

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
The Board of Trustees  
Gregory-Portland ISD**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gregory-Portland ISD was held Monday, August 26, 2024, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Gregory-Portland ISD Administration Building, 1200 Broadway, PORTLAND, TX 78374.

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.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

I. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 pm by Tim Flinn, President. Members present: Mark Roach, Nicole Nolen, Melissa Gonzales, Carrie Gregory, Zachary Simmons, and Lora DeLuna. Others present: Dr. Michelle Cavazos, Deborah Garza, Michael Thieme, Dr. Ismael Gonzalez III, Crystal Matern, Dr. Michael Norris, Penny Armstrong, Albert Silguero, Melinda Pena, Cameron Curran, Jodie Scanlan, Monica Waggoner, Ashley Banda, Dr. John Trevino, Analese Tennyson, Alton Alexander, Buffy Longoria, Ashley Ballew, Officer Hinojosa, Walter Granberry, and Amy Malone.

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CLOSED SESSION 5:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION 6:02 P.M.

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- II. The time is now 5:30 PM and we will convene in Closed Session, As Authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, 551.084, 551.087, 551.129 et seq.
  - A. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public employee or employees, including but not limited, to resignation and employment of personnel [551.074]
  - B. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code
  - C. Deliberations regarding security devices or security audits [551.076]
  
- III. Open Session Action, If Any, on Closed Session Deliberations Regarding:
  - A. Consider Resignations of Personnel and Review Vacancy Report

No Action Taken

- B. Consider Employment of Personnel

No Action Taken

- C. Consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code

No Action Taken

- D. Consider deliberations regarding security devices or security audits [551.076]

No Action Taken

- IV. Invocation was given by Tim Flinn
- V. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Zachary Simmons
- VI. Reading of the Gregory-Portland ISD Vision, Mission & Belief Statements
- VII. Recognitions / Presentations
  - A. Recognize Elected Officials & Honored Guests
    - 1. Heather Marks
  - B. Student Recognition
    - 1. No Student Recognition
  - C. Employee Recognition
    - 1. Family Engagement Committee – Jennifer Baker, Cathy Kelley, Brannen Ellyson, Allen McConnell, Julie Watts, Suzanne Gardner, Kristie Hayward, Melisa Scafidi, Heather Burnett, Shannon DeLaRosa, Rachel Coleman, Cathy Armstrong, Jesus Garza, Jr., Meagan Martinez, Terra Lovins, Cassandra Smith, Evelyn Betz, Cait Adams, Lori O’Riley, Cydra Rodriguez, Pam Palacios, Fabiola Castillo, Meredith Pena, Audra Gerick
    - 2. G-P Education Foundation – Joseph Vasquez, Nicole Nolen, Heather Marks, Dr. Michelle Cavazos, Larry Baker III, Patti Cass Strain, Lora DeLuna, Janie Hoskins, Ryan Kelley, Dr. Anne Matula, Sylvia Ochoa, Myra Morris, Colette Walls
    - 3. Employee of the Month
      - a. Robbie Benavides – AUX
      - b. Nicole Geerdes – PARA
      - c. Sharon Reckaway - PROF

- VIII. Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed 2024-2025 District Budget & Proposed Tax Rate
  - Dr. Gonzalez began the Public Hearing at 6:25 PM
- IX. Public Comments Relating to Public Hearing – No Public Comment
- X. Adjourn Public Meeting at 6:54 PM
- XI. Regular Meeting began at 6:54 PM
- XII. Comments from Public in Open Forum
  - A. Kayden Ralls – FFA Thank you and appreciation
  - B. Sylvia Ochoa – Gregory Parade and Gregory events and participation

**RECESS AT 6:59 PM**

**RECONVENE AT 7:12 PM**

- XIII. Consent Agenda
  - A. Receive and Approve Minutes
  - B. Consider Ratification of Payment of Bills
  - C. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments
  - D. Consider Ratification of Donations
  - E. Consider Approval of Architectural Services Contract Amendment No. 1 with "Pfluger Architects" for BOND 2023 Project: Rebuild T.M. Clark Elementary School
  - F. Consider Approval of Permanent Easement Agreement Between Gregory-Portland ISD and AEP TEXAS, INC.
  - G. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP # 2122-15 Workers Compensation Fixed Cost Program
  - H. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP# 2122-16 Liability & Automobile Coverage
  - I. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for Unemployment Insurance
  - J. Consider Approval of 2024-2025 Compensation Handbook
  - K. Consider Approval to Carry Forward and Re-Appropriate 2023-2024 Encumbrances and Fund Commitments into Fiscal Year 2024-2025
  - L. Consider Approval of a Resolution Regarding Annual Review of Investment Policies & Strategies

It was recommended that the Board approve items A, B, D, G, H, I, J, K, and L as one item. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Lora DeLuna; motion carried 7/0.

