

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

**Regular Meeting**

Monday, December 14, 2020

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, December 14, 2020 with the following members present: President, Ramon Garza; Vice President, Jeff Miller; Secretary, Adrian Stephens; Trustees: Wanda Heath Johnson, Noe Esparza, Norma Hernandez, Herbert Alexander Sanchez and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes.

**REGULAR MEETING:** At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Garza called the meeting to order. Jeff Miller opened the meeting with a prayer, and Dr. John Moore presented the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

**AUDIENCE ITEMS:** Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools, expressed his appreciation and thanked Ms. Merri Schneider-Vogel, Attorney, Thompson & Horton, L.P., for her years of service as Galena Park ISD's attorney. Ms. Schneider-Vogel replied and gave a thankful comment.

Judge Joe Stephens, Justice of the Peace – Precinct 3, gave a public comment regarding the possibility of naming North Shore 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center Boys Basketball Gym after Randy Weisinger. Coach Weisinger was a Head Boys Basketball Coach and a Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at North Shore 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center from 1985-1998.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS:** Judge Joe Stephens, Justice of the Peace – Precinct 3, administered the oath of office to the following:

- A. Judge Joe Stephens, Justice of the Peace - Precinct 3, will administer the Oath of Office to Noe Esparza, Position 6.
- B. Judge Joe Stephens, Justice of the Peace - Precinct 3, will administer the Oath of Office to Norma Hernandez, Position 7.
- C. Judge Joe Stephens, Justice of the Peace - Precinct 3, will administer the ceremonial Oath of Office to Herbert Alexander Sanchez, Position 5, who was officially sworn in on November 18, 2020.

**RECOGNITION:** Dr. Moore recognized the following:

**A. Employee:**

1. Galena Park I.S.D. will recognize the Business Services Department for earning the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for the 2019-2020 budget year.

**B. Student:**

1. Galena Park I.S.D. will recognize the students listed below for being named Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars.  
Galena Park High School - Cesar Alonso, AP Scholar with Distinction; Jaquelyne I. Bardales, AP Scholar; Lizet Y. Cano, AP Scholar; Churchill R. Couch, AP Scholar; Katarina N. Cuellar, AP Scholar with Distinction; Noelia I. DeLeon, AP Scholar; Ashley Z. Maldonado, AP Scholar with Distinction; Jacob Quintanilla, AP Scholar; Natalie E. Sanchez, AP Scholar; Jean G. Vega, AP Scholar; Stephanie Villarreal, AP Scholar  
North Shore Senior High School - Sara Acuna Olguin, AP Scholar; Indra A. Aguilar, AP Scholar with Honor; Gerardo Benavides, AP Scholar with Distinction; Gustavo Cardosa, AP Scholar; Michelle Chan, AP Scholar with Distinction; Sofia L. Colunga, AP Scholar with Honor; Tristan D. Flores, AP Scholar; Erica A. Guy, AP Scholar with Distinction; Liliana C. Guzman, AP Scholar; Daniel Hernandez, AP Scholar; Matthew H. Kovic, AP Scholar with Distinction; Zoey A. Lara, AP Scholar; Christelyn B. Larkin, AP Scholar; Leonardo Lopez, AP Scholar; Cassie Mai, AP Scholar with Honor; Cecilia Mai, AP Scholar; Betzy M. Martinez Gato, AP Scholar with Honor; Jocelyn J. Martinez, AP Scholar with Honor; Giancarlo Pinti, AP Scholar; Jacob Ramirez, AP Scholar; Yareisi Rogel, AP Scholar; Kenyano O. Smith, AP Scholar; Guadalupe Valerio, AP Scholar
2. Galena Park I.S.D. will recognize Galena Park High School students, Jaquelyn Bardales and Katarina Cuellar, for the achievement of being named National Hispanic Recognition Scholars.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Jeff Miller, Board Vice President, thanked Ramon Garza for his year as Board President, he also welcomed Noe Esparza, Trustee; Norma Hernandez, Trustee; and Herbert Sanchez, Trustee to the team.

Adrian Stephens, Board Secretary, congratulated Noe Esparza, Norma Hernandez, and Herbert Sanchez.

Herbert Sanchez, Trustee thanked Judge Joe Stephens for being present, thanked the Board Members and the community.

