

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

The Public Hearing to present the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate will begin at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX.

The 2020-2021 general fund proposed budget and tax rate were presented to the Board at the August 5, 2020 special board meeting, and the July 22, 2020 regular meeting, respectively. The budget presented at the public hearing includes the most recent budget revisions.

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 Tuesday, August 26, 2020, immediately following the Public Meeting to discuss the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.

Notice is hereby 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 attend this meeting via videoconference in order to properly mitigate the spread of COVID-19, pursuant to State and local emergency/disaster declarations

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.

Members in attendance: Tony Brown, Johnny Smecca, Mindy Lakin, Monica Wagner, Ann Masel and Shae Jobe. David O'Neal

Administration in attendance: Dr. Kelli Moulton, Mr. John Mathis, Ms. Karin Miller, Mrs. Connie Morgenroth, Dr. Annette Scott, Mrs. April Pinkham, Mrs. Dyann Polzin, Mr. Paul Byers, Dr. Keri Launius, Mary Patrick and Mr. Billy Rudolph

Public Hearing on budget and proposed tax rate at 6:32- 6:48

Presented by Connie Morgenroth, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations. Trustees do not have questions. No questions from the public. 6:48

- 1) Call to Order Open Session 6:48
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. 6:49

3) Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda items. 6:50

None

4) Superintendent's Report 6:51-7:44

A) MECC Quarterly Report 6:51-7:04

Presented by Karin Miller

Board Comments: Wagner- Question about Kindergarten readiness. Nice to see the results of the program helping Children achieve. Happy to see MECC is helping 23 GISD children during COVID.

Brown - He likes that there are no external adults in the building during COVID-19.

B) Update on Returning to Learning 2020-2021 7:04

First day of classes August 24th. 4490 students were counted for the first day of onsite. 2026 for the first day of SAIL. ZOOM crashed worldwide, but GISD was back online by 10am. Mandatory evacuation for Hurricane Laura canceled school for the rest of the week.

*Priorities to get back on track: **Technology.** SAIL students given priority. **Relationships and Contact.** We need them to know that we are there and ready to support them. **Consistency.** Looking to help build those who may need a little more and bring everyone together to move forward. **Lessons Learned.** Address what we've been doing and how are we moving forward to continue to do better.*

7:25 Wagner- as a parent- It's nice to hear Dr. Moulton talk about first day being more for attendance. She expected more. The differences between her children's schools were confusing.

7:28 Smecca - There was an advisor that called his son the Friday before school started, and again on Monday. He thinks that is good and is that happening at every school? Moulton - Not all students have phones. The schools do their best to reach out. She thinks a little more than half of the students were contacted.

7:33 Masel - Her grandchild had two, twenty minute sessions then later had one more. She would like to have expectations set at the beginning of the day.

7:35 Jobe - Would like to look into software or a program to allow teachers to call parents and not use their personal cell phones or get cell phones to give teachers. Moulton - Cell phones are not being given to teachers due to cost. Google has an option for masking personal cell phone numbers.

Brown - How long does it take to process the ChromeBooks once they are received? John Mathis - They could process 400 Chromebooks in three day or so. They will work as fast as they can once they come in. Brown - Has asked about the criteria for hotspots. Can anyone pick one up. Mathis reported they fill out a form and one is issued to them.

C) Request for Agenda items Update 7:44

Smecca - would like to discuss a better way to do procurements during an emergency.

D) Board Committee Reports 7:45-7:49

1) Policy Committee Chair - Mr. David O'Neal - *He would like to give some info on a consent agenda item. The college board will no longer recognize preAP courses in class rank and recommends amending policy EIC (LOCAL).*

2) Curriculum Committee Chair - Ms. Monica Wagner -*Next*

meeting September 2nd at 6pm. Agenda will be out soon.

3) Facilities/ Finance Committee Chair - Mr. Johnny Smecca *-finance committee meeting was very thorough. Connie did a great job explaining.*

- 5) 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. 7:49

None

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

- 6) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items 7:49-7:51

Motion by Smecca. Second by Masel. Approved unanimously.

