

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 May 16, 2012, at 6:30 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX.

PRESENT: Board President Kelly Chambers; Vice President Beau Rawlins; Secretary Carol Greaney-Wurst; Trustees Sandra Simmons, David O’Neal, Matthew Hay and Superintendent Larry W. Nichols.

ABSENT: Board Trustee Norman Pappous

The subjects to be 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.

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Chambers at 6:30 PM.

Mrs. Chambers thanked Mr. Schaffer for the beautiful stringed instruments playing tonight.

2) Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items.

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3) **Superintendent's Report:**

A) Recognition of Austin Middle School - Shining Star Recipient: Mr. Nichols presented Cathy Vanness with the Shining Star Recipient Award. Austin Middle School has won many awards this year but none greater than the Title I – Academic Performance Award that was given tonight. “There’s only two awarded in the great State of Texas”, said Nichols.

- B) Citizenship Awards – Dyann Polzin presented the following schools and students with a citizenship award. These awards honor high moral standards of students. Each teacher on the campus is asked to submit a name to the committee. Academics is not the only criteria. It consists of citizenship, character, conduct, attendance, responsibility, self-control and pride. Students are awarded numeric scores and the highest become the citizenship recipients. They are as follows:

Ty Munsch – Crenshaw Elementary
Karina Guevara – Crenshaw Middle School
Chanielyn Galloway – ECU Elementary
Jet Malana – College Prep
Jacob Diaz – Weis Middle School
Rosie Bui – KIPP Elementary
Adrian Nevarez – AIM Middle School
Amy Bui – KIPP Middle School
Obed Villa – Morgan Elementary
Sandy Terome Reynolds – Central Middle School
Elijah Williamson – AIM High School
Brooke Hopkins – Oppe Elementary
Zavier Zuniga – Parker Elementary
Lauren Bruce – Austin Middle School
Jackson Justus – Galveston ECHS
Zhelun Chen – Ball High School
Erica Goa – Ball Prep School

- C) Presentation to Kelly Chambers – Mr. Nichols presented a plaque to Kelly Chambers for her dedication to GISD as a member of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Chambers has been an incredible member of this team. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

4) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items

- A) **Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 25, 2012 and the Special Meetings on April 23, 2012 and May 9, 2012. (voted on separately).**
- B) **Discuss and consider personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts:**

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED:

Mary Melgren (Weis); Susan Parker (Parker); Priscilla Garza (Weis); Eleanor Pate (Ball High)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS WITH CONTRACTS ACCEPTED:

Jason Halliburton (Scott); Esther Sjostrom (Ball Prep); Aaron Bevill (District); Madalean Fincher (Ball Prep); Kimberly Legate (Ball Prep); Jaclyn Burroughs (Ball); Tammy Borowitz (Ball); Thomas Carpenter (Ball); Kayla O'Doran (Ball); Dora Garcia (Ball); Heather Greer (Ball)

C) Discuss and consider approval of the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification 2012-2013.

Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires annually that the District Superintendent, along with the Board President and Secretary, certify that the Instructional Materials Allotment will be utilized to purchase materials that cover 100% of the state approved TEKS in grades K-12. Additionally, this certification verifies that the district will utilize these funds for only allowable expenses that will help the district in satisfying performance standards. The district is also required to provide publication information for these purchases. The 2012-2013 certification form was presented to the Board for review and approval.

D) Attorney Fees:

The following invoices were approved for payment with Rogers, Morris, Grover, L.L.P.:

Invoice 29605; 29606; 29607; and 29608

E) Financial Reports – The Financial Reports were received and filed.

Motion for approval of minutes from April 25, 2012. The motion was made by Carol Greaney-Wurst to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 25, 2012 as presented. Matthew Hay seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6/0 (Pappous absent)

Motion for approval of minutes of Special Meetings on April 23 and May 9,

2012. The motion was made by Beau Rawlins to accept the minutes of the Special meetings on April 23 and May 9, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Sandra Simmons.

VOTE: 4/2/0 4 (Chambers, Simmons, Rawlins & Greaney-Wurst)/2 abstained (O'Neal & Hay)/0 (Pappous absent)

MOTION FOR CONSENT AGENDA: *The motion was made by David O'Neal to accept Consent Agenda Items B, C, D and E as presented. The motion was seconded by Carol Greaney-Wurst.*

VOTE: 6/0 (Pappous absent)

5) REGULAR AGENDA - Action Items

A) Discuss and consider approval of the capital project to Re-Roof the Burnet Campus and an amendment to the PBK Architect contract naming the project parameters as the re-roof of the Burnet Campus.

Replacement of the roof at the Burnet Campus has been identified as FEMA Project Worksheet #13246-2, which states that the roof experienced an uplift attributed to the high winds of Hurricane Ike. The testing performed states that roof over the elementary school needs to be replaced; however, tests on the gymnasium did not find any damage. There is no gymnasium roof repair or replacement included in the project worksheet. Subject to strict adherence to the scope of work identified in the project worksheet and the subsequent FEMA audit of the costs, this project would typically qualify for 90% reimbursement. The project will be accounted for in a capital projects fund with unreimbursed costs funded by fund balance from the general operating fund. An amendment to the PBK Architect agreement dated October 2, 2008 will define the project parameters as the re-roofing of the Burnet Campus.

