

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 November 17, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

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.

Board Members in attendance: Tony Brown, Johnny Smecca, Shae Jobe, David O'Neal, Ann Masel, Mindy Lakin and Elizabeth Beeton.

Staff in attendance: Jerry Gibson, Walter Fortune, Bully Rudolph, Annette Scott, Connie Morgenroth, Vikki Curry, Jeff Post, John Pruitt, Paul Byers, Alan Ellinger, Joe Pillar, Eric Mueller, Michael Le, Matthew Neighbors, Ian Rogers, Terrell Randle, Amy Bly

- 1) - 6:00 Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas by *Tony Brown*.
- 2) - 6:00 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag.
- 3) - 6:01 Administer Oath of Office to Single-Member District 1-A, 3-C and 4-D. *Oaths were administered by Judge Kerry Neves of the 10th Judicial District Court of Galveston County, Texas. Mr. Brown noted that Judge Neves and Ms. Beeton were in the same graduating class at the University of Texas School of law, and that Ms. Beeton's husband, Tim Beeton, and former GISD Board President Michael B. Hughes were also in that same law school class.*
- 4) - 6:06 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.

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
- B) Consultation with Attorney
- C) Real Property

- 5) - 6:51 Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees.

- 6) - 6:51 District Reports

A) Superintendent's Report - 6:51 *Presentation to award Coach Michelle Norfolk for her 100th win with the Lady Tors volleyball team.*

B) 6:55 *Mr. Brown announces that the agenda item for Citizens' requests to address the board was moved up from Item 10 on the Agenda, so that Citizens could comment on items coming up later on the Board's Agenda. The following persons offered comments:*

6:55 Dr. Patricia Beach - Concerned about putting students in a position where there is a wide range of ages together.

6:57 Ms. Laurie Farroni- mother of two students in GISD. She hopes the board will realign resources across the population.

6:58 Dr. Premal Patel - Mother of two students in GISD. She came to speak in support of middle school realignment.

7:01 Ms. Georgia Scott - Spoke about middle school realignment

7:03 Ms. Cara Pennel - Apple in favor of giving all students an equal opportunity

7:05 Ms. Kathy Courville - spoke in favor of grouping kids together by age in middle school.

7:08 Mr. Paul Morgan Courville, Jr. - would like GT program at Central Middle School

C) Continuation of Superintendent's report at 7:10. Central Middle school Dancing Dolls Have their program December 3rd. Thanksgiving holiday break is next week.

D) - 8:49 MECC Quarterly report was deferred and follows below. given by Director, Karin Miller. 8:56 comments/ questions from the board.

E) Board Committee Reports

1) - 7:13 Curriculum Committee report given by Chair, Ms. Ann Masel.

F) - 7:16 Board President Update on Trustee Training Requirements. Mr. Brown reported the Continuing Education hours attended and reported by each Trustee during the preceding year.

7) - 7:18 Financial Reports and Budget Update given by Connie Morgenroth. - 7:22 Questions by Masel. 7:23 Morgenroth reported on the budget amendment. Ms. Morgenroth and Mr. Smecca also reviewed items on the Consent Agenda involving expenditures of funds by the District.

8) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items - 7:28 Smecca moves to approve the consent agenda. Second by Masel. Dr. Gibson commented about the two out of state trips. Mr. Brown was pleased by the Interlocal Agreement negotiated by staff with the City, concerning sharing fuel during emergencies. Approved unanimously.

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the October 19, 2021 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) Consider approval of Budget Amendments

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

F) Discuss and consider renewal of RFP #2018-14, Annual Contract for Maintenance & Operations Supplies, Materials, and Equipment for year four, the final year of contract renewal options, in the Categories listed

G) Discuss and consider approval of RFP 2018-15, Annual Contract for HVAC Supplies & Services renewal for year four, the final year of contract renewal options.

- H) Discuss and Consider Approval of Interlocal Agreement with City of Galveston for Obtaining Fuel during Emergency Events
- I) Discuss and Consider for the 2021 2022 school year, delegating contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.1511 to the Superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).
- J) Discuss and consider approval for the District Goals and Performance Objectives for 2021-2022
- K) Discuss and consider approval for the campus goals and performance objectives as presented in the campus plans.
- L) Discuss and Consider approval of the contract to Avondale House for Day School Placement of a Student in GISD.
- M) Consider approval for an out of state trip to Orlando, Florida through Performing Arts Consultants for Ball High Tornettes at Ball High School March 12-16, 2022.
- N) Discuss and Consider approval for an out of state trip to Tampa, Florida for the Ball High Varsity Basketball team December 10-13, 2021.
- O) Discuss and consider the purchase of In Class Today to improve student attendance in Galveston ISD in an amount not to exceed \$67,280 annually for three years.
- 9) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items - 7:30
- A) Discuss and consider reorganization of Officers of the GISD Board of Trustees. - 7:30
Ms. Masel made the motion to retain the existing slate of officers by acclamation. Second by Mr. O'Neal, who offered comments thanking the current officers for their service. Approved unanimously.
- B) Discuss and consider casting votes for the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors - 7:33
Mr. Brown announced he would abstain from discussion and voting on this Agenda item, because his firm does legal work for the Appraisal District. Ms. Masel moved that the District cast 554 votes for Tom Farmer. Seconded by Mr. Jobe. Approved 6-0 with Mr. Brown abstaining.
- C) Discuss and consider Administration's recommendation for Galveston ISD middle school configuration after reviewing the work of the Middle School Task Force - 7:33
Ms. Motion made by Masel. Seconded by Mr. O'Neal. Matthew Neighbors, GISD Director of Secondary Education reported to the board about the recommendation made by the middle school task force and what was the final recommendation by staff, for middle school realignment commencing with the 2022-2023 school year. The recommendation was to have all GISD 5th grade students attend the Weis campus, all GISD 6th grade students attend Austin Middle School, and all GISD 7th and 8th at Central Middle School. - 7:41 Questions/ discussion from the board. 8:47 Motion carried 5 – 2 (Trustees Brown, Smecca, O'Neal, Lakin and Masel voted in favor of the Motion. Trustees Jobe and Beeton voted against the Motion.)
- 10) 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. *Mr. Brown offered an opportunity for any Citizens who had not offered public comments earlier in the meeting to do so at this time. No one else came forward to offer comments.*
- 11) Suggested Future Agenda Items - 8:59
Mr. Jobe – requested that data on student learning for students attending the dual language immersion program be disaggregated and reported separately.

Mr. O'Neal requested information on attendance attending the District's DAEP program

12) Board Comments

9:02 Smecca spoke about having a STEM type program or having parents create a group. He feels that the change will eliminate the stress of kids getting into STEM.

9:07 Brown went to the VEX robotics tournament at Moody Gardens. Each of our Schools had a team. Teams came from all over the country. Mr. Brown thanked Ms. Mary Jo Nashke and District staff for making this event happen.

9:08 Jobe mentioned the strong local support for Scouting programs, which are now open to boys and girls. He encouraged all families to consider having their child join scouting.

13) Adjournment - 9:09

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on October 20, 2021

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Shae Jobe, Secretary