

# Minutes of the Special Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

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A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held February 11, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX.

*Present: Mr. Tony Brown, President; Mr. Johnny Smecca, Vice-President; Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary; Dr. Matthew Hay, Trustee; Mr. Shae Jobe, Trustee; Mr. David O'Neal, Trustee; Ms. Mindy Lakin; and Dr. Kelli Moulton, Superintendent.*

- 1) *Mr. Tony Brown called to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas at 6:30pm.*
- 2) *Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag were recited.*
- 3) *Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items.*
  1. *Ken Jencks, community member, expressed the need for a new high school in Galveston.*
  2. *Mr. Miller, community member, believed that the Board should have public comments following the Board's discussion of the Bond.*
- 4) *The Board did not 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.*
- 5) **REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items**
  - A) *Discuss and consider the adoption of an Order by the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District Calling a Bond Election to be held within the District; and containing other provisions relating thereto.*

*Mr. Anthony Brown reopened this motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> that was made and later tabled on February 5, 2020. The Board continued their discussion on the possible scenarios of the Bond. Board members engaged architect Manuel Torres from PBK, Financial Advisor Lewis Wilks from U.S. Capital Advisors and Bond Counsel Jonathan Frels from Bracewell LLP. After dialogue regarding the nine options and the twelve scenarios presented by staff, Dr. Matthew Hay amended his motion, and moved to adopt an Order by the Board of Trustees for Galveston Independent School District Calling a Bond Election to be held within the District; and containing other provision relating thereto including Proposition 1A, Proposition 2, and Proposition 3A. Mr. Shae Jobe accepted the amendments and affirmed his 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.*
- 6) **Board Comments**

*Dr. Matthew Hay congratulated the Lady Tor Basketball team for their win that night, and announced that the Lady Tor Soccer team was ahead by one goal. He also addressed the fact that the Texas Legislature recently changed a requirement for ISD*

*Boards to host public comment at the beginning of all school board meetings. Dr. Hay also addressed an article in the Galveston County Daily News, agreeing that the District should have listed the position of Head Football coach in the agenda to provide for greater transparency on the hire of GISD positions of great interest.*

*Mr. David O'Neal reminded the public that all the information that is presented and discussed in a Board meeting has been reviewed and talked about in the subcommittee meetings that are open to the public. He invited community who wish to know more to attend these meetings.*

*Mrs. Monica Wagner thanked teachers and staff for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school celebration that took place today. She also thanked the staff for the parent middle school night at Ball High (2-11-20) to help parents decide upon the best campus for their students.*

*Mr. Tony Brown is very pleased with the hire of the new head football coach, Coach Bennight, and impressed with a quote he gave the Daily Newspaper about his vision for a successful program and the development of a successful student athletes.*

*For more details on this agenda item please watch the meeting in its entirety at <https://gisd.viebit.com>*

7) Adjournment

*Mr. Tony Brown adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:25pm.*

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*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