

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 13, 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, May 13, 2024 with the following members present: President, Noe Esparza; Vice President, Norma Hernandez; Secretary, Ramon Garza; Trustees: Adrian Stephens, Linda Clark Sherrard, Jose Jimenez and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes. Trustee, Wanda Heath Johnson was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 5:10 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 551.072 Real Property - Discuss or deliberate purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.**
- C. **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 list of Chapter 21 probationary and term contract recommendations beginning in 2024-2025 and authorize the Executive Director for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.
  - 4. Consider approval of the list of Non-Chapter 21 probationary and term contract recommendations beginning in 2024-2025 and authorize the Executive Director for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.
- D. **Section 551.087 Economic Development Negotiations - Discuss or Deliberate Commercial or Financial Information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations.**
  - 1. Discussion on an application for a limitation on the taxable value of property for maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes filed by Summit Next Gen. LLC, Texas Comptroller or Public Accounts Application J0001 on Job, Energy, Technology and Innovation Act (JETI).

At 5:45 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 list of Chapter 21 probationary and term contract recommendations beginning in 2024-2025 and authorize the Executive Director for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Adrian Stephens. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-1.

Mr. Esparza called for a motion to approve the list of Non-Chapter 21 probationary and term contract recommendations beginning in 2024-2025 and authorize the Executive Director for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.

A motion was made by Linda Sherrard and seconded by Norma Hernandez. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** At 5:47 p.m., Mr. Esparza called the Public Hearing to order and introduced Dr. Sonya Haidusek-Niazy, Chief Financial Officer & Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support, a Representative from Thompson and Horton LLP, who conducted a Public Hearing under Texas Government Code 403.611(b) regarding an application for a limitation on the taxable value of the property for maintenance and operations and valorem tax purposes filed by Summit Next Gen. LLC, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Application J0001 on Job, Energy, Technology and Innovation Act (JETI).

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING:** At 6:02 p.m., Mr. Esparza called the meeting to order. Ramon Garza opened the meeting with a prayer, Galena Park Middle School 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 Adrian Stephens recognized the following:

**A. Business Partner:**

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the North Shore Rotary Club for their generous donation to the Fifth Annual Mental Health Awareness Fair.

**B. Special:**

- 1. Galena Park ISD has earned the 2024 H-E-B Excellence in Education Large School District Award for the district's commitment to student achievement through innovative programs, parent and community involvement, and professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators. This is the first year Galena Park ISD has earned this award.

**C. Employee:**

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Roxanne McCabe, Sam Houston Elementary School Counselor, for receiving the 2024 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award in the School Counselor Elementary category.
- 2. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Fine Arts Department for being named a 2024 Best Communities for Music Education recipient by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation.

**D. Student:**

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the 6A Calculator Applications Team from North Shore Senior High School for winning first place in their division and earning additional individual awards at the 2024 Texas Math and Science Coaches Association High School State Meeting on March 23, 2024.

The first-place team members included:

- Hiromi Islas, 12th grade
- Zachary Mann, 11th grade
- Kirsten Pante, 12th grade
- Jase Tapiz, 10th grade

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Jose Jimenez, is excited about passing the 2024 Bond, and he commended the Fine Arts team. Ramon Garza, thanked the community and everyone that supported the bond, and wished everyone a safe summer. Linda Sherrard, thanked Dr. Sonya Niazy for everything she did for the District. Norma Hernandez, wished all the moms a Happy Mother's Day.

**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 renewal of Property/Windstorm/Terrorism Insurance for the period of June 1, 2024, through June 1, 2025, from McGriff Insurance Services, Inc., via Region 14 Education Service Center and OMNIA Partners Contract Number 09-08 for the premium of \$3,761,010.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve the renewal of Property/Windstorm/Terrorism Insurance as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-1.

