

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 February 5, 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. Monice Wagner, Secretary; Dr. Matthew Hay, Trustee; Mr. Shae Jobe, Trustee; Mr. David O'Neal, Trustee; Ms. Mindy Lakin, Trustee; 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 was recited.
- 3) Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items.
 1. Mr. Ken Jencks, a community member, came to address the board on the importance of building a new Ball High School for the future. He expressed the importance of passing a Bond now, the cost will only increase.
 2. Mary Castillo, former track coach at Ball High school, expressed her support in the Bond for the new high school and natatorium. She is concerned with the remodel of the stadium. She feels that the past football records do not warrant an upgrade to Courville. She came to the meeting to hear more about the options and possible Bond proposal.
- 4) The Board recessed 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 at 6:37pm.
 - A) Personnel
Mr. Tony Brown reopened the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:10pm.
- 5) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items
 - A) Discuss and consider resignations and recommendations with contracts.
Dr. Matthew Hay moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to hire Sheldon Bennight, as the new Ball High Head Football Coach. Mindy Lakin 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7/0 unanimously.

Dr. Matthew Hay moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to hire Audrey Torres as the Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer. Mr. David O'Neal 2nd the motion. Motion passed 5/1/1, Mr. Brown voted nay and Mr. Johnny Smecca abstained.
 - B) 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.

Dr. Matthew Hay moved to adopted 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. Shae Jobe 2nd the motion.

Discussion: Dr. Kelli Moulton preceded dialogue with the Board by providing information on options and scenarios of a Bond, including costs and tax impacts.. The board member discussed options based on new state law, the Champions Advisory Committee recommendations and previous board review. Members of the Board engaged in dialogue and gave their opinion on what they feel the community should be able to vote on. The Board asked Dr. Moulton, PBK, and the Bond counsel to repackage the options into scenarios providing corresponding costs so that the Board might better serve the interest of the tax payers. The board suggested that the current focus of a new Galveston Ball High School remain the target for additional supporting information. Mr. Tony Brown tabled the motion until February 11, 2020. At that time with Board will be presented with the requested options, and will be able to consider the motion on the table.

6) Board Comments

Mr. David O'Neal reminded the public that the committee meetings held throughout the month are open to the public. He invited people to attend the meetings and hear the thought process for the decisions trustees make on behalf of the District.

Dr. Matthew Hay invited the public to go and watch the basketball and soccer games each Tuesday and Friday nights. He congratulated the Lady Tor Basketball team for making the playoffs. He thanked the new Head Football Coach for coming to the meeting. He expressed his excitement for the new culture that Coach Bennight will bring the Ball High Football.

Mr. Tony Brown addressed the public about the decision made in the meeting tonight. He let the audience know that even if the Board does not always agree unanimously on a topic, he and each board member will support the decision of the whole. He welcomes the Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer of the cabinet team. He also is happy with the teamwork that is done between the Board members, to make the best decision for the District.

Dr. Kelli Moulton announced the new Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer will be Audrey Torres. She is currently in Quantico, Virginia working for the Department of Defense – Education Activity. She will be joining the team on March 3rd. She brings years of experience to the District from public school and the federal system, as well as new ideas to support the future of GISD. The District is very excited to have her as the new member to the Administration team.

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 9:51pm.