1. Budget Update

Chief Financial Officer Brigitte Clark and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matt Bolinger presented the 2025-2026 Budget Overview & Reduction Plan:

### **Legislative Update:**

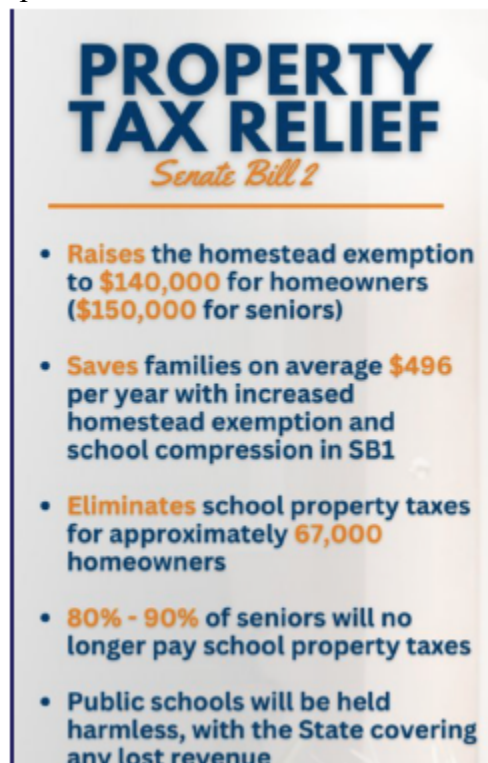
House Bill 2 is the House's version of the school finance bill

House Bill 3 is the House's version of the voucher bill

TEXAS SCHOOL FUNDING BASED ON PROPOSED SB2	
PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING	PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHER FUNDING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$6,500 per student (<i>increase from \$6,100 value set in 2019, but does not match inflation and still puts Texas in bottom 10 states for per-student funding</i>)</li><li>• Funding deductions for student absences</li><li>• STAAR Test performance and graduation requirements</li><li>• Spending mandates from the state</li><li>• Must accept any student to attend</li><li>• Schools available to attend locally within geographical boundary</li><li>• Transportation to school provided to students beyond certain distance</li><li>• Teachers held to certification standards</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$10,000 per student</li><li>• <u>No</u> funding deductions for student absences</li><li>• <u>No</u> required curriculum or testing standards</li><li>• <u>No</u> spending mandates from the state</li><li>• Can reject or expel any student due to disciplinary issues, failure, or special needs (504/disability)</li><li>• Schools not typically available in lower-income or rural areas</li><li>• <u>No</u> transportation provided to school</li><li>• <u>No</u> certification standards for teachers</li><li>• Schools can raise tuition rates – still making schools unaffordable for low-income students</li></ul>

### House Bill 2 - School Finance

- Would increase the basic allotment to \$6,380 (Senate version is \$6,500) and increase the requirement to spend a percentage of the gain on increases in funding under Chapter 48 to 40% (from 30%) on compensation increases.
- Would transition to a new intensity of services-based special education funding formula in the 2025-2026 school year based on weights to be determined by the commissioner. Provides a transition plan that would add \$615 million to special education allotment. Also provides for an allotment of \$1,000 per initial evaluation.



### Budget 2024-2025 Recap:

- Provided 4% General Pay Increase
- Successfully Implemented \$13 Million in Budget reductions, including:
  - Closed Non-Campus Positions Districtwide
  - Adjusted High School and Junior School Schedules
  - Applied Staffing Ratios to Elementaries

### Budget Reduction Totals:

TIERS	REDUCTION AMOUNT
Tier 1 Total	(2,760,000)
Tier 2 Total	(3,005,000)
TOTAL	(5,765,000)

\*62 Positions = \$2,778,789

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**Budget Reduction Considerations Next Steps**

Incorporate Board feedback into the plan and bring back options for Budget Reduction Plan for approval on April 7, 2025, meeting.

**2. Fine Arts Update:**

Director of Fine Arts Dr. Ray Lavan presented an update on the Goose Creek Fine Arts Program and a Fine Arts Legislative Update.

