

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021

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, January 11, 2021 with the following members present: President, Ramon Garza; Vice President, Jeff Miller; Secretary, Adrian Stephens; Trustees: Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr., Wanda Heath Johnson, Noe Esparza, Norma Hernandez and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 5:56 p.m., Mr. Garza called the Public Hearing to order and introduced Terri Moore, Associate Superintendent for Accountability and Academic Support, who presented the 2019-2020 Annual Report to the Board of Trustees.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:15 p.m., Mr. Garza called the meeting to order. Noe Esparza opened the meeting with a prayer, and Norma Hernandez presented the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

A. Citizen Participation:

There were no Citizen participation items.

B. Public Comments:

1. Nelson Espitia a representative from Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office spoke on behalf of Commission Garcia
2. Juan Cardoza-Oquendo a representative from Commissioner Rodney Ellis' office spoke on behalf of Commission Ellis
3. Elizabeth Valdez read a public comment on behalf of State Representative Ana Hernandez, where State Representative Hernandez sent in a resolution in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.
4. Elizabeth Valdez read a public comment on behalf of Senator Carol Alvarado, where Senator Alvarado extended best wishes and sincere appreciation to the GPISD Board of Trustees, in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month. She also submitted a resolution.
5. Elizabeth Valdez read a public comment on behalf of Mayor Esmeralda Moya, where Mayor Moya submitted a proclamation in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.
6. Sherrhonda Johnson, Executive Director for School & Community Relations presented two (2) videos that represents students and staff appreciation to the Board of Trustees. The first video shown was from students, the second video shown was from the principals.
7. Elizabeth Valdez read a public comment on behalf of Demetria Claybon, where she thanked the board for everything they've done.
8. Elizabeth Valdez read a public comment on behalf of Kimberly Maddox, Paraprofessional at Galena Park Elementary and a member of Northeast Houston AFT, where she expressed her sincere appreciation to the board during school board appreciation month.
9. Elizabeth Valdez read a public comment on behalf of Elizabeth West, Teacher at Williamson Elementary and a member of Northeast Houston AFT, where she gave thanks to the board during school board appreciation month.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore recognized the following:

A. Business Partner:

1. Galena Park I.S.D. will recognize Harris County Precinct 3 and Joseph House Community Outreach Center for providing food to feed 100 GPISD families this holiday season.
2. Galena Park I.S.D. will recognize the East Harris County Empowerment Council and Veritex Community Bank for partnering with the District and providing 100 turkeys for our Hope for the Holidays service project.

B. Student Recognition:

1. Galena Park I.S.D. will recognize Isabella Salazar for her participation and award-winning original work of art in the National Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) Reflections program.

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. Ramon Garza thanked the North Shore Mustangs football team for another great season, and thanked Coach Kay for doing an awesome job.
2. Adrian Stephens expressed her thanks for all of the acknowledgments that were given for board appreciation month. Also thanked all of the schools that are always so thoughtful on the gifts that they give them. Thanked everyone for the opportunity for working with them.
3. Norma Hernandez expressed her gratitude being on the board, that Galena Park ISD is one of the best districts in the State of Texas. She appreciates the hard work from everyone.

4. Noe Esparza thanked everyone for the well wishes and all of the gifts. They were thoughtful and very much appreciated. It is an honor to serve on the board.
5. Herbert Sanchez extended a thank you to the community, the staff members, for everyone that sent a gift thank you.

REPORTS: Mr. Garza introduced Harold "Sonny" Fletcher III, Senior Director for Facility Planning and Construction, who provided a 2016 Bond Program construction update. Mr. Garza thanked Harold "Sonny" Fletcher and queried the Board for any questions they might have.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Board Resolution authorizing Galena Park ISD to allow employees until the end of the 2020-2021 school year to use up to 80 hours of paid sick leave according to the terms of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Wanda Johnson to approve the Board Resolution authorizing Galena Park ISD to allow employees until the end of the 2020-2021 school year to use up to 80 hours of paid sick leave according to the terms of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve Board Resolution adopting rules for accepting electronic bids or proposals for any and all procurement methods references under Texas Education Code Section 44.031.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve Board Resolution adopting rules for accepting electronic bids or proposals for any and all procurement methods references under Texas Education Code Section 44.031 as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDAS – ACTION: So that audience members might better understand the Consent Agenda process, Mr. Garza 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. Garza 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.