Ramon Garza, Board President stated that it was nice seeing Judge Joe Stephens again, he congratulated Noe Esparza, Norma Hernandez, and Herbert Sanchez, and stated that he looked forward to working with them. He also thanked the Business Office for their hard work, year after year.

Wanda Johnson, Trustee congratulated Noe, Esparza, Norma Hernandez, and Herbert Sanchez for being on the Board, and she congratulated Ms. Merri Schneider-Vogel, Attorney, Thompson & Horton, L.P. on her retirement.

Noe Esparza, Trustee congratulated Norma Hernandez and Herbert Sanchez on their wins as Board Members, and he is looking forward to working with both of them. He also congratulated Galena Park High School Football team, Coach Spiro Amarantos and his staff on a fantastic season. Also, Coach John Kay and his staff at North Shore Senior High School for their great football season and for making it to the playoffs.

Norma Hernandez, Trustee congratulated Noe Esparza and Herbert Sanchez.

**REPORTS:** Mr. Garza introduced Harold "Sonny" Fletcher III, Senior Director for Facility Planning and Construction, who provided a 2016 Bond Program construction update. Mr. Garza thanked Harold "Sonny" Fletcher and queried the Board for any questions they might have.

**CONSENT AGENDAS – ACTION:** So that audience members might better understand the Consent Agenda process, Mr. Garza 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. Garza 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.

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the Workshop and Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 9, and the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, November 17.
2. Consider approval of the Interlocal Contract between the Harris County Department of Education and the Galena Park Independent School District for the operation of the Cycle 10, Year 3, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers/Texas ACE Programs at North Shore Elementary, Tice Elementary, and S.J. Williamson Elementary campuses.
3. Consider approval of the drafting of interlocal agreements for the 2021 Contract Deputy Program with Harris County Precinct 2 and Precinct 3, and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to execute the agreements.
4. Consider approval of revision to district policy CDA (LOCAL) Other Revenues: Investments at second reading.

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

Mr. Garza 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.

1. Consider approval of negative Change Order #1 in the amount of \$56,037.59, and authorize final payment to DT Construction, LP, for the Galena Park I.S.D. Childcare Center (Project 108.1-2018) with a final construction cost of \$3,421,462.41.
2. Consider approval of the Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) method of project delivery/contract award, which will provide the best value to the District, for the Woodland Acres Middle School HVAC Replacement (Project 043-2020).
3. Consider approval of the Fire Alarm Audio Upgrade at Zotz Education Center by FireTron, Inc., via The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Contract #190302, for an estimated amount of \$200,000.
4. Consider approval of expansion of the Rice & Gardner Consultants, Inc. contract for a Facilities Assessment in the amount of \$157,100, and Program Management Services for Summer 2021 Renovations in the amount of 3% of project construction costs, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract amendment on behalf of the District.
5. Consider approval of the professional service of Stanton Engineering Group, LLC for Woodland Acres Middle School HVAC Replacement (Project 043-2020), and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract on behalf of the District for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

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

Mr. Garza 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.

1. Consider approval of the Partnership Agreement with Communities In Schools of Southeast Harris County for \$54,000.00.

2. Consider approval of an order calling bonds for redemption and other matters relating to the Galena Park Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2011.
3. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendment for the month of November 2020.
4. Consider approval of the revised Interlocal Agreement with Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District to provide Tax Collection Services from June 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Adrian Stephens 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 George, Chief Financial Officer & Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support presented:**

1. Comparative Tax Collection Report for the period of September 1 through October 31 for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of October 31, 2020
3. Donation Report for November 2020

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

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary
3. 2020-2021 Gifted and Talented Enrollment Report

At 6:33 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:

1. Consider approval of the employment of contractual personnel as presented.
2. Discuss Board Officers for the 2020-2021 School Year

At 6:45 p.m., Mr. Garza announced that Executive Session was adjourned, and the Board would meet in Public Session for the following action on items discussed in Executive Session.

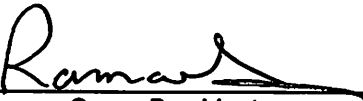
Mr. Garza called for a motion to approve the employment of contractual personnel as presented.

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


Mr. Garza called for a motion to approve leaving the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees officers the same, until after the next 2021 board elections as presented.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and Seconded by Jeff Miller. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

  
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Ramon Garza, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Adrian Stephens, Secretary