

Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Galveston Independent School District

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A Public Hearing on GISD's 2019-2020 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas began at 6:30 in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX. The Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Connie Morgenroth, presented the 2019-2020 Annual Financial Management Report and went over GISD's School FIRST accountability rating for the August 31, 2019 fiscal year.

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held immediately following the Public Hearing.

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 have been taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown.

In attendance - Monica Wagner, David O'Neal, Shae Jobe, Tony Brown, Ann Masel, Johnny Smecca, and Mindy Lakin

Staff attendance - Kelli Moulton, Connie Morgenroth, Audrey Torres, Dyann Polzin, Annette Scott, Mary Patrick, Paul Byers, April Pinkham, John Pruitt, Billy Rudolph

*Audio visual recording of this meeting can be found online at:
<https://gisd.viebit.com/index.php?folder=ALL>*

- 1) Public Hearing on GISD's 2019-2020 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas --6:31-6:36

Connie Morgenroth presented the report. The full report is online in the board agenda.

2) Call to order Open Session in the BoardRoom of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. --6:36

3) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. --6:37

4) 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. --6:38-7:36

6:38 - *Dori Golan - spoke about Project Graduation*

6:42 - *Name - w/LULAC #151 - Encourage GISD to continue Magnet Program at Austin*

6:44 - *Julia Ramirez - Spoke about the CARES Act for Educators*

6:45 - *Laura Beebe - Spoke in favor of keeping Austin as it is.*

6:47 - *Sandra Tetley - Spoke in favor or keeping Austin open.*

6:51 - *Elizabeth Beeton - Spoke in favor or keeping Austin open.*

6:54 - *Matt Johnson - Spoke in favor of keeping Austin as it is.*

6:55 - *Mark Kellner - Spoke in favor of keeping Austin as it is.*

6:59 - *Stephen Green - Spoke in favor of keeping Austin as it is.*

7:01 - *Michael Hughes - Spoke in favor of keeping Austin as it is.*

7:03 - *Ken Jencks - Spoke in favor of keeping Austin as it is.*

7:06 - *Esmeralda Nolasco - Spoke in favor of keeping Austin as it is.*

7:08 - *Leslie Clift - Spoke in favor of keeping Austin as it is.*

7:12 - *Shara Archer - via phone - Spoke in favor of realignment*

7:14 - *Muffled caller - will call back*

7:15 - *Jonathan Warren- via phone - Spoke in favor of MS realignment*

7:18 - *Thomas Overhose - Spoke about Middle School realignment.*

7:22 - *Casey McAuliffe - via phone - Spoke in strong support of realignment*

7:25 - *Torina Harris - via phone - Spoke in favor of realignment*

7:27 - *Matt Hay - via phone - Spoke in favor of realignment*

7:30 - *Regina Payne - via phone - Spoke in favor of MS realignment*

7:33 - *Nan Wilson - via phone - Spoke in favor of MS realignment and overall education equity.*

5) Superintendent's Report --7:36-8:26

A) Campus Highlights - Parker and Oppe

7:37 - *Parker principal, Elizabeth Murphy showed the Parker presentation*

7:42 - *Oppe principal, Alice Prets spoke about Oppe's daily routine.*

B) MECC Quarterly Report

7:47 - *Karin Miller, Executive director presented the first quarterly report.*

C) Update on Returning to Learning

7:59 - *Presented by Superintendent, Dr. Kelli Moulton.*

8:26 - *Questions/ Comments from the board*

D) Previously Requested Information by the Board:

E) Board Committee Reports --8:34-8:46

1) Policy Committee Chair- Mr. David O'Neal

8:34 - *Next meeting February 3, 2020*

2) Curriculum Committee Chair- Ms. Monica Wagner

8:35 - *Report given.*

3) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca

8:43 - *Report given.*

6) Financial Reports --8:46-8:47

Reports were given at the finance meeting last evening.

7) 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. --8:47-9:19

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

8) Board President to Appoint Standing Committees

8:32 - Finance Committee - Johnny Smecca, president, committee members Mindy Lakin and Ann Masel

Curriculum committee - Monica Wagner, Chair w Shae Jobe, Tony Brown, Liz Murphy and Joe Pillar.

