

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Galveston Independent School District

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held September 2, 2020, immediately following the Curriculum Committee Meeting in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX.

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Galveston Independent School District Curriculum Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Members:

Monica Wagner, Chair
Tony Brown
Elizabeth Murphy
Matthew Neighbors

Board members in attendance: Lakin, Wagner, Brown, Masel, Smecca
Board members in attendance via Zoom: Jobe, O'Neal

Administration in attendance: Kelli Moulton, Matthew Neighbors, Elizabeth Murphy, Connie Morgenroth

Administration in attendance via Zoom: Mary Patrick, Alan Ellinger, Annette Scott, Audrey Torres, Billy Rudolph, Keri Launius, Joseph Pillar, Cornelius Phelps, Tracie Camp, Cheryl Rutledge, Dyann Polzin, Monique Lewis, Walter Fortune

No formal action will be taken on the items listed below during this meeting. This is an informational meeting only. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this notice.

I. Start of School Updates 6:02 - 6:12

Dr. Moulton presented information on the National Lunch program, school counts for day 1 (8-24-20), deployment of 900+ Hot Spots, Integrated Viral Protection possible partnership, and understanding that typically, only 10% of the people share their good and bad experiences.

Board comments: 6:12 - 6:31

Brown – Mindful of the 10%/90% reference by Dr. Moulton that we typically hear from 10% of the people, we therefore need to be more proactive making sure people know what they are doing and that they do not need help. Moulton – Schools have been reaching out. Lakin – fear that underserved populations don't reach out. Is there a way to do a campus to campus town hall?

II. Recognition of Teacher Incentive Award Designees 6:31 - 6:35

Annette Scott – Presentation of slideshow to congratulate teachers. 40 GISD teachers received designation through the Teacher Incentive Allotment

III. Galveston ISD Asynchronous Plan 6:35 - 7:13

Annette Scott - Presentation of the 2020-2021 Asynchronous Learning Plan that is due to TEA. Open to questions from the committee.

IV. TEEM Guidelines 7:13 - 7:18

Annette Scott - Presentation of the TEEM guidebook to be instituted in the event the TSL grant is funded through the USDE.

7:18 - 7:24 *Board comments*

V. TIA Guidelines 7:24 - 7:36

VI. Middle School Realignment Discussion 7:36 - 8:45

VII. Public Comment 8:45 - 8:51

Ken Jencks- Not a good time to make change. Focus on what needs to be done right now.

Nan Wilson – Board needs to address the perception of Austin demographics.

Keath Jacoby – She likes all students going through Central as 8th grade.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on August 27, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

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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 8:52

Members in attendance: Brown, Lakin, Wagner, Masel, Smecca

Members in attendance via Zoom: O'neal, Jobe

Administration in attendance: Dr. Moulton, Audrey Torres, Billy Rudolph

2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. 8:53

3) Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda items. 8:54- 8:55

Ken Jencks – Show support to the teachers and be thankful for all they have done.

4) Discuss and Consider approval to submit a waiver for 40% Campus Hybrid Instruction for 9th – 12th Grade Students at Ball High School. 8:55-8:59

Motion by Smecca. Second by Wagner

Discussion: Moulton – Hybrid plan makes serving large quantities of students possible without having to sacrifice health and safety. Smecca – Anything we can do to get by at this point is critical. Masel – She is not panicked yet but concerned and doesn't feel like there are any other options.

Unanimous in favor.

5) Discuss and Consider approval to submit to TEA the Galveston ISD Asynchronous Educational Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. 8:59 - 9:03

Motion by Masel. Second by Lakin

Discussion: Moulton – We are required to submit this waiver. We are demonstrating that we are meeting the needs of our kids with the plan we are using now. Wagner – She supports the plan. O’Neal – He applauds the format we have in place and is in support of it. Brown – He wants to clarify that this is a waiver or submission of a plan. Moulton - It is a submission of a plan. Unanimous in favor.

6) Board Comments 9:03 - 9:19

Smecca – He feels the more conversation about the middle school alignment, the better. Masel – ditto Johnny. Our plate is really full right now. We really do want to hear from the public. Smecca - is going to put it on his trustee facebook page to let people know it’s being talked about. O’Neal - We are doing a great job educating our students. For future agenda items, he would like to know what course each of the coaches are teaching this year and what did they teach in the previous years? How many coaches do we have this year and where are they coaching? How many coaches did we have last year and what did they teach last year? Have we filled all of the coaching slots and if not, what slots are vacant and when will they be filled if they are going to be filled? This information should be readily available and have information to the board before the next meeting preferably by the 10th or the 11th of September. Jobe - Equity of opportunity in our schools. The quality and caliber of our principals is something to be commended. Also, public input is going to be very important. This year could be a good transition year because everything is upside down already but he would like to hear from the public. Wagner - She commented on restructure of middle schools and would like to thank teachers and administrators for all of their hard work. Brown – There is equity in terms of outcomes so that no matter where they come from, they hit the ground running. We need to watch assessments very closely and be ready to address them. Thanks to everyone for their hard work.

7) Adjournment 9:19

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on: _____

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary