

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 12, 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 Monday, February 12, 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 5:00 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 5:53 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 Norma Hernandez and seconded by Linda Sherrard. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 5:54 p.m., Mr. Esparza called the Public Hearing to order and introduced Elizabeth Lalor, Deputy Superintendent for Educational Support and School Administration, where she presented the 2022-2023 Annual Report to the Board of Trustee.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:09 p.m., Mr. Esparza called the meeting to order. Ramon Garza opened the meeting with a prayer, Cobb 6th Grade Campus Army 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

Ms. Angela Salinas Pivarro, delivered a public comment regarding the 2023 Ed. Policy Statement on inclusion of children with disabilities in early childhood programs.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Jose Jimenez recognized the following:

A. Business Partner:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Youth Aware and Mental Health (YAM) Special Programs Coordinators, Ria Perry and Michael Smith, for providing their school-based program to North Shore 10th Grade Center students to learn about and explore the topic of mental health.

B. Employee:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Carlos Villegas, Coordinator for District Internal Audits, for fifteen consecutive years of facilitating the Negami Toy Drive.
2. Galena Park ISD will recognize the school counseling teams at Galena Park Middle School, North Shore Middle School, North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center, and Galena Park High School for earning Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) Awards.

3. Galena Park ISD will recognize Shane Goforth, North Shore Senior High School Band Director, for receiving the Dr. William P. Foster Project Community Development Award.
4. Galena Park ISD will recognize Custodial and Maintenance Department employees for their exemplary performance during the recent local freeze. The following Custodial and Maintenance Department employees will be receiving recognition:

Custodial Department:

Javier Delacruz
Levi Gaston
Ignacio Guevara
Chris Jones
Maria D. Luna
Maria Ruiz
Michael Sierra
Luis Vasquez

Maintenance Department:

Gregory Culpepper
Ceasar Garza
Alejandro Guajardo
Daniel Guajardo
Jaime Hernandez, Jr.
Charles Miller

C. Student:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize band students from North Shore Senior High School who earned a position in the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band:
Diego Palacios, Trumpet, 9th Grade
Alejandro Torres, Jr., Tenor Trombone, 11th Grade
Eduardo Vera, Tenor Trombone, 12th Grade

BOARD COMMENTS: Noe Esparza, recognized and thanked the maintenance and facilities department for all of their hard work in keeping the campuses running. Jose Jimenez, thanked the maintenance department for keeping everything going, and recognized the band students and their teachers for all of their hard work.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: Adrian Hurtado, Principal of Cobb 6th Grade Campus presented the Spotlight.

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.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mr. Esparza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Order of Trustees Election calling for an election to be held in the Galena Park Independent School District on May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing 2 trustees to the Board for regular terms for the following positions: Position 1 and Position 2.

A motion was made by Linda Sherrard and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve the Order of Trustee Election as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Esparza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Board Resolution authorizing the District to pay employees for the missed workday or any work performed to directly mitigate the emergency closure on January 16, 2024, due to inclement weather conditions, in accordance with the purpose and parameters outlined in the Resolution.

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Wanda Johnson to approve the Board Resolution authorizing the District to pay employees for the missed workday, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Esparza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Order of Bond Election calling for an election to be held in the Galena Park Independent School District on May 4, 2024, to include Proposition A in the amount of \$530,010,000.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve the Order of Bond Election 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 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 minutes for the Workshop and Regular Meeting held on January 9, and for the Workshop and Special Meeting held on January 17.
2. Consider approval of the academic calendar for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

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

Mr. Esparza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Construction Consent Agenda.

A. Construction Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the LED Lighting Upgrade at North Shore Senior High School (Lifecycle Project L219) by Voss Lighting via BuyBoard contract #690-23 for an estimated amount of \$620,000.

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 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 of the purchases for but not limited to desktop computers, monitors and servers for the term of February 13, 2024, through February 13, 2025, from Dell Technologies via DIR-TSO-3763 at an estimated amount of \$1,500,000.
2. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of January 2024.
3. Consider approval of renewal RFP 22-002 Elevator and Wheelchair Lifts Maintenance, Repair, and Inspections for the period of February 13, 2024, through January 31, 2025, for an estimated expenditure of \$100,000 with the following vendors:
Elevator Transportation Services, Inc.
TK Elevator Corporation
4. Consider approval of renewal RFP 22-005 Furniture – Office, Classroom, Cafeteria, and Specialty Furnishings for the period of March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, for an estimated expenditure of \$5,000,000 with the following vendors:
Gateway Printing & Office Supply, Inc.
Indeco Sales, Inc.
J.R., Inc.
Lakeshore Learning Materials, LLC
Liberty Office Products
Reynolds Manufacturing Corporation
School Outfitters LLC
School Specialty, LLC
Tesco Industries, LLC
5. Consider approval of renewal RFP 21-001 Perimeter Security Fencing and Gates for the period of February 13, 2024, through January 31, 2025, for an estimated expenditure of \$450,000 with multiple vendors listed below:
Kantara Fence
Foster Fence LTD
Westco Ventures LLC
6. Consider approval for renewal RFP 23-008 Carpet and Tile Flooring Services from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, for an estimated expenditure of \$1,200,000 with the following vendors:
Azteca Designs and Construction

Floor-Tex Commercial Flooring, LLC
Giant Floor and Wall Coverings Co., Inc.

7. Consider approval of renewal RFP 22-003 Covered Walkways, Metal Buildings, & Metal Roofs for the term period of March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, with the vendors listed below at an estimated annual expenditure of \$350,000:
The Deck & Canopy Company, LLC
Sheffield Construction
8. Consider approval of the Interlocal contract agreement with Harris County Department of Education in which they will allocate \$187,200 to Galena Park ISD for two Nita M. Lowey Cycle 12, Year 1 CCLC/ACE programs for the 2023-2024 school year upon award of the grant.
9. Consider approval of the Interlocal contract agreement with Harris County Department of Education in which they will allocate \$90,000 to Galena Park ISD for two Nita M. Lowey Cycle 11, Year 3 CCLC/ACE programs for the 2023-2024 school year upon award of the grant.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Jose Jimenez 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 - December 2023
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of December 31, 2023
3. Quarterly Investment 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 December 2023
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary from December 2023

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Noe Esparza, President

ATTEST:



Ramon Garza, Secretary