

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 4, 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, March 4, 2024 with the following members present: President, Noe Esparza; Vice President, Norma Hernandez; Secretary, Ramon Garza; Trustees: Wanda Heath Johnson, Adrian Stephens, Linda Clark Sherrard, Jose Jimenez and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes. Jose Jimenez was late to the beginning of Executive Session.

**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.
  - 4. Discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation.
  - 5. Discuss and consider possible action to the Superintendent's employment contract.

At 6:16 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.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Norma Hernandez. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Esparza called for a motion to approve the Superintendent's evaluation.

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Adrian Stephens. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Esparza called for a motion to authorize Board counsel to prepare a written contract amendment and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute amendments to the Superintendent's contract of employment on the terms discussed in closed session.

A motion was made Wanda Johnson and seconded by Norma Hernandez. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

**REGULAR MEETING:** At 6:18 p.m., Mr. Esparza called the meeting to order. Noe Esparza opened the meeting with a prayer, Woodland Acres Middle School 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**  
There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

**RECOGNITION:** Dr. Moore and Wanda Johnson recognized the following:

**A. Business Partner:**

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize SSAB for their generous donation to Galena Park High School, Galena Park Middle School, North Shore Middle School, and Woodland Acres Middle School Fine Arts Departments.
- 2. Galena Park ISD will recognize United Community Credit Union for donating Christmas gifts to thirty foster care students and two at-risk families.

**B. Employee:**

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Business Services Department for earning the Association of School Business Officials' International Meritorious Budget Award for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the Texas School of Business Officials' Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2021-2022 fiscal year from the Government Finance Officers Association.
2. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Galena Park ISD Education Foundation team and Board of Directors for partnering with the Galena Park ISD's Mental Health Intervention and Social Services Team to host the annual Mental Health Awareness Fair.
3. Galena Park ISD will recognize Lee Sennet, a School Counselor at North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center, for receiving the Texas Counseling Association Counselor of the Year 2024 Rhosine Fleming Award.

**C. Student:**

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Madelyn Trevino, a senior at Galena Park High School, for inclusion in the 2023 Texas Art Education Association's (TAEA) Youth Art Month Exhibition.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Ramon Garza wished everyone a good holiday and for the kids to enjoy Spring Break. Adrian Stephens commended and thanked Dr. Niazy and her team. Jose Jimenez stated that his heart broke for the loss of our student, and he thanked the counselors on the campuses for working with the students on a daily basis. Prayers go out to the family and everyone that has been impacted by this senseless tragedy.

**ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT:** Toby Castro, Director for Career and Technical Education 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 Interlocal Agreement for Joint Elections between Galena Park Independent School District and Jacinto City calling for the conduct of a joint election agreement pursuant to Texas Election Code and Texas Education Code on May 4, 2024.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Elections between Galena Park ISD and Jacinto City as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Esparza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve nominating Dr. John C. Moore for the 2024 Texas Association of School Board (TASB) Superintendent of the Year Award.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Ramon Garza to approve nominating Dr. John Moore for the 2024 TASB Superintendent of the Year Award 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. 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 Regular Meeting held on February 12.
2. Consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between San Jacinto Community College District and Galena Park Independent School District for the term of March 5, 2024, through August 31, 2026.
3. Consider approval of the low attendance waiver application to the Texas Education Agency, for low attendance days in January due to weather, to be removed from the calculations for average daily attendance.

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

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

**A. Construction Consent Agenda:**

1. Consider approval painting in the main and rear entrances, hallways, cafeteria, gymnasium, and administration area at Cobb Sixth Grade Campus (Lifecycle Project L221) by D3 Painting Services, LLC via Choice Partners contract #22/049MF-07 for an estimated amount of \$80,000.

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

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

**A. Financial Consent Agenda:**

1. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of February 2024.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Adrian Stephens 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:

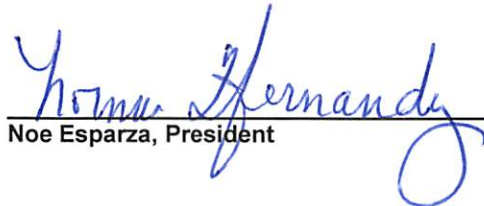
**A. Sonya Haidusek-Niazy, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support, presented:**

1. Tax Collection Report for January 2024
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of January 31, 2024

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


1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from January 2024
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary from January 2024

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

  
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Noe Esparza, President

Norma Hernandez, Board Vice President,  
Signed in the absence of Noe Esparza,  
Board President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ramon Garza, Secretary