

BOARD UPDATE

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RECOGNITION

- Galena Park I.S.D. recognized **Sam Harris** for being named as the Texas Music Administrators Conference (TMAC) 2020-2021 Outstanding Music Administrator.

REPORT

Jerid Link, Executive Director for Human Resource Services – Compliance & Hearing, presented the Texas Association of School Boards Localized Policy Manual Update 116 as presented for the Board of Trustees review and adoption at first and final reading.

Harold “Sonny” Fletcher, Senior Director for Facility Planning and Construction, provided a 2016 Bond Program construction update.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approved** to require all students, staff and visitors to wear masks on district property and at district events. This requirement is consistent with the advice of health professionals and guidelines from the Center of Disease Control. Additionally, GPISD will continue to follow the guidelines of our Health and Wellness Protocols for the safety of all students and staff at all campuses and district buildings, including practicing social distancing and using good hygiene practices.
- **Approved** the Order of Election Cancellation for the election scheduled for May 1, 2021, declaring the following unopposed candidates elected: Adrian Stephens for Position 1 and Wanda Heath Johnson for Position 2.

GENERAL CONSENT

- **Approved** the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 8, the Special called Meeting held on Monday, February 22, and the Emergency called Meeting held on Thursday, February 25.
- **Approved** the additions, revisions, or deletions to district policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 116.
- **Approved** the Proposed District Goals for 2021-2026 as discussed in the Board Workshop.
- **Approved** the submission of a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the following: Hybrid Instruction During District-Scheduled Testing Waiver. Waiver application will be submitted to the Texas Agency (TEA) upon Board approval.
- **Approved** the missed instructional day waiver application of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for February 16-22, 2021 to be removed from the calculations for Average Daily Attendance (ADA).
- **Approved** the submission of a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the following: Staff Development Minutes Waiver. Waiver application will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) upon Board approval.

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT

- **Approved** the negative Change Order #001 in the amount of \$87,465.81, and authorize final payment to Jamail & Smith Construction, LP, for Summer 2019 Renovations at North Shore Senior High 9th Grade Center with a final construction cost of \$2,038,501.64.
- **Approved** the Building Automation Controls Replacement at Zotz Education Center (Project L126) by Unify Energy Solutions, LLC, via BuyBoard Contract #577-18 for an estimated amount of \$335,000, including contingency allowance.

FINANCIAL CONSENT

- **Approved** the purchase of two 78-passenger school buses and two 12-passenger wheelchair lift equipped buses for student transportation from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast GP, Inc., via BuyBoard Contract #630-20, for an estimated amount of \$336,942.
- **Approved** the carpet replacement at Cimarron Elementary, Tice Elementary, and Zotz Education Center by Tarkett USA Inc., via Choice Partners Cooperative Contract #17/020CG-15, for an estimated amount of \$377,000.
- **Approved** the purchase of Leveled Literacy Intervention for the period of 6/1/2020 to 5/31/2021 from Heinemann via Southeast Texas Purchasing Cooperative (Region 5) contract number 20200406 at a cost not to exceed \$700,000.
- **Approved** the proposed Budget Amendment for the month of February 2021.
- **Approved** the contract RFP 210002724 for E-Rate Eligible internal connections (wireless networking upgrades) for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 from Presidio at an estimated amount of \$180,158.
- **Approved** the renewal of RFP 18-004 Fire Alarm Systems for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, with Koetter Fire Protection and Cintas Fire Protection, at an estimated annual amount of \$200,000.
- **Approved** the the renewal of RFP 18-007 Furniture – Office, Classroom, Cafeteria and Specialty Furnishings for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, with School Specialty, Lakeshore Learning, and J. R. Incorporated at an estimated annual amount of \$3,000,000.
- **Approved** the purchase of ClearTouch Interactive Panels through August 31, 2021, from Prime Systems via Buy Board 579-19, at an estimated amount of \$5,000,000.

INFORMATION

Sonya George, Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support/Chief Financial Officer presented:

- Comparative Tax Collection Report for the period of September 1 through January 31 for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
- 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of January 31, 2021

Elizabeth Lalor, Deputy Superintendent for Educational Support and School Administration presented:

- Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from January 2021
- Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary for January 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Approved** the employment of contractual personnel as presented.
- **Approved** the amendment to the Superintendent's employment contract. This March 8, 2021 amendment, supersedes and replaces the amendment(s) approved at the February 22, 2021 special called board meeting.