Mr. Esparza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve that the Board of Trustees determines that Galena Park ISD is agreeable to entering an agreement for a limitation on the taxable value of the property for maintenance and operation ad valorem tax purposes pursuant to the application filed by Summit Next Gen. LLC, subject to and only upon the Board's future consideration and approval of a final agreement containing the terms for such a limitation.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Ramon Garza to approve the that the Board of Trustees determines that Galena Park ISD is agreeable to entering an agreement for a limitation on the taxable value of the property for maintenance

and operation ad valorem tax purposes pursuant to the application filed by Summit Next Gen. LLC, subject to and only upon the Board's future consideration and approval of a final agreement containing the terms for such a limitation as presented.

The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

The official canvass reports including precinct returns were presented to the Board of Trustees showing the voting results for the May 4, 2024, Galena Park ISD Trustee Election for Position 1 and 2.

**For Position 1:**

The total number of votes for Adrian Stephens was 1,195. Mrs. Stephens ran unopposed and is declared winner for Position 1.

**For Position 2:**

The total number of votes for Amanda Erebia was 842.

The total number of votes for Wanda Heath Johnson was 804.

Mrs. Amanda Erebia received plurality of votes and is declared the winner for Position 2.

**For Bond Proposition A:**

The total number of votes for Proposition A was 1,201.

The total number of votes against Proposition A was 394.

Bond Proposition A passed with a plurality of votes.

Let the minutes reflect completion of this canvass in an open and timely posted meeting of the Board of Trustees to certify Mrs. Adrian Stephens as the winner for Position1, and Mrs. Amanda Erebia as the winner for Position 2. And the passing of Bond Proposition A.

**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 April 9.
2. Consider approval of the amended minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 12.
3. Consider approval of the low attendance waiver application to the Texas Education Agency, for low attendance days in May due to weather, to be removed from the calculations for average daily attendance.
4. Consider approval of the submission of a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency for the following: Dual Credit Limitation. Waiver application will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency upon Board approval.
5. Consider approval of the submission of a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency for the following: Staff Development Minutes. Waiver application will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency upon Board approval.
6. Consider approval of the low attendance waiver application to the Texas Education Agency for low attendance days in April, due to safety, to be removed from the calculations for average daily attendance.
7. Consider approval of the 2024-2025 Early Head Start Federal Non-Competing Baseline Refunding Application submission, which includes Board Approval Letter and United States Department of Health and Human Services Certifications and Assurance.

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 6-0-0.