Mr. Montalbano from PBK presented. PBK, along with Fred Niccum, have been working with FEMA and GISD to develop the 'Storm Recovery Program'. They have steadily worked and stabilized several campuses in our district. The focus now is on Burnet. They would like to restore the school. This information has been presented in prior Finance Meetings. Tonight's request is for the complete re-roof except over the gymnasium. From preliminary checks and aerial shots, the roof over the gymnasium is still strong and does not leak. Every time it rains

there are significant leaks in all other areas. In the beginning, FEMA only agreed to pay for a very small part of the roof but after many discussions with Mr. Niccum and Mr. Martir, they (FEMA) are now funding the major part of the project. Mr. O'Neal pointed out that there was an extensive meeting last night covering this subject. The re-roof has to be done to maintain the building. We can't replace the building and the land that we have at Burnet right now. We might need these facilities sooner than we think should GISD continue to grow. Dr. Hay agreed with Mr. O'Neal. If you had the opportunity to replace your roof for 10% of the total cost with FEMA paying the remaining 90%, why wouldn't you make the repairs? This move protects our assets and is a bargain in terms of dollars. Chambers commended Mr. Niccum's work along with FEMA and PBK. Proposal documents will go out tomorrow or Monday. We should have a contractor to approve at the June Board Meeting, stated PBK representatives.

MOTION: *The motion was made by David O'Neal to approve the capital project to re-roof the Burnet Campus and an amendment to the PBK Architect Contract naming the project parameters as the re-roof of the Burnet Campus. The motion was seconded by Carol Greaney-Wurst.*

VOTE: *6/0 (Pappous absent)*

B) Discuss and consider approval of the Instructional Agreement for Dual Credit/Early Admissions Enrollment Classes between Galveston College and the Galveston Independent School District.

The proposal provides 12 college hours (English 1301 and 1302 and U.S. History 1301 and 1302) to Ball students who qualify on the college placement test as juniors or seniors to enroll in these classes without tuition or fees. The tuition for all other Galveston College classes was reduced from \$432 for 6 hours to \$222 for 6 hours. This is a one-year agreement.

Mr. Nichols commended Dr. Myles Shelton (Galveston College) for working with GISD to come up with a cost-effective program for our students.

MOTION: *The motion was made by Carol Greaney-Wurst to approve the Dual Credit/Early Admissions Enrollment Classes between Galveston College and Galveston Independent School District as presented. This motion was seconded by Matthew Hay.*

Dr. Hay congratulated Dr. Shelton and the Board for working together with GISD. They can access a year of English and a year of History for a minimal charge. Our juniors and seniors will be better off.

Mr. O'Neal echoed those sentiments. The place to be in high school is Galveston Island. This is a lot of college hours for not much money.

Mr. Nichols stated that he would like a "signing ceremony" for this document.

VOTE: 6/0 (Pappous absent)

C) Discuss and consider approval of purchases over \$25,000.

Board Policy CH (Local) requires that "any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$25,000 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchase, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place".

MOTION: *The motion was made by Sandra Simmons to approve the purchases over \$25,000 as presented. The motion was seconded by Carol Greaney-Wurst.*

VOTE: 6/0 (Pappous absent)

D) Discuss and consider resignation of GISD School Board Member.

THIS AGENDA ITEM WAS PULLED.

E) Suggested Future Agenda Items

- We will have a special meeting on May 30th dealing with the Reduction in Force
- We would like to hold a June 13th meeting and a June 27th meeting.

F) Board Comments

- Results from TAKS and STAAR testing results will be discussed in a Curriculum Meeting. We will have some raw scores that we will provide in July. There are no standards from the State at all.
- Dr. Hay: The next 2 weeks are busy for GISD:

- Thursday night is the Teacher and Employee of the Year event at Central at 5:30 (Media Center)
 - Thursday night – BH playing Lamar Consolidated at George Ranch High School in Rosenberg
 - Friday night – BH plays at home vs. Lamar
 - Saturday Galveston County Youth Soccer from 9:15 to 1:15 at the Rosenberg Library
 - Baccalaureate is May 24th at BH
 - Thursday, May 24th – Austin Magnettes Dance Team will hold their Spring Showcase at 7:00 PM at the Central Middle School Auditorium.
 - BH graduation is May 31 at 7:00 at Moody Gardens
 - Citizenship Awards were presented at tonight's meeting. We have great students in GISD. The music prior to the meeting was well-received.
 - Flash Mob on the seawall tomorrow (37th and Seawall) at 9:00 a.m. (Morgan Elementary).
- Carol Greaney-Wurst thanked the stringed instruments for playing tonight. Very pleased!
 - Sandra Simmons thanked Mr. Dworsky and Mr. Nichols for winning her confidence back with CareHere. We may have a viable plan for that next year. We need to do this.
 - David O'Neal thanked the school district for allowing him to attend the NSBA Conference in Boston, Mass. Mr. O'Neal had the opportunity to get continuing education hours. It's important to learn what's projected now and the future. We're just not focused on high school students now but our PK students as well. We must be educated. O'Neal earned 18 hours. We were able to come back with information to pass on to our administrative team. We are on the cutting edge of what most districts are attempting. It was a great conference. Light, camera, action was movie-creating in the classroom like Central already has and how we're already moving in that direction. Also, 'Understanding the Shifting; The Attitude of Cultural Bias' is what we have to do as a district. It deals with graduates that finish school but can't find a job that was the focus of their education. If everyone is going to school to be a boss, who is doing the work? We need to improve our technology programs and career and technology programs.

6) Adjournment. *The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:24*

PM.

Minutes taken by: Barbara L. Mallory

Date Minutes Approved: _____

By:

Kelly Chambers, President

Carol Greaney-Wurst, Secretary