

**GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 14, 2022

Administration Building of Galena Park Independent School District

14705 Woodforest Blvd.

Houston, TX 77015

6:00 PM

The Board of Trustees of Galena Park Independent School District met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022 with the following members present: President, Jeff Miller; Secretary, Noe Esparza; Trustees: Wanda Heath Johnson, Ramon Garza, Norma Hernandez, Herbert Alexander Sanchez and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes. Vice President, Adrian Stephens was absent.

**REGULAR MEETING:** At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Miller called the meeting to order. Norma Hernandez opened the meeting with a prayer, Cobb 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus color guard presented the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS:**

**A. Public Comment for Posted Agenda Items**

There were no public comments for posted agenda items.

**B. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items**

1. A representative from Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office presented a proclamation declaring February 14, 2022, as Jon Kay Day for his career accomplishments as Head Football Coach of the North Shore Mustangs.

**RECOGNITION:** Dr. Moore, Ramon Garza and all of the Board Members recognized the following:

**A. Student:**

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the North Shore Mustang Varsity Football Team for defeating the Duncanville Panthers on December 18, 2021, to win the 2021 UIL Texas Football 6A Division 1 State Championship.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Norma Hernandez stated that it was an honor to be at the game December 18<sup>th</sup>, and she congratulated the North Shore Mustangs football team, coaches and the Athletic Director. Wanda Johnson wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

**REPORTS:** Mr. Miller introduced Harold "Sonny" Fletcher III, Senior Director for Facility Planning and Construction, who provided a 2016 Bond Program construction update.

Mr. Miller also introduced Elizabeth Lalor, Deputy Superintendent for Educational Support & School Administration, and Dr. Tony Gardea, Senior Director for Human Resource Services – Secondary Personnel/Recruitment and Retention, who presented on Teacher Recruitment and Retention updates as well as district initiatives.

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:**

Mr. Miller asked the Board if there was a motion to approve Board Resolution authorizing to pay Galena Park ISD employees for a missed workday as a result of the closure of schools due to inclement weather on Friday, February 4, 2022. Furthermore, authorize the Superintendent to pay additional compensation to employees in accordance with the Resolution and Board Policy DEA (LOCAL).

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Wanda Johnson to approve Board Resolution authorizing to pay Galena Park ISD employees for a missed workday as a result of the closure of schools due to inclement weather on Friday, February 4, 2022, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Miller asked the Board if there was a motion to approve grant of 2.07-acre surface easement on vacant District property, located along Highway 90 near Havenwood Drive, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute easement documents.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve grant of 2.07-acre surface easement on vacant District property, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Miller asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the resolution to convene the GPISD's School Health Advisory Council to make recommendations for curriculum materials related to human sexuality, dating violence, family violence, and human trafficking.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Wanda Johnson to approve the resolution to convene the GPISD's School Health Advisory Council to make recommendations for curriculum materials, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Miller asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the resolution committing 100% of the grant awarded funds to support The District's Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant per application number 40491-02 for the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was made by Herbert Sanchez and seconded by Noe Esparza to approve the resolution committing 100% of the grant awarded funds to support The District's Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Miller asked the Board if there was a motion to approve to advance hire forty certified teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Herbert Sanchez to approve to advance hire forty certified teachers for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Miller asked the Board if there was a motion to approve a one-time \$2,500 sign-on bonus to all certified teachers and registered nurses new to the district for the 2022-2023 school year, that agree to a two-year commitment with the district.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve a one-time \$2,500 sign-on bonus to all certified teachers and registered nurses new to the district for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Miller asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Order of Election calling for an election to be held in the Galena Park Independent School District on May 7, 2022, for the purpose of electing two trustees to the Board for regular terms for the following positions: Position 3 and Position 4.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve the Order of Election calling for an election to be held in the Galena Park Independent School District on May 7, 2022, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

**CONSENT AGENDAS – ACTION:** So that audience members might better understand the Consent Agenda process, Mr. Miller stated that the Board members receive Agenda Items prior to each Board meeting and are given adequate time to go through each Agenda Item thoroughly and to ask questions of the staff, if needed.

