

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 11, 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, November 11, 2024 with the following members present: President, Norma Hernandez; Vice President, Ramon Garza; Secretary, Linda Clark Sherrard; Trustees: Adrian Stephens, Amanda Erebia and Dr. Wanna Giacona, Chief Administrative Officer. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes. Trustees, Noe Esparza and Jose Jimenez were absent. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John C. Moore was absent; Dr. Giacona led the meeting in his absence.

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.
4. Consider approval of the employment of Non-Chapter 21 contractual personnel as presented.

At 5:41 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 Amanda Erebia and seconded by Ramon Garza. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez called for a motion to approve the employment of Non-Chapter 21 contractual personnel.

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Linda Sherrard. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 5:24 p.m., Mrs. Hernandez called the Public Hearing to order and introduced Ms. Ida Schultze, Executive Director for Financial and Treasury, who conducted a Public Hearing to discuss the School FIRST Annual Financial Management Report. Mrs. Hernandez thanked Ms. Schultze.

Mrs. Hernandez introduced Mr. Bryan Clements, Executive Director for Security and Technology, presented the Technology Protection Measure and Internet Safety Policy. The presentation included the Acceptable Use Policy, Internet Filtering System, and Internet Safety Curriculum. The presentation fulfilled the E-Rate requirement.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Mrs. Hernandez stated that the meeting would reconvene at 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:01 p.m., Mrs. Hernandez called the meeting to order. Adrian Stephens opened the meeting with a prayer, Woodland Acres Middle School Navy 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

Brianda Belinda Guerrero, submitted a public comment request, but was not present at the meeting. Mrs. Hernandez called her name twice and when Ms. Guerrero did not step forward to the podium, Mrs. Hernandez stated that Ms. Guerrero was not present.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Adrian Stephens recognized the following:

A. Employee:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Darrow Adams, Coordinator for Military Science, and North Shore Elementary School, Cunningham Middle School, Galena Park Middle School, North Shore Middle School, and North Shore Senior High School for earning Purple Star Designations for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

BOARD COMMENTS: Norma Hernandez, wished the North Shore Senior High School Band good luck at their state band competition. She also stated that Dr. John Moore was not at the board meeting as he was performing his duties as Superintendent of Schools in representing the District at the state competition. Ramon Garza wished both high schools good luck in playoffs and a safe game, and mentioned that the Veteran's Luncheon was really well represented and that it was very well put together. He thanked the veterans for serving our great nation.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Irene Benzor, Principal of Galena Park Elementary School presented the Spotlight.

REPORTS: Mrs. Hernandez introduced Mr. Ed Martir, Director of Facility Planning and Construction, who provided a 2016 Bond Program and Facilities construction update.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the resolution of the governing body of Galena Park ISD casting its vote to appoint directors to the Harris Central Appraisal District's Board of Directors, by casting 55 votes for Martina Lemond Dixon to serve on the board of directors of the Harris Central Appraisal District, for a term beginning January 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Linda Sherrard and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the resolution of the governing body of Galena Park ISD casting its vote to appoint directors to the Harris Central Appraisal District's Board of Directors as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve an amendment to Galena Park ISD's District of Innovation Local Innovation Plan.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Ramon Garza to approve an amendment to Galena Park ISD's District of Innovation Local Innovation Plan as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve to advance hire up to fifty highly qualified teachers for the 2025-2026 school year during the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve to advance hire up to fifty highly qualified teachers as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

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 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 Special Meeting, Board Workshop and Regular Meeting held on October 7.
2. Consider approval of the Early Resignation Incentive for retiring classroom teachers, nurses, and counselors.
3. Consider approval of the Galena Park ISD amended list of appraisers for the 2024-2025 school year.

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the General Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked if there was a motion to approve the Construction Consent Agenda.

A. Construction Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the LED Lighting Upgrade at North Shore Senior High School (Lifecycle Project L237) by Excel Energy Group, Inc., via BuyBoard contract #681-22 for an estimated amount of \$640,000.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Ramon Garza to approve the Construction Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

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 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 25-001 Project Manager Services for District Construction Projects to Rice & Gardner Consultants Inc., for the 2024 Bond Projects and/or other projects the District deems necessary.
2. Consider approval to award the two (2) year electricity supply contract with TXU Energy Retail Company LLC and delegation of authority to the Superintendent and/or designee to negotiate and execute extensions with TXU or to procure and award contracts with alternative best value providers for electricity services through May 31, 2035.
3. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of October 2024.
4. Consider approval of investment brokers/dealers who have submitted certifications, if applicable, as required by CDA(LEGAL).
5. Consider approval of the resolution of the Texas Connect Participation Agreement.
6. Consider approval of the Board Resolution relating to the approval and review of the investment policies and investment strategies for the District's current Other Revenues Investments policies CDA (Legal) dated November 27, 2023, and CDA (Local) dated January 19, 2021.
7. Consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Harris County Public Health and Galena Park ISD.
8. Consider approval of the purchase of VMware maintenance for the term of November 12, 2024, through August 31, 2025, from NetSync Network Solutions via DIR-TSO-4288 at an estimated amount of \$73,000.

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

INFORMATION: The following documents were presented for information:

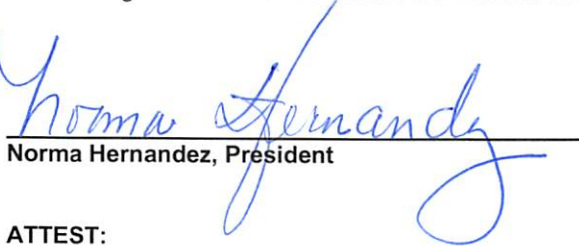
A. Wanna Giacona, Chief Administrative Officer, presented:

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

B. Ben Pape, Chief Financial Officer presented:

1. Tax Collection Report - September 2024
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of September 30, 2024
3. Annual Investment Report for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.


Norma Hernandez, President

ATTEST:


Linda Clark Sherrard, Secretary