

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

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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 Tuesday, January 9, 2024 with the following members present: President, Noe Esparza; Vice President, Norma Hernandez; Secretary, Ramon Garza; Trustees: Wanda Heath Johnson, Linda Clark Sherrard, Jose Jimenez and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes. Trustee: Adrian Stephens was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:40 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 6:00 p.m., Mr. Esparza 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. Esparza called for a motion to approve the employment of contractual personnel as presented,

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

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:01 p.m., Mr. Esparza called the meeting to order. Linda Sherrard opened the meeting with a prayer, Cunningham Middle School Airforce LOTC 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. Ms. Ingra Roberts-Stephens, submitted a public comment but she did not show up to the Board Meeting. The Board President called out her name, but she never stepped up to the podium. Board President stated that she was not present.
 - 2. Ms. Cory Ann Molner and her daughter with Girl Scouts San Jacinto recognized the School Board Members for everything they have done for their parents and their students.
 - 3. Judge Dolores Lozano, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, Place 2, thanked the Board and showed gratitude for everything that they do for their community and the well-being of the students.
 - 4. Mrs. Sherrhonda Hunter, Executive Director for School & Community Relations, acknowledged dignitary proclamations/certificates/resolutions received by the District from City of Galena Park Mayor Esmeralda Moya, Texas State Representative Ana Hernandez, Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, U.S. Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools with Galena Park ISD.
 - 5. Ms. Sherrhonda Hunter, Executive Director for School & Community Relations, recognized school board members for their service to the children and community of Galena Park ISD with a video.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Linda Sherrard recognized the following:

A. Business Partner:

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Chevron Corporation for their DonorsChoose grants to four Galena Park ISD schools.

B. Employee:

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Mrs. Vonthisha DeFriend, 3rd grade teacher from Sam Houston Elementary School, for being named the 2023 Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts (TCTELA).

C. Student:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the top individual Geography Bee winners:
Elementary School Overall Top Scorer - Jared Resendez, Galena Park Elementary School
Middle School Overall Top Scorer - Elias Nieto, North Shore Middle School
2. Galena Park ISD will recognize Social Studies Bee and Ruby Gresham Scholarship winner Hector Umana, from North Shore Senior High School.

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. Linda Sherrard thanked Dr. Moore for the letter that he sent to her husband over the break. She also thanked the executive cabinet, the administrators, the teachers everyone involved for the work that they do.
2. Noe Esparza thanked and appreciated the principals and assistant principals for everything that they do.
3. Jose Jimenez thanked everyone that works hard everyday to take care of the students. Appreciates Shane Goforth for everything he does.

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

Mr. Esparza then introduced Jerid Link, Executive Director for Human Resource Services, who presented the Texas Association of School Board Localized Policy Manual Update 122, as presented for the Board of Trustees review and adoption at first and final reading.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mr. Esparza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve 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 122 at first and final reading.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve the additions, revisions, or deletions to TASB Local Policy Manual Update 122 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. Esparza 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. Esparza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the General Consent Agenda.

A. General Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the Workshop and Regular Meeting held on December 11.

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

Mr. Esparza 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 the GPISD Agricultural Facility Chiller Replacement (Lifecycle Project L216) by CFI Mechanical, Inc., via Choice Partners Contract #22/049MF-05, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$165,000 and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.
2. Consider approval of the thermal tank repair at North Shore Senior High School by American Mechanical Services via BuyBoard Contract #720-23, for an estimated amount of \$310,000 and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.

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

Mr. Esparza 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 to ratify the purchase of Charter Bus & Student Group Travel Services for purchase through August 31, 2024, from Grand Transportation doing business as Sam's Limousine and Transportation via Conroe ISD RFP #19-04-05 at an estimated amount of \$150,000.
2. Consider approval of the RFP 240002931 for E-Rate Eligible Internal Connections for a period of 1 year beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, with Netsync at an estimated expenditure of \$1,199,955.00.
3. Consider approval of the award of RFP 24-002 Medicaid & Student and Health Related Billing Services, beginning July 1, 2024, for three (3) years with Texas State Billing Services, Inc., estimated to exceed \$50,000 and delegate the authority to the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute the contract.
4. Consider approval of the Annual Comprehensive Financial and Single Audit Reports for fiscal year ended August 31, 2023, as presented.
5. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of December 2023.
6. Consider adopting the resolution authorizing Trinidad Sarabia, Treasurer, to execute financial transactions with First Public (Lone Star Investment Pool).
7. Consider adopting the resolution authorizing Trinidad Sarabia, Treasurer, to execute financial transactions with Texpool.
8. Consider approval of playground equipment replacement at Normandy Crossing Elementary School (Lifecycle Project L218) by All Play, Inc., via BuyBoard Contract #679-22, for an estimated amount of \$185,000.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Norma Hernandez 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 Haidusek-Niazy, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support, presented:

1. Tax Collection Report for November 2023
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of November 30, 2023
3. General Fund Budget Summary Report for the period of September 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023

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

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from November 2023
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary from November 2023

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Noe Esparza, President

ATTEST:



Ramon Garza, Secretary