Mr. Miller asked the Board if any item from the General Consent Agenda should be removed for a separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the General Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

**A. General Consent Agenda:**

1. Consider approval of the amendment to the academic calendar for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.
2. Consider approval of the minutes for the Workshop and Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 10.
3. Consider approval of the academic calendar for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.
4. Consider approval of waivers to provide four designated general education homebound students with remote Homebound instruction for the purpose of ensuring their continued health and safety during the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Herbert Sanchez to approve the General Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Miller asked the Board if any item from the Construction Consent Agenda should be removed for separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the Construction Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

**A. Construction Consent Agenda:**

1. Consider approval of extension of the Rice & Gardner Consultants, Inc. contract (Amendment #11) for Supplemental Services, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract on behalf of the District.
2. Consider approval of a water meter easement to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, on the Pyburn Elementary School site, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute the Terms and Conditions Agreement and the Board President to execute the final located easement.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Herbert Sanchez to approve the Construction Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Miller asked the Board if any item from the Financial Consent Agenda should be removed for separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the Financial Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

**A. Financial Consent Agenda:**

1. Consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Region 18 Education Service Center, for services related to the Teacher Incentive Allotment, for the term February 15, 2022, through August 31, 2023, at an estimated cost of \$12,000.
2. Consider approval of the purchase of Guided Reading books for the term February 1, 2022, through May 31, 2022, from Okapi, via TIPS contract #210301 Goodbuy at an estimated cost of \$111,000.
3. Consider approval of the purchase of Advanced Placement Instructional Materials for the term March 1, 2022, through March 1, 2023, from Bedford, Freeman and Worth Publishing Group, via Buyboard contract #653-21, at an estimated cost of \$235,000.
4. Consider approval for the purchase of training and instructional materials for the term of February 15, 2022, through August 31, 2022, from Seidlitz Education, via TIPS contract #200601, 200903, 210301 at an estimated cost of \$100,000.
5. Consider approval for the award of RFP 22-002 Elevator and Wheelchair Lifts Maintenance, Repair, and Inspections for the period of February 15, 2022, through January 31, 2024, for an estimated expenditure of \$100,000 with the following vendors:  
Elevator Transportation Services, Inc.  
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION
6. Consider approval of the purchase of utility services from CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, at an estimated expenditure of \$150,000 and delegated authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to execute the agreement.
7. Consider approval for the renewal of RFP 18-018 Bat Removal, Exclusion, and Prevention Services, for the period February 15, 2022, through January 31, 2023, with Commercial Bat Control at an estimated annual expenditure of \$125,000.
8. Consider approval for the renewal of RFP 18-017 Medicaid & Student and Health Related Billing Services for the period of March 11, 2022, through March 10, 2023, with Houston Independent School District's Medicaid Finance & Consulting Services through an Interlocal Agreement.
9. Consider acceptance of the donation from Robert Leppke in the amount \$10,000 to the North Shore Senior High School Football Summer Camp program at Galena Park ISD.
10. Consider approval of the sale and execution of the resale deed for \$3,305.98 to purchase Lot 8, Block 69, Fidelity Addition.
11. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of January 2022.
12. The Technology Department is requesting to purchase parts and services for the term of January 12, 2022, through August 31, 2022, from Critical Infrastructure Solutions (CIS) LLC via Choice Partners # 18/056KD-15 at an estimated amount of \$75,000.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Herbert Sanchez to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

**INFORMATION:** The following documents were presented for information:

**A. Sonya Hiadusek-Niazy, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support, presented:**

1. Donation Report for January 2022
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of December 31, 2021
3. Quarterly Investment Report for the Period of September 1, 2021, through November 30, 2021
4. Comparative Tax Collection Report for the period of September 1 through December 31 for fiscal years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

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

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from December 2021
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary from December 2021

At 6:50 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session as authorized by Sections 551.001 through 551.084, et seq of the Texas Government Code pursuant to:

- A. **Section 551.071 Attorney/Client Consultation** - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.
- B. **Section 551.074 Personnel** - Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public employee.
1. Consider Board Member responsibilities.
  2. Consider Superintendent responsibilities.
  3. Consider approval of the employment of contractual personnel as presented.

At 7:26 p.m., Mr. Miller announced that Executive Session was adjourned, and the Board would meet in Public Session for the following action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Miller called for a motion to approve the employment of contractual personnel as presented.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Noe Esparza. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

  
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Jeff Miller, President

ATTEST:

  
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Noe Esparza, Secretary