

**Notice of Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, September 23, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM, in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. For more information about public comment, see Policy BED. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

The subjects 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.

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest.
- 5) District Reports
 - A) Superintendent's Report
 - 1) Purple Star Campus Designation
 - B) Board Committee Reports
 - 1) Policy Committee Chair- Mr. David O'Neal
 - 2) Curriculum Committee Chair- Ms. Ann Masel
 - 3) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items
- 8) 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.

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.

- 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.
- 9) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees.
- 10) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items
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| A) Consider approval of the minutes from the August 26, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting. | 4 |
| B) Consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts. | 8 |
| C) Discuss and consider approval of payment of attorney fees. | |
| D) Consider approval of Budget Amendments | 9 |
| E) Consider Approval of Purchases >\$50,000 | |
| F) Discuss and consider accepting donations in accordance with Board Policy CDC Local. | 10 |
| G) Discuss and consider the approval to use Galveston Career-Connect grant funds for tuition and expenses for high school students attending Galveston College courses in the 2026-2027 school year, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000. | 11 |
| H) Consider approval for an out of state trip to New York City through Green Light Tours and Troen Music Festivals for Ball High Choir at Ball High School March 29-April 1, 2027 | 12 |
- 11) Suggested Future Agenda Items
- 12) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, Trustees may report on any of the following items:
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| 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 |
- 13) Adjournment

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections

of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See TASB Policy BEC(LEGAL)]

For the Board of Trustees

Action Sheet

MEETING DATE:

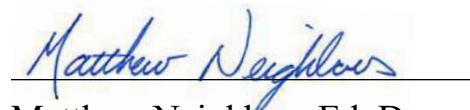
September 23, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Consider approval of the minutes from the August 26, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes from the August 26, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting.

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Matthew Neighbors Ed. D.
Superintendent



Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

The Public Hearing to present the 2026 – 2027 Proposed Budget and 2026 Proposed Tax Rate began at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX *presented by Jeff Martello, CFO. No questions or comments from the public. Concluded at 6:16pm.*

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 was held Wednesday, August 26, 2026, immediately following the Public Hearing to discuss the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. -6:16

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.

Trustees in attendance: Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker, and O'Neal

Staff in attendance: Beaird, Martello, Post, Patrick, Scott, Beafneaux, Chambers, Grant, Le, Burson, Norfolk, Dudas, Raphael, Ives, Pruitt, Neighbors and Bly.

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. -6:16
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. -6:17 *Led by coaches Brantley and Norfolk.*
- 3) 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. -6:16
Robert Quintero – Spoke on behalf of LULAC in regard to a bilingual position.
Tiffany Perkinz – Spoke about Ten Commandments in schools
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. -6:26 *None*
- 5) District Reports -6:26
 - A) Superintendent's Report -6:26
 - 1) Optional Flexible School Day -6:27 *presented by Sherman Beafneaux and L Chambers.*
 - B) Board Committee Reports
 - 1) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca -6:41
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update -6:46
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items -6:52
 - A) Discuss and consider approval of the 2026-2027 General Operating, Debt Service and School Nutrition budgets by fund and function. -6:52 *Motion by Beeton that the board*

approve the 2026-2027 General Operating, Debt Service and School Nutrition budgets by fund and function and the stipend list as presented. Second by Masel. Discussion. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker and O'Neal in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B) Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt the 2026 Tax Rate -6:48
Presented by Brown. Motion by Masel that the board of trustees adopt a Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate of \$0.676900, and an Interest & Sinking Tax Rate of \$0.164600 for a total tax rate of \$0.841500 for Tax Year 2026. I move that a proposed rate to pay debt service of \$0.164600 per \$100 of taxable value be approved. This rate exceeds the district's debt service rate determined under Texas Education Code section 44.004(c)(5)(A)(ii)(b) of \$0.172813 by \$-0.008213. Second by Smecca. Discussion. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker and O'Neal in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8) 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. -6:56

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A) Consultation with Attorney (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.071)

- 1. Address legal questions or issues raised by Trustees.
- 2. Cause No. 25-CV-2117, State of Texas v. Galveston Independent School District et al
- 3. Request for Mediation by Gilbane Building Company - Ball High North Roofing Remediation

B) Personnel Matters (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.074)

- 1. Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or resignation of an employee or employees, including the Superintendent.

9) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. -9:41

10) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items -9:42 *Motion by Beeton to accept as presented. Second by Masel. Discussion. Discussion. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker and O'Neal in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the August 5, 2026, Special and 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) Consider approval of Budget Amendments

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

- F) Discuss and consider approval for the purchase of student driving lessons through South Region Driving School for the 25-26 school year and the Summer 2026 program, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, using Texas ACE Afterschool grant funds.
- G) Discuss and consider the adoption of Local District Update 127 affecting the policies listed below.
- H) Discuss and consider the submission of the application for Optional Flexible School Day for AIM College and Career Preparatory Academy.
- I) Discuss and Consider approval to cancel the Regular School Trustee Election for District 5-E and 6-F for the November 3, 2026 School Board Election.
- J) Discuss and Consider Approval to purchase an Anatomy and Physiology (A&P) Anatomage Table for the Ball High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Health Science program.
- K) Discuss and consider approval of RFQ Vendor Pool for Asbestos Consultant Services CSRFQ 2025-06-001
- L) Discuss and consider minor roofing repairs for GISD Facilities for FY27 with Garland Roofing
- M) Discuss and consider acceptance of GCAD Certified Taxable Values and Tax Rolls for 2026 and Approve 2026 Estimated Collection Rate and 2025 Excess Debt Collections as presented by Cheryl Johnson, Galveston County Tax-Assessor Collector
- 11) Suggested Future Agenda Items -9:44 *Masel asked about school revenue partners.*
- 12) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -9:45
Smecca spoke about lunch and how well it went and encouraged the other trustees to see for themselves.
Masel agreed with Smecca.
O'Neal applauded the football and volleyball coach and invited everyone to come out and support our students.
Brown announced people can order spirit gear online at the Tor Store and pick up from the front desk. He thanked Dr. Ramirez and her staff at Austin. He said he went by the second week of school and everything was running really well. Finally, next week a combined group of student are going on a field trip to the port to see different port jobs.
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 - 5. Reminders regarding community events
 - 6. Health and safety announcements
- 13) Adjournment 9:59pm

Approved on September 23, 2026

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mindy Lakin, Secretary

Action Sheet

MEETING DATE:

September 23, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss and consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.

Under Separate Cover

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the Board of Trustees approve personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.

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Matthew Neighbors Ed. D.
Superintendent

Action Sheet

MEETING DATE:

September 23, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss and consider approval of monthly
Budget Amendment (Under separate cover.)

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the Board of Trustees approve
the budget amendment, as presented.



Matthew Neighbors Ed. D.
Superintendent



Jeff Martello
Chief Financial Officer

Action Sheet

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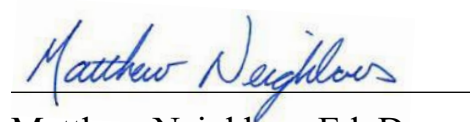
AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss and consider approval of donations
in accordance with Board Policy CDC Local

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RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the Board accept the donations,
as presented.



Matthew Neighbors Ed. D.
Superintendent



Jeff Martello
Chief Financial Officer

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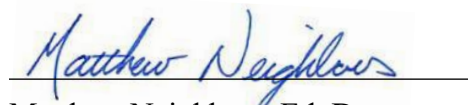
Discuss and consider the approval to use Galveston Career-Connect grant funds for tuition and expenses for high school students attending Galveston College courses in the 2026-2027 school year, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

The Galveston Career-Connect (GCC) Moody Grant supports both Galveston ISD and Galveston College by providing high school students with access to a wide range of college-level courses at no cost to the student. Through the support of the Moody Foundation, students participating in the GCC program are able to enroll in Galveston College courses that offer college credit and/or career-based training while attending Ball High School or other participating campuses within Galveston ISD.

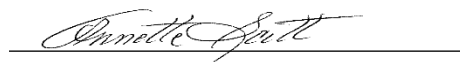
These courses promote college and career readiness by equipping students with the skills and credentials necessary for post-secondary success. The GCC Grant covers the cost of tuition, registration, and related course expenses. Participating students will enroll in classes during the fall, spring, and summer terms.

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the board approve the use of Galveston Career-Connect grant funds for tuition and expenses for high school students attending Galveston College courses in the 2026-2027 school year, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.



Matthew Neighbors, Ed. D.
Superintendent



Dr. Annette Scott
Assistant Superintendent for Student Support

Action Sheet

MEETING DATE:

September 23, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Consider approval for an out of state trip to New York City through Green Light Tours and Troen Music Festivals for Ball High Choir at Ball High School March 29-April 1, 2027

Tentative Schedule Ball High Choir New York City, New York is attached

Destination: New York City, New York

Time: March 29-April 1, 2027

Estimated Cost: The cost of the is around \$3,105 per student, after donor pledges, \$605.