It was recommended that the Board approve items C, E, and F as one item. Mark Roach made the motion, which was seconded by Nicole Nolen; motion carried 7/0.

XIV. Regular Business Action Items

- A. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Approve a Resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Gregory-Portland Independent School District providing for the defeasance and calling for redemption of certain currently outstanding district obligations; directing that the board secretary, or her designee, effectuate the redemption of these obligations; authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement; and other matters in connection therewith

It was recommended that the Board accept the recommendation by administration to adopt a resolution providing for the redemption of certain currently outstanding district obligations. Zachary Simmons made the motion, which was seconded by Mark Roach; motion carried 7/0.

- B. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Approve the 2024-2025 Fiscal-Year Budget

On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of the Gregory-Portland Independent School District, hereby approve and adopt the 2024-2025 Fiscal-Year budgets as presented during tonight's public meeting which includes the General Fund, Food Service, and Debt Service Budgets:

The General Fund includes:

Total Projected Revenue:	\$67,118,234
Total Projected Expenditures:	\$66,257,661
As per TEC 29.081, Accelerated Instruction Budget of \$2,327,256 within the General Fund Budget	

The Food Service Fund includes:

Total Projected Revenue:	\$3,184,038
Total Projected Expenditures:	\$4,278,627
Total Other Financing Sources (Workers Comp Fund Balance Transfer): to cover year-ending deficit up to \$1,094,589	

The Debt Service Fund includes:

Total Projected Revenue:	\$53,920,416
Total Projected Expenditures:	\$53,920,416

Adopted this 26 day of August, 2024, by the Board of Trustees.

Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons; motion carried 7/0.

- C. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Approve a Resolution Establishing Ad Valorem Tax Rate at \$0.3400 for Interest & Sinking and \$0.7646 for Maintenance & Operations; for a total of \$1.1046 per \$100.00 of Property Value for the 2024 Tax Year

On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of the Gregory-Portland Independent School District, hereby levy or se the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the district for the tax year 2024 at a total tax rate of \$1.1046, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$0.7646 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.3400 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

Adopted this 26 day of August, 2024, by the Board of Trustees.

Carrie Gregory made the motion, which was seconded by Nicole Nolen; motion carried 7/0.

- D. Discuss and Take Possible Action on RFP# 2324-06 Delivered Pizza for Food & Nutrition Services

It was recommended that the Board accept the recommendation by administration to Award Papa Johns at a price of \$9.99 per pizza to support G-PISD with Delivered Pizza for Food & Nutrition Services for the 2024-2025 School Year in response to RFP#2324-06, with two possible One-year renewals. Mark Roach made the motion, which was seconded by Nicole Nolen; motion carried 7/0.

- E. Discuss and Take Possible Action for CSP# 2324-05 Construction of Operations and Family Resource Center

It was recommended that the Board accept the recommendation by administration to approve and award CSP #2324-05 Construction of Operations and Family Resource Center to vendor; Weaver and Jacobs Construction for a total amount not to exceed \$23,223,000 and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract for final board approval. Mark Roach made the motion, which was seconded by Nicole Nolen; motion carried 7/0.

F. Discuss and Take Possible Action for RFP# 2324-05 Experiential Learning for Four (4) Elementary Schools

It was recommended that the Board award RFP#2324-05 Experiential Learning Provider for four (4) Elementary Schools to vendor: Exhibit Concepts for a total amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract for final board approval. Mark Roach made the motion, which was seconded by Nicole Nolen; motion carried 7/0.

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CLOSED SESSION 7:52 P.M.

OPEN SESSION 8:57 P.M.

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G. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) and Budget/Funding Allocation for BOND 2023 Project: Rebuild T.M. Clark Elementary School (RFP # 2324-04)

A motion to table item G was made by Carrie Gregory; motion carried 7/0.

XV. Reports/Discussion Items

- A. Board Scorecard Report
- B. Superintendent's Report
  - 1. Legislative Update

XVI. Board Instructions to President/Superintendent on Items of Discussion

Participate in Gregory Parade on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Add City of Gregory and Portland to Board Event Calendar.

XVII. Review Board Event Calendar

XVIII. Meeting Adjourned 9:07 PM

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Board President, Tim Flinn

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Board Secretary, Melissa Gonzales