

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

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 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, April 9, 2024 with the following members present: 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. President, Noe Esparza was absent. Vice President, Norma Hernandez led the meeting in the absence of Mr. Esparza

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:42 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:

I. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ACCORDING TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.001 ET SEQ. 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 6:07 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 Jose Jimenez. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:08 p.m., Mrs. Hernandez called the meeting to order. Norma Hernandez 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

Ms. Maricarmen Soto, delivered a public comment where she recognized GPISD's success in 2024 via 'Golf Check' presentation representing energy efficiency incentives earned for participation in SCORE, Commercial Load Management, and CHEF Programs.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Ramon Garza recognized the following:

A. Business Partner:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Rice University's Fun with Chemistry Chapter for the annual Fun with Chemistry Demonstration at the North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center.

B. Employee:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Communications Department members who competed in the Texas School Public Relations Association 2024 Star Awards Contest.
2. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Student Nutrition Department for earning the Gold Turnip the Beet Award for its outstanding Summer Meal Program.
3. Galena Park ISD will recognize the following employees for incentives earned in 2023 and 2024 through the CenterPoint Energy's Score and Load Management Program:
Brian Aubin, Director for Student Nutrition
Zachary Fade, Director for Energy Management and Utility Services
Harold "Sonny" Fletcher, Senior Director for Facility Planning & Construction

Mike McKay, Assistant Superintendent for Operations
Charles Miller, Director for Maintenance
Frank Padilla, HVAC Technician
Lee Ramirez, Senior Director for School Operations
Jose Villatoro, HVAC Lead

C. Student:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the 2024 District Spelling Bee, Spanish Spelling Bee, and Invitational Spanish Spelling Bee winners:
District Spelling Bee Winner: Josiah Zavala, Galena Park Middle School
Elementary Spanish Spelling Bee Winner: Karen Cordero, MacArthur Elementary School
Secondary Spanish Spelling Bee Winner: Melanie Perez, Early College High School
Invitational Spanish Spelling Bee Winner: Diego Camarillo, North Shore Senior High School
2. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board for their leadership and dedicated service to their schools and community. Members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board include:
CTE Early College High School: Danielle Barraza, Alonso Castañeda, Shamari' Depree-Jefferson, Gareth Forbis, Jorge Gomez, Jose Padron, Mia Peña and Melanie Perez
Galena Park High School: Adam Alvarado, Mia Balderas, Lorenzo Delgadillo, Isabella Espinoza, Matthew Monsebaiz, Kayla Ramirez, and Jonathan Shields
North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center: Lynel Hunter and Sofia Rodriguez
North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center: Kyla Eckford and Jase Tapiz
North Shore Senior High School: Dulce Bonilla, Luke Melendez, Chance Smith, and Kaliyah Smith
3. Galena Park ISD will recognize the following students as winners in the 2024 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program:
Elementary School Best of Show Winner: Aracelly Gonzalez - Happy the Rodeo Clown - Havard Elementary School
Middle School Best of Show Winner: Juan Romo - Fusion of Nature - Woodland Acres Middle School
High School Best of Show Winner: David Morales - Texas Long-Stare - Galena Park High School

BOARD COMMENTS: There were no board comments.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: Jennifer Roach, Director for Professional Development presented the Spotlight.

REPORTS: Norma Hernandez, Board Vice President, reported on Galena Park Independent School District Board Members' continuing education credits.

Mrs. Hernandez introduced Harold "Sonny" Fletcher, III, Senior Director for Facilities Planning and Construction, who provided a 2016 Bond Program and Facilities construction update.

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 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 March 4.
2. Consider approval of the Allotment and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Certification, 2024-2025.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Wanda Johnson 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 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 extension of the Rice & Gardner Consultants, Inc. contract (Amendment #12) for Supplemental Services, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract on behalf of the District.

2. Consider approval of the award of CSP 24-203 for the Tice Elementary School Canopy Addition (Project 111-2023 L220) to Nash Industries, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$195,588.00, including a \$12,250.00 owner's contingency, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected company.
3. Consider approval of the award of CSP 24-202 for the Elevator Refurbishments at Cunningham Middle School, Galena Park Middle School, and Purple Sage Elementary School (Project 905-2023) to Stark Elevator, LLC., for an estimated amount not to exceed \$333,375.55, including a \$19,529.00 owner's contingency, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected company.
4. Consider approval of negative Change Order #001 in the amount of \$37,197.37, and authorize final payment to Nash Industries, Inc. for North Shore 10th Grade Glass Replacement (Project 010-2022) with a final construction cost not to exceed \$151,802.63.
5. Consider approval of the sewer line replacement at the Joyce Zotz Education Center (Lifecycle Project L228) by CFI Mechanical, Inc., via Choice Partners contract #22-049MF05 for an estimated amount of \$85,000.
6. Consider ratification of the emergency elevator repair/refurbishment at Galena Park High School (Lifecycle Project L227) by Elevator Transportation Services, Inc., via RFP 22-002 for an estimated amount of \$55,000.
7. Consider ratification of the public address (PA) system at Cunningham Middle School (Lifecycle Project L227) by Firetron via TIPS-USA contract #210304 for an estimated amount of \$80,000.

