

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2023

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 13, 2023 with the following members present: President, Noe Esparza; 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.

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 551.074 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 5:40 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 employment of contractual personnel as presented.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Ramon Garza. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 5:40 p.m., Mr. Esparza called the Public Hearing to order and introduced Ms. Ida Schultze, Executive Director for Financial Treasure, who conducted a Public Hearing to discuss the School FIRST Annual Financial Management Report. Mr. Esparza thanked Ms. Schultze, and queried the Board for any questions they might have.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Esparza called the meeting to order. Wanda Johnson 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. Tammy Harris, delivered a public comment regarding a teacher at her child's school.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Noe Esparza recognized the following:

- A. Special:**
 - 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Dr. Medhat El Nahas, Mechanical Engineering Technology Professor at the University of Houston, for volunteering his time to share career-focused insight with the members of North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center's Men of Greatness Boy's Club.
- B. Student:**
 - 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Boys and Girls Clubs on every campus for receiving the 2023 Character.org Promising Practices Award.

BOARD COMMENTS: Wanda Johnson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and told everyone to enjoy their time off.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Michelle Cavazos, Principal of Sam Houston Elementary School, presented the Spotlight.

REPORTS: Mr. Esparza introduced Harold "Sonny" Fletcher, III, Senior Director for Facilities 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 Senate Bill (SB) 763 and Section 23.001 of the Texas Education Code regarding Chaplains as volunteers to provide support services and programs for students.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Jose Jimenez to approve Senate Bill (SB) 763 and Section 23.001 of the Texas Education Code as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

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 October 10.
2. Consider approval of the Early Resignation Incentive for retiring classroom teachers, nurses, and counselors.

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

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 Folding Wall Replacement at Sam Houston Elementary School (Lifecycle Project L213) by Generocity Services Inc., via Choice Partners Contract #23/016MR-17 for an estimated amount not to exceed \$90,000 and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.
2. Consider approval of the cooling tower refurbishment at the Zotz Education Center (Lifecycle Project L207) by Air Conditioning Innovative Solutions, Inc. (ACIS) via TIPS/TAPS Contract #23010401, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$115,000 and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.
3. Consider approval of the selection of Stanton Engineering Group, LLC, as the MEP engineering firm for the HVAC Controls Replacement and Upgrade at Various Athletics Facilities, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm, or alternate(s) if negotiations should fail.
4. Consider approval of the selection of S. Chu Architects, Inc. as the architectural firm for foundation and plumbing repairs at North Shore Senior High School, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm, or alternate(s) if negotiations should fail.
5. Consider approval of the selection of S. Chu Architects, Inc. as the architectural firm for the addition of a kiln at Cimarron Elementary School, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm, or alternate(s) if negotiations should fail.
6. Consider approval of the selection of S. Chu Architects, Inc. as the architectural firm for elevator refurbishments at Cunningham Middle School, Galena Park Middle School, and Purple Sage Elementary, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm, or alternate(s) if negotiations should fail.
7. Consider approval of the Competitive Sealed Proposal method of project delivery/contract award, which will provide the best value to the District, for the HVAC Controls Replacement and Upgrade at Various Athletics Facilities.
8. Consider approval of the Competitive Sealed Proposal method of project delivery/contract award, which will provide the best value to the District, for foundation and plumbing repairs at North Shore Senior High School.
9. Consider approval of the Job Order Contracting (JOC) method of project delivery/contract award, which will provide the best value to the District, for the kiln addition at Cimarron Elementary School.

10. Consider approval of the Competitive Sealed Proposal method of project delivery/contract award, which will provide the best value to the District, for the elevator refurbishments at Cunningham Middle School, Galena Park Middle School, and Purple Sage Elementary School.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve the Construction Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

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 October 2023.
2. Consider approval of the purchase of the network infrastructure for the term of November 14, 2023, through August 31, 2024, from Netsync Network Solutions via DIR-TSO-4167 at an estimated amount of \$1,305,960.
3. 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 21, 2019, and CDA (Local) dated January 19, 2021.
4. Consider approval of investment brokers/dealers who have submitted certifications, if applicable, as required by CDA(LEGAL).
5. Consider approval of the purchase of the Eduphoria annual subscription for the term of November 14, 2023, through January 3, 2025, from Eduphoria! Inc. via TIPS 220105 at an estimated amount of \$54,000.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Jose Jimenez 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. Sonya Haidusek-Niazy, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support, presented:

1. Tax Collection Report for September 2023
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of September 30, 2023
3. Annual Investment Report for the Period of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023

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

1. 2023-2024 Gifted and Talented Enrollment Report
2. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from September 2023
3. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary from August 2023
4. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary from September 2023

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Noe Esparza, President

ATTEST:



Ramon Garza, Secretary