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the Workshop and Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 14.
2. Consider approval of the submission of the waiver request to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the following: waiver to add Additional Asynchronous Instructional Days due to COVID-19.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Noe Esparza to approve the General Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Garza 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.

1. Consider approval of final payment to Network Cabling Services, Inc., for the Auditorium A/V and Lighting Upgrades at Galena Park High School and North Shore Senior High School (Project L065) with a final construction cost of \$1,410,588.19.
2. Consider approval of final payment to Jamail & Smith Construction, LP, for Summer 2019 renovations at Galena Park Middle School for a final construction cost of \$270,755.22.
3. Consider approval of final payment to Jamail & Smith Construction, LP, for Summer 2020 Renovations at Green Valley Elementary for a final construction cost of \$139,677.55.
4. Consider approval of the Boiler Replacement at Purple Sage Elementary (Project L114) by AMS of Houston, LLC (American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC), via BuyBoard Contract #631-20, for an estimated amount of \$85,000.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve the Construction Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Garza 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.

1. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendment for the month of December 2020.
2. Consider approval to ratify the purchase of Charter Bus & Student Group Travel Services for the period of January 12, 2021 through August 31, 2021 from Grand Transportation doing business as Sam's Limousine and Transportation via Conroe ISD RFP #19-04-05 at an estimated amount of \$100,000.

3. Consider approval of the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Harris County to receive funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the Fixed Line Internet Program (FLIP) and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to execute the amended agreement.
4. Consider approval of the purchase of Lightspeed Relay licenses for district computers from CDW Government LLC via The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Purchasing Cooperative Contract #180503, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021 at an estimated amount of \$120,000.
5. Consider approval to ratify the purchase of Safety Bollards for the period of January 12, 2021 through May 31, 2021 from BJ's Park & Recreation Products via Buyboard contract# 592-19 at an estimated amount of \$75,000.
6. Consider approval of the award of RFP 21-001 Perimeter Security Fencing and Gates, beginning January 12, 2021 through February 1, 2023 for the initial contract term of two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year terms at an estimated annual expenditure of \$450,000 with Kantara Fence, Foster Fence LTD, and Westco Ventures, LLC.
7. Consider approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial and Single Audit Reports for fiscal year ended August 31, 2020, as presented.
8. Consider approval of the purchase of products and services for Advance Placement examinations for September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021, from College Board as a sole source vendor, at an estimated amount of \$100,000.
9. Consider approval of Education Elements Master Service Agreement to support Galena Park Independent School District through the planning phase of our Math Innovation Zone (MIZ)/Blended Learning Grant Program (BLGP) implementation including strategy sessions and teacher workshops for a total cost of \$54,000.00.
10. Consider approval of the Addendum Partnership Agreement with Communities in Schools of Southeast Harris County which includes a resolution to accept the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Communities in Schools (CIS) grant #2021-4091-01 award for the sum of \$88,970.03.

A motion was made by Jeff Miller and seconded by Wanda Johnson to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

INFORMATION: The following documents were presented for information:

A. Sonya George, Chief Financial Officer & Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support presented:

1. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of November 30, 2020
2. General Fund Budget Summary Report for the period of September 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020
3. Comparative Tax Collection Report for the period of September 1 through November 30 for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
4. Donation Report for December 2020

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

1. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary for November 2020
2. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from November 2020

At 6:53 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:

1. Discussion with attorney Chris Gilbert, Thompson & Horton, LLP about mid-year payment(s).

At 7:20 p.m., Mr. Garza announced that Executive Session was adjourned, and the Board would meet in Public Session.

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Ramon Garza, President

ATTEST:



Adrian Stephens, Secretary