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the Construction 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 Interlocal contract agreement with Harris County Department of Education in which they will allocate \$15,652 to Galena Park ISD for the Case for Kids Partnership Project for the 2024 summer school program at Williamson Elementary School, and delegate authority to the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute the contract.
2. Consider approval to purchase STEMscopes Math curriculum and resources for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, from Accelerated Learning via Choice Partners 23/029SG at an estimated amount of \$150,000.
3. Consider approval of the purchase of McMurry Dual Credit Academy for the term of August 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, from McMurry University at an estimated amount of \$250,000.
4. Consider approval of the purchase of McGraw Hill-Texas StudySync for the term May 15, 2024, through June 30, 2025, via TIPS 210301, at an estimated total cost of \$150,000.
5. Consider approval of the purchase of Imagine Learning for the term June 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025, from BuyBoard 653-21, at an estimated total cost of \$80,000.
6. Consider approval to award RFP MA 24-001 Fundraising Items from April 10, 2024, through May 31, 2027, for an annual estimated expenditure of \$400,000 with the following vendors:
 Balfour Campus Supply LLC DBA BCS Fundraising LLC
 Bazzini LLC
 Big Kahuna Fundraising
 Blu Avo Group LLC
 BSN Sports, LLC (Varsity Brands Holding Co., Inc.)
 Century Resources, LLC
 Coastal Fundraising Concepts, Inc.
 Deanan Gourmet Popcorn (Deanan Products Inc)
 Educational Products, Inc
 ESF Fundraising of Tx
 Extreme Vinyl Supply Inc
 Freedom Fundraising
 Fundraising Manager
 Fort Worth Running Company
 Graphics Unlimited, Inc.
 JMS Fundraising (Hampton Fundraising) (Heath Wade Hampton)
 Herff Jones (Graduate Sales and Recognition, LLC)
 Journal 2 Journal LLC

Kredo, Inc DBA Believe Kids Fundraising, Cherrydale, Spirit Gear Direct
Old Fashion Candy Co. Inc.
Peter Piper Pizza (Pizza Properties, Inc.)
Promo Solutions
Quill LLC
Read-A-Thon.com
Reading for Education LLC
ReadySetFund (His Place Productions)
Signature Fundraising, Inc.
Speed Stacks, Inc
Sunline Products (SLPC, INC)
Texas Motions Sports (Texas Motion Sports, LLC)
USA Fundraisers, LLC
World's Finest Chocolate, Inc.

7. Consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Education Service Center (ESC) Region 13.
8. Consider approval to renew RFP 22-006 Fire Alarm Systems from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025, with Koetter Fire Protection of Houston, LLC for an estimated expenditure of \$250,000.
9. Consider approval to renew RFP 21-003 Concrete Work for the period of April 10, 2024, through April 30, 2025, with Brooks Concrete, Inc. at an estimated annual amount of \$250,000.
10. Consider approval for the renewal of RFP 22-010 Building Repairs from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025, with Acme Architectural Hardware, Inc. and Sheffield Construction & Consulting Service for an estimated expenditure of \$450,000.
11. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of March 2024.
12. Consider approval of a one-year engagement letter with Whitley Penn, LLP to conduct the Annual Financial and Compliance Audit for fiscal year 2023-24 for an estimated annual expenditure of \$86,000.
13. Consider approval of the purchase Studio Display and Mac Studio for the term of April 10, 2024, through August 31, 2024, from Apple Inc. via Choice Partners 23-036SG-01 at an estimated amount of \$450,000.
14. Consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Houston for crossing guard reimbursement costs for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson 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 - February 2024
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of February 29, 2024
3. General Fund Budget Summary Report for the period of December 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024

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

1. Early Head Start 2023-2024 Self-Assessment and Action Plan
2. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from February 2024
3. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary from February 2024

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Noe Esparza, President

ATTEST:



Ramon Garza, Secretary