**3. Goose Creek CISD's Educational Specifications Standards:**

Director of Facilities Planning and Construction Brenda Garcia presented the Goose Creek CISD's Educational Specifications Standards. Ms. Garcia discussed TEA's School Facilities Standards for Construction and the Strategic Process.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**9543. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Order Canceling Election for Single-Member Districts One (1), Two (2), Four (4), and Five (5); Declaring Each Unopposed Candidate Elected Trustee in Districts One (1), Two (2), Four (4), and Five (5) in Accordance with Section 2.053 (a)(b) of the Election Code**
- 2. Low Attendance Waivers for Travis Elementary on February 12, 2025**
- 3. Goose Creek CISD's Educational Specifications Standards**
- 4. Bluebonnet Learning as Option for Math and English Language Arts Curriculum Materials**
- 5. Tax Refunds**

Mr. Clem moved and Mrs. Guy seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, 3, AND 5 AS PRESENTED.** The motion passed with Mrs. Berrott-Tims, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Campisi, Mr. Renteria, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Sampson voting for motion.

Item 4. Bluebonnet Learning as Option for Math and English Language Arts Curriculum Materials was pulled from consent agenda.

**1. Order Canceling Election for Single-Member Districts One (1), Two (2), Four (4), and Five (5), Declaring Each Unopposed Candidate Elected Trustee in Districts One (1), Two (2), Four (4), and Five (5) in Accordance with Section 2.053 (a)(b) of the Election Code**

The Board approved the Order Canceling Election for Single-Member Districts One (1), Two (2), Four (4), and Five (5), Declaring Each Unopposed Candidate Elected Trustee in Districts One (1), Two (2), Four (4), and Five (5) in Accordance with Section 2.053 (a)(b) of the Election Code

**2. Low Attendance Waivers for Travis Elementary on February 12, 2025**

The Board approved to delegate the authority to the superintendent or designee to approve Individual Low Attendance Waivers for days in which campuses had low attendance due to safety concerns and weather-related issues.

**3. Goose Creek CISD's Educational Specifications Standards**

The Board approved the Administration's recommendation to approve the Educational Specifications (Ed Specs) to be utilized as the basis of design for all future Elementary, Junior and High School capital improvement projects as required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) – School Facilities Standards for Construction dated November 1, 2021, as presented.

**5. Tax Refunds**

The Board approved the tax refunds in accordance with Section 31.11 of the State Property Code with the provision that no taxes are owed by the referenced parties on any account.

**Tax Refunds:**

Greensport Ship Channel Partners LP	\$136,691.29
Americold Logistics LLC	\$84,305.09
Argos USA LLC	\$45,139.75
Dow International Finance	\$41,945.02
Dow International Finance	\$25,517.48
Advantax, INC.	\$16,088.96
Advantax, INC.	\$14,777.35
Advantax, INC.	\$8,583.86
Hannover Estates, LTD	\$7,960.17
Hannover Estates, LTD	\$7,801.87
Hannover Estates, LTD	\$7,440.45
Hannover Estates, LTD	\$6,203.48
Exxon Mobil Corporation	\$41,822.68
Beazer Homes Texas LP – Houston	\$38,247.76
DPA Hospitality LLC	\$34,874.21
Walgreens Family of Companies	\$31,343.93
The Huntington National Bank	\$26,266.20

3M Company	\$23,950.49
Aqua Texas	\$22,036.27
Gringo's Mexican Kitchen NO. 2, INC	\$21,857.02
Ryan, LLC Paying for Mister Carwash	\$19,044.29
Ryan, LLC Paying for Boasso Global	\$18,854.94
Contech Control Services, INC	\$16,346.16
Lineage	\$15,336.39
PGP Title, INC.	\$15,191.98
PGP Title, INC.	\$12,823.79
Ducharme, McMillen & Associates	\$11,427.80
Campise Vicki Lomax	\$10,238.30
Bonneville Mortgage Company	\$10,091.62
Summit Electric Supply	\$9,954.42
Headway Estates, LTD.	\$9,422.51
Minmetals INC (L.A.)	\$7,918.58
Phillips 66 Company (PT)	\$7,210.59
Honeywell (GT)	\$6,634.76
Corelogic Refunds Department	\$6,317.35
Action Cycles	\$5,378.31
Syngenta Crop Protection LLC	<u>\$5,104.84</u>
	\$830,149.96

**4. Bluebonnet Learning as Option for Math and English Language Arts Curriculum Materials**

Mrs. Guy moved and Mr. Renteria seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVED BLUEBONNET LEARNING AS AN OPTION FOR MATH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM MATERIALS IN GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.** The motion passed with Mrs. Berrott-Tims, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Campisi, Mr. Renteria, Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Clem voting for motion. Mr. Sampson abstained.

Utilizing educator committees in alignment with mandates from HB1605 and the Instructional Materials Review Approval (IMRA) process, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) facilitated an audit of Bluebonnet Learning Curriculum and identified the Math and English Language Arts resources as high-quality Instructional materials (HQIMs).