Mr. Esparza 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 the Job Order Contract project delivery/contract award method for the foundation and plumbing repairs at North Shore Senior High School, which will provide the best value to the District.
2. Consider approval of the award of (CSP 24-204) for the Purple Sage Elementary School Restroom Renovations (Project 112-2023) to M. Scott Construction, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$397,000.00, including a \$14,840.00 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 24-201 for the HVAC Controls Replacement and Upgrades at Various Athletic Facilities (Project 904-2023) to TDIndustries Inc, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$650,000.00, including a \$40,687.20 owner's contingency, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected company.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Ramon Garza 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 proposed Budget Amendments for the month of April 2024.
2. Consider approval of the Partnership Agreement with Communities in Schools of Southeast Harris County, and the Resolution for Galena Park ISD to support the Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Application for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$475,840.
3. Consider approval of a contract change order for records imaging and conversion services with Ricoh for the period of May 14, 2024, through August 31, 2025, via OMNIA contract number 2021002788 at an estimated amount of \$200,000.
4. Consider approval of the purchase of Texas Turnkey Package utilizing the Instructional Materials Allotment funds for the term of August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2032, from CEV Multimedia, LLC through the State Board of Education instructional materials eligible for adoption at an estimated amount of \$128,000.
5. Consider approval of the purchase of Benchmark Workshop: Phonics & Word Study utilizing the Instructional Materials Allotment funds for the term of August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025, from Benchmark Education Company through the State Board of Education instructional materials eligible for adoption at an estimated amount of \$310,140.
6. Consider approval of the purchase of instructional resources utilizing the Instructional Materials Allotment funds for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028, from CENGAGE Learning through the State Board of Education instructional materials eligible for adoption at an estimated amount of \$230,000.
7. Consider approval of the purchase of Savvas Experience utilizing the Instructional Materials Allotment funds for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028, from Savvas Learning through the State Board of Education instructional materials eligible for adoption at an estimated amount of \$450,000.
8. Consider approval to purchase audio and video services and equipment for the term of May 15, 2024, through May 31, 2025, from Ford Audio-Video Systems via BuyBoard Contract 644-21 at an estimated amount of \$100,000.
9. Consider approval of the purchase of Into Science K-5 Texas Hybrid utilizing the Instructional Materials Allotment funds for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt at an estimated amount of \$314,700.
10. Consider approval of the purchase of McGraw Hill Texas Science utilizing the Instructional Materials Allotment fund for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028, from McGraw Hill through the State Board of Education instructional materials eligible for adoption at an estimated amount of \$550,000.
11. Consider approval of the purchase of Scholastic News utilizing the Instructional Materials Allotment funds for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, from Scholastic Classroom Magazines through the State Board of Education instructional materials eligible for adoption at an estimated amount of \$100,145.
12. Consider approval of the purchase of Storyworks for reading and writing for the term of August 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, from Scholastic Classroom Magazines via TIPS Contract #230904 at an estimated amount of \$113,276.
13. Consider approval of the purchase of iReady personalized instruction utilizing the Instructional Materials Allotment funds for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, from Curriculum Associates through the State Board of Education instructional materials eligible for adoption at an estimated amount of \$253,406.
14. Consider approval of the purchase of iReady Toolbox for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, from Curriculum Associates via Buyboard No. 653-21 at an estimated amount of \$101,500.
15. Consider approval of the purchase of printer/copier paper to be used for all District printing and copying needs from Liberty Paper through BuyBoard contract #707-23 at an estimated annual amount of \$300,000.
16. Consider approval of the subscription of Maintenance Essentials Pro (SchoolDude) for the term of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027, via Omnia Partners Region 4 ESC-TX Contract #R210702 from Brightly Software, Inc., at an estimated amount of \$65,000.
17. Consider approval for the award of RFP 24-007 Student Nutrition Serving Line at North Shore Senior High School for a one-time purchase including installation with standard warranty terms and conditions with Pasco Brokerage Inc. for an estimated expenditure of \$700,000.

18. Consider approval for the award of CSP 24-003 Fleet Vehicles for Nutrition Services for a one-time purchase with standard warranty terms and conditions with Lake Country Chevrolet Inc. for an estimated expenditure of \$500,000.
19. Consider approval of the purchase of the Airgap 3-year data backup recovery solution for the term of May 14, 2024, through May 14, 2027, from Netsync Network Solutions via DIR-CPO-4444 at an estimated amount of \$130,000.
20. Consider approval of the subscription of Flock Safety for the term of May 14, 2024, through May 14, 2029, from Flock Safety via Education Service Center Region 13 Purchasing Co-Op Contract P-FY24-2 at an estimated amount of \$200,000.
21. Consider approval of the purchase of iPads for the term of May 14, 2024, through August 31, 2024, from Apple Inc. via Choice Partners 23-036SG-01 at an estimated amount of \$66,800.
22. Consider approval of the renewal of Skyward for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, from Skyward Inc. via Region 19 Contract # 17-7247 at an estimated amount of \$188,200.
23. Consider approval of the renewal of ClassLink software for the term of August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025, from ClassLink, Inc. via DIR-CPO-4493 estimated amount of \$71,000.
24. Consider approval of the purchase of Anywhere Carts for the term of May 14, 2024, through August 31, 2024, from CDW Government LLC via DIR-CPO-5093 at an estimated amount of \$79,000.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Linda Sherrard 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:

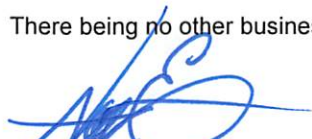
**A. Sonya Haidusek-Niazy, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support, presented:**

1. Tax Collection Report - March 2024
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of March 31, 2024
3. Quarterly Investment 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 Policy Council Meeting Minutes for March 2024
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary for March 2024

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

  
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Noe Esparza, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ramon Garza, Secretary