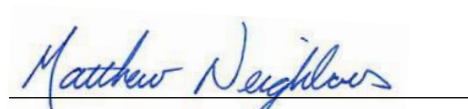
Chaperones: Larrian Meniffee, Stephanie Wilcox, Aja Cormier, Nicholas Robertson

Fund raising: We will be offering fundraising opportunities to help with the cost. We have also partnered with Community members who have pledged to provide financial support for this trip

Purpose of Trip: To allow our students the experience of performing a high caliber choral performance at the historic Carnegie Hall

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the Board of Trustees approve the out of state trip to New York City for Ball High Choir at Ball High School March 29- April 1, 2027



Matthew Neighbors, Ed. D.
Superintendent



NEW YORK CITY

Ball High School Choir

Monday, March 29th, 2027

- 6:00am Arrive at the George Bush Intercontinental Airport
- 8:05am Depart on United Airlines #1143 to LaGuardia Airport
- 12:30pm Arrive in New York City, NY!
- Meet your Green Light tour manager
- 1:00pm Board motorcoach
- 1:45pm Lunch at Chelsea Market (\$25 cash back)
- See the High Line Elevated Park and Little Island
- 5:00pm Dinner at Ellen's Stardust Diner
- 6:30pm Group photo in Times Square
- Free time in Times Square in chaperone groups
- 7:30pm Check into hotel in Manhattan

Tuesday, March 30th, 2027

- Breakfast at a local deli (\$25 cash back)
- 8:45am Meet in the lobby
- 9:30am See the 9/11 Memorial
- 10:00pm Explore the 9/11 Museum
- 12:00pm Lunch at Hudson Eats (\$25 cash back)
- Choir participates in a clinic session with renowned faculty from Carroll Music Studios (schedule is TBD)
- 4:45pm Dinner at Johns Pizzeria
- 7:00pm See Hometown on Broadway
- 10:00pm Arrive back at the hotel

Wednesday, March 31st, 2027

- Breakfast at a local deli (\$25 cash back)
- 8:15am Meet in the lobby
- 9:00am Walk through Central Park
- 11:00am Lunch in Rockefeller Center (\$25 cash back)
- Shopping on Fabulous 5th Avenue and free time with your chaperone group
- Change for performance
- Perform at Carnegie Hall in The New York Invitational Music Festival (schedule is TBD)
- Awards Ceremony
- Dinner at Carmine's, Italian served family style
- Arrive back at the hotel

Thursday, April 1st, 2027

- Breakfast at a local deli (\$25 cash back)
- 8:45am Load bus and check out of hotel
- 10:30am See the Statue of Liberty on a Circle Line cruise
- 12:00pm Lunch at Sylvia's Soul food
- 2:30pm Depart for LaGuardia Airport
- Dinner in the airport (\$25 cash back)
- 5:30pm Depart on flight #458 George Bush Intercontinental Airport
- 8:50pm Arrive in Houston





NEW YORK CITY

Ground Package Includes

- Round trip flight (does not include luggage fees)
- Motor coach transfers to and from the New York airport (some of the New York transportation will be by subway and walking)
- Subway pass
- Dedicated tour managers
- Three nights lodging in interior corridor hotel in Midtown Manhattan
- The New York Invitational Music Festival with performance at Carnegie Hall*
- Hadestown on Broadway
- 9/11 Memorial and Museum
- Cruise to see the Statue of Liberty
- Fabulous 5th Avenue
- Times Square
- Central Park
- Breakfast at a local deli (\$25 cash back per day)
- Lunch at Chelsea Market (\$25 cash back)
- Lunch in Rockefeller Center (\$25 cash back)
- Lunch at Hudson Eats (\$25 cash back)
- Lunch at Sylvia's Soul food
- Dinner at Ellen's Stardust Diner
- Dinner at Carmines
- Dinner at John's Pizzeria
- Dinner at the airport (\$25 cash back)

* Adult/chaperone non performer trip package will be discounted by \$370 after registration

- Nighttime hotel security, so you can sleep
- \$100 per person checked bag budget
- Festival registration fee collected and returned to the Boosters (\$1000)
- Name badges with emergency phone numbers and a mini itinerary
- Two million dollar liability insurance policy
- Standard trip delay protection
- Six complimentary director's packages: two at single occupancy and four at double occupancy
- Online registration and billing with individual crowdsourcing feature

Minimum number of paying travelers:	30	40	50	60	70
Quad	\$3,429	\$3,355	\$3,148	\$3,105	\$2,993
Triple	\$3,507	\$3,434	\$3,227	\$3,183	\$3,071
Double	\$3,664	\$3,590	\$3,383	\$3,340	\$3,228
Single	\$4,134	\$4,060	\$3,853	\$3,810	\$3,698

Does Not Include

- Equipment rentals
- Transportation between school and the airport
- Times Square group photo-\$25/photo (optional)