- A) Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 22, 2020 and Special Meeting on August 5, 2020.
- B) Consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.
- C) Attorney Fees
- D) Finance Reports
- E) Discuss and Consider approval of the Board's Quarterly Progress Tracker.
- F) Consider approval of the Board's Time Use Tracker – July 22, 2020.
- G) Discuss and Consider approval of the GISD Human Capital Management System (HCMS) annual appraisal process and appraisal timeline for the 2020-2021 school year.
- H) Discuss and consider approval of Administrative Appraisers for 2020-2021 school year.
- I) Consider approval of the deductive change order reducing the original amount for the district wide MEP renovations project 1 in the amount of \$4,723.00 with Texas Air Systems.
- J) Discuss and Consider approval of the first one-year renewal option of the contract for professional services from Kickstart Kids during the 2020-2021 school year in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 to be funded with Title funds.
- K) Discuss and Consider authorization to award the purchase of white boards and bulletin boards for classrooms located at Crenshaw, Rosenberg, LA Morgan, Burnet, Parker and Oppe from Challenge Office Products under Choice Partners Contract 19/033MJ-06. (Under separate cover). The scope of this project remains unchanged from the original bond project scope.
- L) Discuss and Consider the adoption of Galveston ISD Policy EIC(LOCAL)–

Academic Achievement Class Ranking

- M) Discuss and Consider approval of continuation of Purchasing Cooperative Arrangements and Fees with TASB BuyBoard, TPASS and Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC)
- N) Accept GCAD Certified Property Values and Tax Roll for 2020 and Approve Certified Collection Rate.
- O) Discuss and Consider approval of the Interagency Agreement between Upward Hope Academy and GISD to provide educational services to students in a DropOut Prevention/Recovery Program.
- P) Discuss and Consider approval to amend contracted services agreements with Avondale House for Day School Placement for an additional Student in GISD for the 2019-2020 school year.

7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items 7:51-8:05

- A) Discuss and Consider approval of the 2020-2021 General Operating, Debt Service and School Nutrition budgets by fund and function.

Motion by Jobe. Second by Lakin

Discussion: Brown - The revenue budget is still a little hazy and a moving target. We currently show a surplus.

Approved unanimously.

- B) Discuss and Consider adoption of additional Interest & Sinking Fund tax rate component of FY 2020-2021 Ad Valorem Tax Rates. 7:53

Motion by Smecca. Second by Jobe.

Approved unanimously.

- C) Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt the 2020 Tax Rate. 7:56

Motion by Jobe. Second by Smecca.

*Discussion: Moulton - She would like to add that the proposed tax rate is a reduction.
Morgenroth - Further explanation of "effective tax rate"*

Smecca - It's interesting that Galveston has not seen a slow down of property sales.

Brown - Appreciative that tax collections have held up.

O'Neal - We need to attract more people to the city so that we don't have to pay as much money back to the state.

Approved unanimously.

- D) Discuss and Consider Amendment to the 2019-2020 General Operating Budget. 8:03

Motion by Smecca. Second by O'Neal.

Discussion: Smecca - There was a thorough discussion at the finance meeting last night. Connie did a great job with explanation.

Approved unanimously.

8) Suggested Future Agenda Items

9) Board Comments 8:05-8:13

Smecca - Appreciates the hard work of staff and administration.

Wagner - Same as Smecca. Teachers have not had a summer off.

Working to build their lessons for virtual instruction. She asks that parents please take the time to reach out to your teachers and principal with questions.

O'Neal - Echo other board members. Also would like to recognize two people who passed away: Ms. Dorothy Curry Cade who worked in transportation for 30 years and Shalonda Pookie Robinson who worked at Collegiate and daughter of Charles Brooks. They were both people who went off to college and came back to their community.

Jobe - Echo other board members. He asks parents to be patient and teachers to be strong and that everyone to work together for the kids.

Lakin - Echo other board members. Also would like to send prayers to anyone affected by the hurricane. Thank you to all staff for tireless efforts.

Masel - Continue to ask students, teachers and parents to be patient and we can get through this together.

Brown - Everyone is working so hard. Prayers to the peninsula.

10) Adjournment 8:13

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on: _____

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary