

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

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 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 Tuesday, April 11, 2023 with the following members present: President, Adrian Stephens; Vice President, Noe Esparza; Secretary, Norma Hernandez; Trustees: Wanda Heath Johnson, Linda Clark Sherrard and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes. Trustees: Ramon Garza and Herbert Alexander Sanchez were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:46 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. Stephens 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. Stephens called for a motion to approve the employment of contractual personnel as presented.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Norma Hernandez. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:01 p.m., Mrs. Stephens called the meeting to order. Linda Sherrard opened the meeting with a prayer, North Shore Senior High School Airforce JROTC and the Galena Park High School Army JROTC 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 Norma Hernandez recognized the following:

A. Business Partner:

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Dr. Eileen Brightwell for her continued partnership with Galena Park ISD.

B. Special:

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Galena Park High School's (GPHS) Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AJROTC) for earning an "A" after a JROTC Program for Accreditation (JPA) School Visit.
- 2. Galena Park ISD will recognize North Shore Senior High School's (NSSHS) Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) for earning an overall "Exceeds Standards" rating after a formal Unit Evaluation.

C. Employee:

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Cobb 6th Grade Campus Assistant Principal, Matthew Day, for being named the 2022-2023 Region IV Assistant Principal of the year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP).
- 2. Galena Park ISD will recognize the North Shore Middle School's counseling team for earning a Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) Award.
- 3. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Student Support Services and Special Programs Offices for hosting the first-ever Super Star Buddy Relays.

D. Student:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board (SAB) for their leadership and dedicated service to their schools and community.

BOARD COMMENTS: Adrian Stephens, stated that the Buddy event was truly an amazing event, and kudos to the team that brought it to our school, and is looking forward to a bigger and better event next year. She also stated that she is very proud of the students in the Student Advisory Board.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Seretha Augustine, Senior Director for Student Support Services presented the Spotlight.

REPORTS: Adrian Stephens, Board President, reported on Galena Park Independent School District Board Members' continuing education credits.

Mrs. Stephens introduced Harold "Sonny" Fletcher, III, Senior Director for Facilities Planning and Construction, who provided a 2016 Bond Program construction update.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mrs. Stephens asked the Board if there was a motion to approve to delegate authority to the Superintendent or designee to accept settlement against Texas Association of Public Schools Property and Liability Funds (TAPS), and receive payment offer for the outstanding claims.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve to delegate authority to the Superintendent or designee to accept settlement against TAPS, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Mrs. Stephens asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the changes appointed to election staff and proposed hourly rates for election judges and clerks hired by Galena Pak ISD for the May 6, 2023 Board of Trustees Election.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Noe Esparza to approve the changes to appointed election staff and proposed hourly rates, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Mrs. Stephens asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the 2023 summer school pay rates.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Wanda Johnson to approve the 2023 summer school pay rates, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Mrs. Stephens asked the Board if there was a motion to approve a one-time \$2,500 sign-on bonus to all certified teachers and registered nurses new to the district for the 2023-2024 school year, that agree to a two-year commitment with the district.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve a one-time \$2,500 sign-on bonus to all certified teachers and registered nurses, 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. Stephens 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. Stephens 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 Regular Meeting held on March 6, and for the Board Workshop held on April 5.
2. Consider approval of the low attendance waiver application to the Texas Education Agency, for low attendance days in February due to safety, to be removed from the calculations for average daily attendance.
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4. Consider approval of the submission of a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the following: Staff Development Minutes Waiver. Waiver application will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) upon Board approval.

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 5-0-0.

Mrs. Stephens 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 award of CSP 23-205 for the Woodland Acres Middle School Roof Replacement (Project 043-2023) to Brazos Commercial Roofing for an amount not to exceed \$470,689, including a \$22,200 owner's contingency, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected company.
2. Consider approval of the award of CSP 23-206 for the North Shore Middle School Boiler Replacement (Project 042-2023) to AMS of Houston, LLC, for an estimated amount of \$343,500, including a \$18,000 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 Competitive Sealed Proposal method of project delivery/contract award, which will provide the best value to the District, for the Security Vestibule projects at Normandy Crossing Elementary School, Sam Houston Elementary School, and Cunningham Middle School.
4. Consider approval of the selection of S. Chu Architects, Inc. as the architectural firm for the Normandy Crossing Elementary School, Sam Houston Elementary School, and Cunningham Middle School Security Vestibules, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firms, or alternate(s) if negotiations should fail.

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 5-0-0.

Mrs. Stephens 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 synthetic turf for the term of April 12, 2023, through August 31, 2023, from All Play, Inc. via Buyboard contract #679-22 at an estimated amount of \$72,000.
2. Consider approving a partnership with the University of Texas at Arlington and sign interlocal cooperation contract beginning May 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025. There is no cost to the district for this partnership.
3. Consider approval of the purchase of McGraw Hill-Texas StudySync for the term of May 15, 2023, through June 30, 2024, via TIPS 210301, at an estimated total cost of \$100,000.
4. Consider approval to purchase STEMscopes Science curriculum and resources for the term of May 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024, from Accelerated Learning via Region 19 contract #21-7406 at an estimated amount of \$55,000.
5. Consider approval of the purchase of digital microscopes for the term of May 1, 2023, through July 1, 2024, from Carolina Biological via BuyBoard Contract #653-21 at an estimated amount of \$150,000.
6. Consider approval of the purchase of Imagine Learning Edgenuity for the term of June 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024, via BuyBoard #653-21, at an estimated total cost of \$80,000.
7. Consider approval of the purchase of Science for Texas for the term of May 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024, from Discovery Education, via TIPS Contract #220802 at an estimated amount of \$55,000.
8. Consider approval of the purchase of STEMscopes Math curriculum resources for the term May 1, 2023, through July 1, 2024, from Accelerated Learning via Choice Partners 19/038KC-01 at an estimated amount of \$60,000.
9. Consider approval to purchase STEMscopes Math curriculum and resources for the term of May 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024, from Accelerated Learning via Region 19 contract #301254 at an estimated amount of \$90,000.
10. Consider approval of the purchase of iReady Math for the term of May 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024, from Curriculum Associates via Region 19 contract #22-7436 at an estimated amount of \$260,000.
11. Consider approval of the purchase of Chromebooks and management licenses for the term of April 12, 2023, through August 31, 2023, from CDW Government, Inc. and/or Bluum USA, Inc. via TIPS 200105, DIR-CPO-4839 and/or Region 5 - 20220703 at an estimated amount of \$2,000,000.
12. Consider approval of the purchase of Anywhere charging carts for the term of April 12, 2023, through April 12, 2024, from CDW Government LLC via TIPS #200105 at an estimated amount of \$400,000.
13. Consider approval of the purchase of Sphero coding robots for the term of April 12, 2023, through August 31, 2023, from Sphero, Inc. via Buyboard 661-22 at an estimated amount of \$185,000.
14. Consider approval for the award of RFP 23-204 HVAC Test and Balance Services, through September 30, 2024, for an estimated expenditure of \$250,000 with Engineered Air Balance Co., Inc., and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected companies.

15. Consider approval of the purchase of two 78-passenger school buses for student transportation from ThomasBus Gulf Coast GP, Inc., via BuyBoard Contract #630-20, for an estimated amount of \$275,000.
16. Consider approval for the award of RFP 23-007 Computer Equipment for the period of April 12, 2023, through March 31, 2024, with Bluum USA, Inc., CDW Government LLC., and Dell Inc. for an estimated expenditure of \$750,000.
17. Consider approval for the award of RFP 23-010 Elementary Serving Lines for the period of April 12, 2023, through March 31, 2024, with Mission Restaurant Supply for an estimated expenditure of \$500,000.
18. Consider approval for the renewal of RFP 22-010 Building Repairs from May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024, with Acme Architectural Hardware, Inc and Sheffield Construction for an estimated expenditure of \$450,000.
19. Consider approval of a one-year engagement letter with Whitley Penn, LLP to conduct the Annual Financial and Compliance Audit for fiscal year 2022-23 for an estimated annual expenditure of \$81,280.
20. Consider approval for the renewal of RFP 19-002 Athletic Field Maintenance Services for the period of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024, with Professional Grounds Management Services, LLC, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$85,000.
21. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of March 2023.
22. Consider approval of the Depository Contract extension with Wells Fargo Bank for an additional two-year term from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025, as permitted under Texas Education Code.
23. Consider approval of the license agreement with NRG Park to host the 2023 Graduation Ceremonies on May 28, 2023 for an estimated cost of \$150,000.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Noe Esparza 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. Sonya Haidusek-Niazy, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support, presented:

1. Donation Report for March 2023
2. Tax Collection Report - February 2023
3. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of February 28, 2023
4. General Fund Budget Summary Report for the period of September 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023

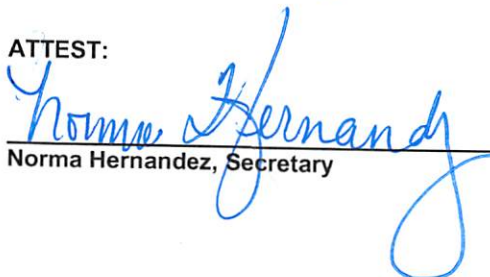
B. Elizabeth Lalor, Deputy Superintendent for Educational Support and School Administration presented:

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from February 2023
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary from February 2023

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.


Adrian Stephens, President

ATTEST:


Norma Hernandez, Secretary