



Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

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*BOT in attendance: O'Neal, Jobe, Brown, Lakin, Beeton, and Masel. Smecca was absent.
Staff in attendance: Post, Martello, Patrick, Polzin, Scott, Dudas, Pruitt, Grant, Le, Mueller,
Flores, Rogers, Neighbors, Bly*

1) The Public Hearing to present the 2024– 2025 Proposed Budget and 2024 Proposed Tax Rate will begin at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX. –6:02 Presented by Jeff Martello. Concluded at 6:23. Comments from the board. 6:27 hearing concluded.

Members of the public may comment or ask questions about the budget. This hearing is legally mandated by the Texas Education Code and serves as the final opportunity for public review of the proposed budget. The public notice was published in the local newspaper as required by law.

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2024, immediately following the Public Hearing.

- 2) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas.–6:00
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag.–6:00
- 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. –6:27
*Amy Nino - Spoke about Weis
Jeff Patterson - Spoke about Rosenberg school
Michael Gilbert - Spoke about Rosenberg school
Connie Patterson - Spoke about Rosenberg school
Ashley Ross Wooten - Spoke about Rosenberg school
Allison Brown - Spoke about Rosenberg school
Bob Brown - Spoke about Rosenberg school
Leslie Clift - Spoke about Rosenberg school
Ted O'Rourke - Spoke about Rosenberg school
Joe Jaworski - Spoke about Rosenberg school
Edward Grogan - Spoke about Communities in Schools
Mike Dudas - Spoke about Share your school supplies drive*
- 5) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. –6:58 none

- 6) District Reports –6:58
 - A) Superintendent's Report - STAAR and TIA –6:58 *presented by Dr. Jeff Post and Gabriel Flores. 7:31 questions from the board. –7:40 TIA report given by Dr. Annette Scott, Dyann Polzin, and Eric Mueller. 7:52 Video of the latest from Ball High.*
- 7) Financial Reports and Budget Update –7:53 *Presented by Jeff Martello.*
- 8) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items
 - A) Discuss and consider approval of the 2024-2025 General Operating, Debt Service and School Nutrition budgets by fund and function. -8:01 *Motion by Beeton. Second by Jobe. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0*
 - B) Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt the 2024 Tax Rate -8:03 *Motion by Beeton. Second by Masel. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0*
 - C) Discuss and consider adoption of an order authorizing the defeasance and redemption of certain outstanding bonds; approving and authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement; authorizing the engagement of a verification agent; and containing other provisions relating thereto. -8:03 *Motion by Beeton. Second by Masel. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0*
 - D) Consider approval of the LEA Self-Certification of Micro-Purchases for 2024-2025 -8:09 *Motion by Beeton. Second by O'Neal. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0*
 - E) Discuss and Consider Approval of the CSP provided for Weis Middle School Parking Lot (Phase 4) presented by Contractor to be named on 8.27.24. --8:10 *Motion by Beeton to approve the CSP proposal from Lucas construction to create a parking lot and a bus turn at Weis Middle school for \$909k. Second by Lakin. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0*
 - F) Consider declaration of Rosenberg Elementary Property and Building as surplus property and related actions to solicit offers -8:16 *Discussion. -8:19 Motion to deny by Beeton. Second by O'Neal. Discussion. Motion failed. 1-5 Beeton in favor. Motion by Masel that the board approve the declaration of surplus property, approximately 1.91 acres at 1001 Winnie, Galveston, TX 77550, Rosenberg Elementary property and building as discussed. She further moved that the board authorize the administration to seek proposals on the property and to take related actions not before December 1, 2024. Second by Brown. Discussion. Motion passed 5-1 Beeton opposed.*
 - G) Discuss and Consider actions related to Morgan Elementary and San Jacinto Properties. -8:48 *Masel says to bring to the next meeting the same kind of motion as the Rosenberg property.*
- 9) 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. -8:55

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) Consultation with Attorney (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.071) - Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or matters in which the duty of the attorney to the school district under the Texas Disciplinary

Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the state's open meetings laws.

B) Personnel Matters (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.074) – Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or resignation of an employee or employees, including the Superintendent.

1) Discuss and consider annual evaluation of the Superintendent.

C) Real Property (Tex. Govt Code Section 551.072) – Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate in which the discussion in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the ability of the school district to negotiate with a third party.

D) Prospective Gifts or Donations (Tex. Govt Code Section 551.073) – Discuss prospective gifts or donations to the Galveston Independent School District and/or individual campuses, programs or facilities.

E) Network Security, Security Devices and Security Audits (Tex. Govt Code Sections 551.076 and 551.089) – Discuss Network security information; a security audit; the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices; or security assessment or deployments related to information resources technology.

10) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. -10:26

Jobe gave a summary of the closed executive session.

11) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items -10:28 Motion by Masel. Second by Lakin.

Approved unanimously.

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the August 8, 2024, 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) Discuss and consider approval of FINAL Budget Amendment for the 2023-2024 fiscal year

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

F) Discuss and consider adoption of a Board Resolution identifying Hazardous Traffic Routes

G) Discuss and consider acceptance of GCAD Certified Taxable Values and Tax Rolls for 2024 and Approve 2024 Estimated Collection Rate and 2023 Excess Debt Collections as presented by Cheryl Johnson, Galveston County Tax-Assessor Collector

H) Discuss and consider approval of the Interagency Agreement between Upward Hope Academy and GISD to provide educational services to students in a Drop-Out Prevention/Recovery Program.

I) Discuss and consider approval of 10 nonbusiness days for inclusion in deadlines for responding to public information requests or to request Attorney General opinions.

J) Discuss and consider approval of the GISD Human Resources annual appraisal process and appraisal calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

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L) Discuss and consider approval of Emergency Repair of Underground Fire Line and P.I.V. and Austin Elementary School

M) Discuss and consider the renewal of the Shared Services Agreement for the Galveston-Brazoria Cooperative for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, GBCDHH Regional Day School Program for the Deaf and RDSPD – School Year 2024-2025.

N) Discuss and consider approval for the purchase of NWEA testing software and professional development for the 2024-2025 school year for an amount not to exceed \$62,000.

O) Discuss and consider approval of Skyward Annual License Fee

P) Discuss and consider an agreement with Family Service Center to provide mental health services for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

12) Suggested Future Agenda Items -10:28

Beeton wanted to change the sheet that is used when evaluating a bid.

13) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -10:29

Jobe thanked Dudas for all the work he has been doing. Also, thanks for the patience and strength at Weis at Austin as they transition. He asked that people support the seniors by buying tickets for project grad. Finally, he spoke about a great educational opportunity at the Opera house for students interested in space and engineering.

O'Neal encouraged everyone to go out and support all of the sports teams.

Masel thanked Dr. Neighbors and Mike Dudas elevating the school presence in the newspaper.

Lakin expressed thanks to the people at and around Weis that have been dealing with parking issues.

Beeton would like to congratulate everyone on the start of a successful school year.

Brown echoed Beeton and added thanks to the teachers for all their hard work.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, Trustees may report on any of the following items:

1. Expressions of thanks, gratitude, and condolences
2. Information regarding holiday schedules
3. Honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen
4. Reminders regarding GISD events
5. Reminders regarding community events
6. Health and safety announcements

14) Adjournment -10:34

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on September 18, 2024

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Shae Jobe, Secretary