## **9544. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS, BOARD TRAINING, BOARD MEETINGS**

### **BOARD TRAINING**

- Governance Camp, March 5-8, 2025, Galveston, Tx

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

- Added Budget Workshop, March 24, 2025, 6:15 p.m.
- Added Special Meeting (Superintendent's Evaluation), March 31, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
- Changed Board Meeting from May 5, 2025, to Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
- Cancelled May 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

### **CLOSED MEETING**

At approximately 7:59 p.m., President Helen Berrott-Tims recessed the Regular Meeting into a Closed Session with the following statement:

This Board will now recess into a Closed Session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Openning Meetings Act: 551.071, Private consultation with the Board's Attorney; 551.072, Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property with representatives of employee groups; 551.073, Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; 551.074, Considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee. 551.075, To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions. 551.076, Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or Devices; 551.082, Considering the discipline of a public-school child, or complaints or charges against Personnel, 551.0821, For a matter regarding a public-school student if personally identifiable information about the student will be revealed by the deliberation; 551.083, Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the Board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups; 551.084, Excluding witnesses from a hearing during the examination of another witness 551.087, Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations and 551.089, Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits.

### **Board Reconvenes into Regular Session**

At approximately 8:56 p.m., the Board reconvened into Regular Session with President Helen Berrott-Tims presiding. No action was taken while in Closed Session.

## **9545. CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Guy moved and Mr. Clem seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ONE (1) ELECTION AND TWO (2) RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS AS PRESENTED.** The motion passed with Mrs. Berrott-Tims, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Campisi, Mr. Renteria, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Sampson voting for the motion.

Approved Elections:

1. **Paige Nall**, teacher, assigned to Carver Elementary School.

Accepted Resignations and Retirements:

1. **Shea Bolton**, intervention – credit recovery teacher/coach at Ross S. Sterling High School, is resigning effective March 21, 2025.
2. **Robert Toomer**, campus athletics coordinator/head football coach at Ross S. Sterling High School is resigning effective May 30, 2025.

Administrative Personnel:

Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern:

Mr. Clem moved and Mrs. Guy seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ELECTION OF KELLIS ROBERTS AS LICENSED SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY INTERN**. The motion passed with Mrs. Berrott-Tims, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Campisi, Mr. Renteria, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Sampson voting for the motion.

Director of Counseling and College & Career Readiness:

Mrs. Guy moved and Mr. Campisi seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ELECTION OF JENNIFER FIERRO AS DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING AND COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS**. The motion passed with Mrs. Berrott-Tims, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Campisi, Mr. Renteria, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Sampson voting for the motion.

**9546. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING  
CONTINGENT FEE LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT, INCLUDING FINDINGS  
NEEDED FOR SUBMISSION OF CONTINGENT FEE LEGAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW BY THE TEXAS  
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Mrs. Guy moved and Mr. Campisi seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTINGENT FEE LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT, THAT INCLUDES THE FINDINGS REQUIRED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 2254, SUBCHAPTER C, AND THAT ARE NEEDED FOR SUBMISSION OF A CONTINGENT FEE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND A REQUEST TO THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW**. The motion passed with Mrs. Berrott-Tims, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Campisi, Mr. Renteria, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Sampson voting for the motion.

With growing concerns of the negative influence that social media is having on student's, we must take some initiative to mitigate its addictive impact.

**9547. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF CONTINGENT FEE LEGAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH THOMPSON & HORTON, LLP, EILAND & BONNIN, PC  
AND O'HANLON, DEMERATH & CASTILLO, PC**



Mr. Campisi moved and Mrs. Guy seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPT AND APPROVE ENTERING INTO A CONTINGENT FEE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THOMPSON & HORTON, LLP, EILAND & BONNIN, PC AND O'HANLON, DEMERATH & CASTILLO, PC TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN YOUTH SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE AND RELATED LITIGATION.** The motion passed with Mrs. Berrott-Tims, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Campisi, Mr. Renteria, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Sampson voting for the motion.

**9548. CONSIDERATION OF DISTRICT-WIDE INTRUDER DETECTION AUDIT REPORT FINDINGS/ALTERNATIVE SECURITY MEASURES**

Mr. Campisi moved and Mr. Clem seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE DISTRICT-WIDE INTRUDER DETECTION AUDIT REPORT FINDINGS/ALTERNATIVE SECURITY MEASURES.** The motion passed with Mrs. Berrott-Tims, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Campisi, Mr. Renteria, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Sampson voting for the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Helen Berrott-Tims adjourned the regular Board meeting at 8:58 p.m.