

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

**Regular Meeting**

Monday, March 10, 2025

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 10, 2025 with the following members present: President, Norma Hernandez; Vice President, Ramon Garza; Secretary, Linda Clark Sherrard; Trustees: Adrian Stephens, Jose Jimenez, Amanda Erebia and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes. Trustee, Noe Esparza was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 5:21 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 6:03 p.m., Mrs. Hernandez announced that Executive Session was adjourned, and the Board would meet in Public Session for the following action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Mrs. Hernandez called for a motion to approve the employment of contractual personnel.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Amanda Erebia. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

**REGULAR MEETING:** At 6:04 p.m., Mrs. Hernandez called the meeting to order. Norma Hernandez opened the meeting with a prayer, Galena Park 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**

Ms. Maricarmen Soto with CenterPoint Energy presented the District with an Efficiency Check.

**RECOGNITION:** Dr. Moore and Amanda Erebia recognized the following:

**A. Employee:**

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize all school principals; Diane Sharp and Barbara Garrett, Childcare Center Directors; Billy Hamblen, Maintenance Team Member; Jaime Hernandez, Assistant Director for Maintenance; Carrie Leffert, Lifecycle Specialist; Charles Miller, Director for Maintenance; Frank Padilla, HVAC Technician; Jose Villatoro, Lead HVAC Technician; and Molly Walding, Department of Operations Secretary for incentives earned in 2024 and 2025 through the CenterPoint Energy's Commercial Load Management Program.
- 2. Galena Park ISD will recognize the school counseling teams at North Shore Elementary School, Pyburn Elementary School, Sam Houston Elementary School, Tice Elementary School, Cobb Sixth Grade Campus, North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center, North Shore Senior High 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, and Accelerated Center for Education for earning Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas Awards.
- 3. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Career and Technical Education Department for being named a CTE District of Distinction by the Career and Technical Association of Texas.

**B. Student:**

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Normandy Crossing Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grader, Alexa Kenerson, for placing third in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's 2025 SPURS Writing Competition.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** There were no board comments.

**ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT:** Dr. Christopher Eckford, Principal of North Shore Middle School presented the Spotlight.

**REPORTS:** Mrs. Hernandez introduced Mr. Jerid Link, Executive Director for Human Resource Services, who presented the Texas Association of School Board Localized Policy Manual Update 124, and the district policy EIC (LOCAL) Academic Achievement Class Ranking as presented for the Board of Trustees Review and Adoption at first and final reading. Mrs. Hernandez also introduced Mr. Ed Martir, Director for Facility Planning and Construction, who provided a 2016 and 2024 Bond Program and Facilities construction update.

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:**

Mrs. Hernandez 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 124 at first and final reading.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Ramon Garza to approve the additions, revisions or deletions to TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 124 as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve revisions to district policy EIC (Local) Academic Achievement Class Rank at first and final reading.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve district policy EIC (Local), as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Joint Elections between Galena Park Independent School District and Jacinto City calling for the conduct of a joint election pursuant to Texas Election Code and Texas Education Code on May 3, 2025.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Joint Elections, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the North Shore Little League Lease Agreement effective March 10, 2025? All terms and conditions not expressly revised by this amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the Second Amendment to the North Shore Little League Lease Agreement, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-1.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the video display/scoreboard replacement at the Galena Park ISD Stadium by Nevco via BuyBoard contract #678-22, for an estimated amount of \$800,000.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Jose Jimenez to approve the video display/scoreboard replacement at the Galena Park ISD Stadium, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the video display/scoreboard replacement at the Galena Park ISD Natatorium by Daktronics via BuyBoard contract #665-22, for an estimated amount of \$80,000.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Jose Jimenez to approve the video display/scoreboard replacement at the Galena Park ISD Natatorium, 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, Mrs. Hernandez 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.

Mrs. Hernandez 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 Regular Meeting held on February 3.

A motion was made by Linda Sherrard and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the General Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez 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 purchase of ThinkCERCA for the term of June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2028, via TIPS 240804 at an estimated total cost of \$340,000.
2. Consider approval of the purchase of tuition at McMurry Dual Credit Academy for the period of August 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, from McMurry University per a Memorandum Of Understanding agreement at an estimated amount of \$250,000.
3. Consider approval of the purchase of McGraw Hill-Texas StudySync for the period of August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, via TIPS 240804, at an estimated total cost of \$150,000.
4. Consider approval of the purchase of STEMScopes Math Curriculum and Resources for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, from Accelerate Learning via the State Board of Education Instructional Materials at an estimated amount of \$63,000.
5. Consider approval for the purchase of musical instruments for the term of March 11, 2025, through August 31, 2025, from Music and Arts via Buyboard Contract# 712-23 at an estimated cost of \$200,000.
6. Consider approval for the purchase of musical instruments for the term of March 11, 2025, through August 31, 2025, from Swicegood Music via Region 6 Contract 19.24 at an estimated cost of \$200,000.
7. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of February 2025.
8. Consider approval of RFP 25-005 Truancy & Dropout Prevention and Intervention System for the period of April 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, with RaaWee K12 Solutions for a total annual estimated amount of \$75,000.
9. Consider approval of RFP 250004265 for E-Rate Eligible Category 1 Internet Access, Leased Lit Fiber and Category 2 Internal Connections (Switches and Routers), with Netsync Network Solutions for installation for a 1-year period beginning July 1, 2025, at an estimated expenditure of \$892,967.18: AT&T for 10GB of internet access for a 3-year period beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, at an estimated monthly expenditure of \$3,094.38 and the additional AT&T services of Leased Lit Fiber for a 5-year period, beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, at an estimated monthly expenditure of \$21,959.05, and delegate authority to the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and approve contracts.
10. Consider approval of a one-year engagement letter with Whitley Penn, LLP to conduct the Annual Financial and Compliance Audit for fiscal year 2024-25 for an estimated annual expenditure of \$87,000.
11. Consider approval of the purchase of flooring services from Texan Floor Service, Inc., through BuyBoard contract #736-24 at an estimated expenditure of \$55,000 for the period of March 11, 2025, through August 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Ramon Garza 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:

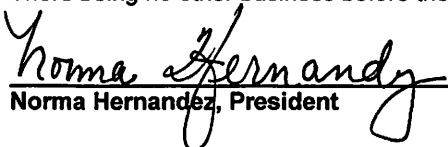
**A. Wanna Giacona, Chief Administrative Officer, presented:**

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes - January 2025
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary - January 2025

**B. Ben Pape, Chief Financial Officer presented:**

1. Tax Collection Report - January 2025
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of January 31, 2025
3. 2024 Bond Program Financial Report as of January 31, 2025

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

  
Norma Hernandez, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Linda Clark Sherrard, Secretary