

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2025 5:30 PM

Gatesville ISD Administration Building, 311 S. Lovers
Lane, Gatesville, TX 76528

Present: Charles Alderson, Calvin Ford, Loyd Hopson, Linda Maxwell, Emily Wuenschel

Absent: Charles Ament, Cheyenne Kizer.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Charles Alderson, Vice President, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Charles Alderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Charles Alderson gave the invocation.

4. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Barrett Pollard, Superintendent, recognized Amos Phillips for setting six school records in football during his time at GHS. The records include: Season Receptions-83; Season Yards-1,222; Season Touchdowns-15; Career Receptions-131; Career Yards-1,935; Career Touchdowns-25.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Pollard recognized and thanked Coach Jose Aguirre for all the hours he spends coaching little league, teaching American History, and leading the varsity football team. This year he took on the role of head football coach and assistant athletic director while still being a successful history teacher. His first football season at the helm was a memorable one with wins against opponents that Gatesville had not beaten in years. More importantly, however, is the manner in which Coach Aguirre leads the football program. Jose creates a family environment where it's not uncommon for him to invite students to cookouts with his own personal children. Coach Aguirre monitors not only his player's performance on the field and grades in the classroom, but he is genuinely concerned for them when they face true adversity. He cares not only about GISD but the entire Gatesville community.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

6. PUBLIC HEARING-SCHOOL FIRST (FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS)

LeighAnn Goodwin, Asst. Supt. of Finance, announced the public hearing and presentation to the Board of Trustees is to discuss and disclose the District's Annual 2025 Schools First Report. This report is prepared and issued by TEA and is based on financial data from the 23-24 school year.

Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas) is in its 23rd year and was developed in response to Senate Bill 875. Its primary goal is to achieve quality performance in the management of a school district's financial resources. The District is required to present this report as a public hearing and disclose requirements in accordance with TEA Code in chapter 109 Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing. For the 23-24 school year, the District received a perfect score of 100 which results in superior achievement rating.

A. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL SCHOOL FIRST REPORT

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE REPORT – there were no public comments.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve consent agenda items A-I as presented.

This motion, made by Loyd Hopson and seconded by Calvin Ford, Passed.

Charles Ament: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

B. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING (CANVASS ELECTION)

C. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

D. BILLS AND PAYROLLS FOR NOVEMBER 2025

E. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

F. Y-T-D BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO FUND BALANCE

G. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

H. VITAL SIGNS REPORT

I. FOOD SERVICE REPORT

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING WITH HUCKABEE TEAM

Dr. Pollard gave the summary: In partnership with the Huckabee planning team, the District held its second visioning meeting. This time the audience consisted of community members. GJHS Principal Suzy Penrod led a campus tour providing firsthand insight into the current conditions of the junior high. Head Football Coach Jose Aguirre led a tour of the field house, which was equally eye-opening for the participants. Much of the discussion centered around key topics such as student safety, communication with the public, and the goal of not raising taxes. The committee was supportive of the district raising \$26 million, which is the maximum amount possible without raising taxes. The committee speculated that members of the public may show skepticism when told that the district can raise \$26 million without a tax increase.

B. COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

Pam Willams, Executive Director of Community Outreach, gave an update on Community Outreach projects. The World Vision trip for staff was in November. This is a great incentive for staff. Christmas on Marshall was a big success. The military personnel were a big help and the community involvement is great, from vendors to dog races and games. Stinger Stash (Marketplace & Resource Store) is the biggest project going right now. Teachers can submit orders for school supplies they need throughout the year. The Market Place is taking in and distributing every week and GISD students are getting more involved with things like unloading, distribution, and creating receipts with some of the items. Campus' are working towards helping families with Christmas (Dream Makers & Hometown Angels).

