

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 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 Monday, September 9, 2024 with the following members present: President, Norma Hernandez; Vice President, Ramon Garza; Secretary, Linda Clark Sherrard; Trustees: Adrian Stephens, Noe Esparza, Jose Jimenez, Amanda Erebia and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 5:30 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 6:00 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 Noe Esparza. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

**REGULAR MEETING:** At 6:01 p.m., Mrs. Hernandez called the meeting to order. Ramon Garza 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**  
There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

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

**A. Business Partner:**

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the East Harris County Empowerment Council for its donation to the Galena Park ISD Childcare Center.

**B. Parent Volunteer:**

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Lorena Sandoval for being selected as the District 4 recipient of the 2024 Heroes for Children Award for the State Board of Education.

**C. Student:**

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Havard Elementary School student, Juliet Butler, for participating in the Education in Action Summer 2024 Lone Star Leadership Academy.

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

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:**

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve an agreement for a limitation on the taxable value of property for maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes pursuant to the application filed by Summit Next Gen LLC, and to authorize the Superintendent to take all further actions necessary to effectuate the agreement.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve an agreement for a limitation on the taxable value of property for maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes pursuant to the application filed by Summit Next Gen LLC, and to authorize the Superintendent to take all further actions necessary to effectuate the agreements presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the renewal from Texas Political Subdivisions Joint Self Insurance Fund to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for the coverage term of October 1, 2024, through October 1, 2025, for an annual premium of \$1,088,270.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the renewal from Texas Political Subdivisions Joint Self Insurance Fund to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for the coverage term of October 1, 2024, through October 1, 2025, for an annual premium of \$1,088,270 as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1.

**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 Workshop and Regular Meeting held on August 12, and the Workshop and Special Meeting held on August 27.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the General Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

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 negative Change Order #001 in the amount of \$25,878.45, and authorize final payment to TDIndustries Inc., for HVAC Controls Replacement and Upgrades at Various Athletic Facilities (Project 904-2023) with a final construction cost not to exceed \$624,121.55.
2. Consider approval of the roof replacement at the Galena Park ISD Dement Field Stadium fieldhouse by The Deck & Canopy Company, LLC, via GPISD RFP 22-003, for an estimated amount of \$108,000.

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

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 the management system for the term of September 10, 2024, through August 31, 2025, from SHI Government Solutions via DIR-TSO-5237 at an estimated amount of \$150,000.
2. Consider approval of the purchase of SmartNet maintenance for the term of September 10, 2024, through August 31, 2025, from NetSync Network Solutions via DIR-TSO-4167 at an estimated amount of \$150,000.
3. Consider purchase approval of the Special Education, RTI, and 504 Website License Agreement for Software Support and Maintenance for the period of September 10, 2024, to August 31, 2025, from Brecht's Database Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Embrace Education via the Region 19 Allied States Cooperative contract # 20-7382 at an estimated amount of \$100,000.
4. Consider purchase approval of curriculum license renewal for the term of September 10, 2024, to August 29, 2025, from TeachTown via Buy Board Contract #653-21 at an estimated amount of \$155,000.
5. Consider purchase approval of remote psychological services for the term of September 10, 2024, to June 30, 2025, from Marker Learning via Region 6 (Epic 6), 20.24 at an estimated amount of \$310,000.
6. Consider approval to ratify the purchase of Into Science K-5 Texas Hybrid utilizing the Instructional Materials Allotment funds through Buyboard contract #653-21 for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028, from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt at an estimated amount of \$1,340,000 to be paid over four years.
7. Consider approval for renewal of RFP 21-004 Telehealth Services for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, from Teladoc Health Inc. at an estimated annual expense of \$120,000.

8. Consider approving the Resolution adopting an order approving the Galena Park ISD-certified appraisal roll for the tax year 2024.
9. Consider approval of the purchase of installation/replacement of fencing and gates for the term of September 10, 2024, to August 31, 2025, from Kantara Fence via RFP 21001, utilizing the School Safety Standards grant at an estimated amount of \$130,000.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Noe Esparza 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. Dr. Wanna Giacona, Chief Administrative Officer, presented:**

1. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary

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

1. Tax Collection Report – July 2024
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of July 31, 2024
3. 2016 Bond Program and Facilities Construction Update

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

  
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Norma Hernandez, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Linda Clark Sherrard, Secretary