

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

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A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held September 16, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX.

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 Trump 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 intended to conduct this 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.
- 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 on this meeting notice.

- 1) Call to Order Open Session **6:28**
- 2) The Board recessed 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. **6:49 - 7:52 63 minutes**

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

- 1) Discuss and Consider administration's proposal to suspend without pay, for the remainder of the school year, a probationary employee at Central Middle School.
- 2) Discuss and Consider administration's proposal to terminate the contract, at end of school year, of a probationary employee at Central Middle School.
- 3) Discuss, Consider and possibly take action on the Superintendent's letter of retirement and possible succession, interim, search planning.

B) Consultation with Attorney

C) Real Property

3) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees.

4) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag.

5) Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda items. *6:30 -*

*6:49 19 minutes*

6) Superintendent's Report *7:52- 8:14 22 minutes*

*8:14 - Board comments: 8:14 – 8:25 21 minutes*

A) Update on Returning to Learning 2020-2021

B) Request for Agenda items Update *8:23 – 8:25 2 minutes*

C) Board Committee Reports *8:25 - 8:40 15 minutes*

1) Policy Committee Chair - Mr. David O'Neal *8:25*

2) Curriculum Committee Chair - Ms. Monica Wagner *8:26*

3) Facilities/ Finance Committee Chair - Mr. Johnny Smeca *8:33*

7) Financial Reports *8:37 – 8:40 3 minutes*

8) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items *8:40 Pulling Item O - 8:43 3 minutes*

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on August 26, 2020 and the Curriculum Committee and Special Board Meeting on September 2, 2020.

B) Consider approval of Budget Amendments

C) Consider Approval of Gifts and Donations.

D) Consider Approval of Purchases >\$50,000

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

F) Attorney Fees

G) Consider approval of the Board's Time Use Tracker – August 26, 2020.

H) Discuss and Consider approval to cancel the Regular School Trustee Election for District 5E and 6F for the November 3, 2020 School Board Election.

I) Discuss and Consider approval of Certification of Unopposed Candidate for the Regular School Trustee Election for Districts 5-E and 6-F.

- J) Discuss and Consider submitting for a TEA waiver for the Alternate Instrument for 7th Grade Reading due to COVID 19 for 2020-2021.
- K) Discuss and Consider approval to contract with Julie Schmid to provide professional services of recruiting and the development of community partnerships in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.
- L) Discuss and Consider submitting for a TEA waiver for Missed School Days.
- M) Public Funds Investment Act Annual Compliance
- N) Consider Approval of Water Fountains with Bottle Fillers.
- O) *Pulled from consent.* Consider Purchase of Chromebooks >\$50,000 *8:40*

9) REGULAR AGENDA - Action Items *8:43 - 11:00, 11:14 - 11:54 167 minutes*

*Moved from consent.* Consider Purchase of Chromebooks >\$50,000 *8:43*

- A) Discuss and Consider a waiver request to TEA to extend the back to school transition period for an additional four weeks (Sept 21, 2020 – Oct 16, 2020). *8:45*
- B) Discuss and Consider purchase of Biodefense Indoor Air Protection System. *10:51*

Short recess *11:00 - 11:14*

- C) *pulled* Discuss and Consider administration's proposal to suspend without pay, for the remainder of school year, a probationary employee at Central Middle School. *11:14*
  - D) *pulled* Discuss and Consider administration's proposal to terminate the contract, at end of school year, of a probationary employee at Central Middle School.
  - E) Discuss, consider and potentially take action on Superintendent's letter of retirement and possible succession, interim, search planning. *11:14 – 11:54*
- 10) Suggested Future Agenda Items *11:54*
- 11) Board Comments *11:55 - 11:59 4 minutes*
- 12) Adjournment *11:59*

*If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.*

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_

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For the Board of Trustees