C. PERSONNEL IDEAS TO SUPPORT THE INTERMEDIATE CAMPUS

Dr. Pollard spoke, hopefully, in the fall of 2028, our current 3rd graders will become the first cohort of 6th graders to return to the junior high campus. With just two grade levels to focus upon (4th and 5th grade), we hope the intermediate campus can be more successful from an accountability standpoint. Another key to improving the intermediate's accountability rating is the addition of some professional staff. Given the ever increasing budget constraints, this will be a difficult goal. However, through attrition and possibly movement of current employees, we would hope to add some key positions. Specifically, a professional reading interventionist and a professional math interventionist would be very beneficial in helping our students who struggle in those two content areas. We have had to rely upon para-professional staff due to budget cutbacks. In addition, another professional dyslexia intervention

teacher will likely be needed due to the increasing numbers of students with dyslexia. Mrs. Pearson has also expressed the need to have additional curriculum and instruction help.

9. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

Charles Alderson, Vice-President, issued the Certificate of Election to new board member, Emily Wuenschel.

B. SIGN STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Emily Wuenschel signed the Statement of Officer.

C. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED MEMBERS

The Oath of Office was administered to Emily Wuenschel by McKenzie Newman, Notary Public.

D. DETERMINE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASING BUSES EQUIPPED WITH 3-POINT SEAT BELTS

Dr. Yancey Sanderson, Asst Supt. of Admin. Services, presented, Senate Bill 546, passed during the 89th Texas Legislature, strengthens standards for school buses transporting students in Texas. The bill amends Texas Transportation Code §547.701, with the addition of subsection (f), requiring that all school buses operated by or contracted for use by a school district be equipped with three-point seat belts for every passenger, including the driver.

As part of this legislation, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will gather data from each school district regarding their current bus fleet and the estimated cost to retrofit those buses with three-point seat belts.

The first step is for the board to decide whether purchasing buses equipped with 3-point seat belts fits within the district's budget or not. If this purchase is not financially feasible, GISD start the data collection process and present all information gathered at a future board meeting as well as submit the data to TEA by May 30, 2026. My next steps will be based on the board's determination of financial feasibility.

Dr. Pollard recommended that it is not feasible to to purchase all new buses.

This motion, made by Linda Maxwell and seconded by Loyd Hopson, Passed.

Charles Ament: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E. GEOTECHNICAL PROPOSAL FOR JUNIOR HIGH RENOVATION AND NEW FIELD HOUSE

Dr. Pollard presented, before any work can be completed on a construction area, a geotechnical study must be completed to ensure the soil can support the building. GISD used Langerman Engineering for the high school renovation. Scott Langerman has submitted the following proposal for geotechnical services for the new additions to the Junior High and the new field house. The Junior High additions will have a total foundation area of approximately 35,000 square feet. New parking lots and driveways will also be constructed. The field house will be one-story in height, and will be a metal building with partial masonry. The services described in this proposal will be performed for a lump sum cost of \$26,000.

Dr. Pollard recommended that the board approve the proposal for geotechnical services provided by Langerman Engineering.

This motion, made by Calvin Ford and seconded by Emily Wuenschel, Passed.

Charles Ament: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

F. LIBRARY PURCHASES FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Dr. Pollard presented library book proposals for approval. Under Texas Senate Bill 13, the district school board must approve all library book purchases at a public meeting. Before this approval, districts must list the proposed materials publicly for at least 30 days, allowing for public review and comment. On the GUSD website, we created another bullet under the Parents tab stating "Proposed Materials for Library Purchase." We post the lists under that page for the required 30 days before bringing the lists before the board for approval. There is a comment tool so that parents can give input on the lists of materials. There have been no comments so far. We have lists of materials tonight for the primary, elementary, intermediate, and high school campus.

Dr. Pollard recommend the board approve the list of materials as presented for library purchase.

This motion, made by Linda Maxwell and seconded by Calvin Ford, Passed.

Charles Ament: Absent, Cheyenne Kizer: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson:

Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea, Emily Wuenschel: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.001)

The board took a break at 6:23 PM and then went into executive session at 6:30 PM and returned to open session at 7:00 PM.

A. DELIBERATION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074)

B. DELIBERATION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074)

C. PRELIMINARY SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074)

11. ACTION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

<i>Resignations</i>	<i>Campus/Position</i>	<i>Last Day</i>
Judd, Karrie	EL-Principal	6/18/2026

Information only; no board action needed.

B. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL- No action needed

C. PRELIMINARY SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074) – No action taken

12. FUTURE BUSINESS

A. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ament adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM with no voiced objections.

We affirm that these minutes are official, complete and correct.

President

Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____