Policy committee - David O'Neal, Chair with Mindy Lakin and Ann Masel

Facilities committee - Johnny Smecca, Chair with Shae Jobe and Monica Wagner

9) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items --9:19-9:20 with exception of Items D,G, and E
Motion by Masel, Second by Wagner. Approved unanimously.

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on November 18, 2020.

B) Consider approval of the Board's Time Use Tracker - November 18, 2020

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

D) Consider approval of Monthly Budget Amendments *This item was removed.*

E) Consider Approval of Purchases >\$50,000. --9:20-9:21 *Motion by Masel, as presented using bond funds for all purchases. Second by Wagner. Brown stated this item was discussed in finance. Approved unanimously.*

F) Attorney Fees

G) Discuss and consider approval of \$8,164 Change Order Increase to JW Kelso's contract for Crenshaw and MS Campus Improvements. --9:21-9:22 *Motion by O'Neal, Second by Masel Approved 6-0. Jobe abstained*

H) Discuss and consider approval for construction of Crenshaw outdoor environmental classroom as outlined in APEX 3 Magnet Grant. Amount not to exceed \$57,500 using Grant funds.

I) Discuss and consider approval of resolution to extend use of sick leave in accordance with the FFCRA.

J) Discuss and consider the purchase of 4 school buses in an amount not to exceed \$469,976.

K) Discuss and consider approval of \$25,000 change order decrease to CFI Mechanical's contract for the District-Wide MEP Renovation Project.

10)REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items --9:22-11:54

A) Discuss and approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar. --9:22-9:27 Motion by Smecca, Second by Lakin. Discussion by Board. Unanimously approved.

B) Discuss and consider elimination of any admissions process for GISD schools that utilizes a matrix to sort and rank students. --10:34-11:48

Wagner made the motion that the Matrix is removed for Austin and that all middle school students will apply to schools of choice for all three campuses being an option for all students so that doesn't grandfather in students it offers an opportunity for all students to feel that they would have an opportunity and have equal ability to partake in the lottery for all grades on all campuses. Second by O'Neal. Board discussion. Motion retracted by Wagner.

Motion made by Brown to eliminate the current admissions matrix for students entering Austin Middle School 5th grade and for the 21-22 school year and that we also eliminate and application of the matrix for students applying for open seats in the 6th grade for Austin Middle School for the 21-22 school year. Second by O'Neal. Discussion. In Favor: Smecca, Lakin, Wagner, Brown and O'Neal. Opposed: Masel and Jobe

C) Discuss and consider reconfiguration of GISD middle schools to establish a single 7/8 grade campus at Central Middle School. --9:27-10:34 Comments by Tony Brown concerning Collegiate. Brown made the motion to direct our professional staff to develop and propose a comprehensive middle school plan including any configuration recommendations with a specific goal of equitably maximizing all middle school student outcomes with a due date of 10-01-2021 to go into effect August 2022. Second by Masel. The board discussed. In favor: Brown, Smecca, Jobe and Masel. Opposed by O'Neal, Wagner and Lakin. Motion passed.

D) Discuss and consider approval of the August 31, 2020 Annual Financial and Compliance Report. --11:48-11:49 Motion by Smecca. Second by Lakin. Unanimously approved.

E) Discuss and Consider Naming the Lone Finalist for Superintendent of Schools. --11:49-11:54 Motion to name Dr. Jerry Gibson as the lone finalist for the position of superintendent of schools of the Galveston Independent School District by Brown. Second by Jobe. Unanimously approved.

11) Board Comments --11:54-11:59

--11:54 O'Neal - Level three grievance questions

--11:56 Jobe - No animosity.

--11:56 O'Neal holiday wishes

-- 11:57 Wagner

--11:58 Lakin Holiday wishes

--11:58 Smecca Thanks to Dr. Moulton

12) Adjournment --11:59

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on: _____

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary

For the Board of Trustees