

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

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 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, October 10, 2023 with the following members present: Vice President, Norma Hernandez; Trustees: Wanda Heath Johnson, Adrian Stephens, Linda Clark Sherrard, Jose Jimenez and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes. President, Noe Esparza; and Secretary, Ramon Garza were absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 5:26 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.**

1. Consider approval to ratify the resolution in filing litigation against the Commissioner of Education regarding the Texas Education Agency's unlawful implementation of the A – F Accountability System for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

**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. Discussion of 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.

4. Consider approval of the employment of contractual personnel as presented.

At 6:04 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 ratify the resolution in filing litigation against the Commissioner of Education regarding the Texas Education Agency's unlawful implementation of the A – F Accountability System for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

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

Mrs. Hernandez called for a motion to approve the employment of contractual personnel, as presented.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Adrian Stephens. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

**REGULAR MEETING:** At 6:07 p.m., Mr. Esparza called the meeting to order. Jose Jimenez opened the meeting with a prayer, Cobb 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 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**

Mr. James Husband, delivered a public comment regarding GPISD's anti-bullying measures.

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

**A. Business Partner:**

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Mr. Billy Henry, owner and operator of Five Star Elite Fades and Barber College, for providing North Shore Senior High 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Center students and their parents with free haircuts and hairstyles to begin the 2023-2024 school year.

**B. Parent Volunteer:**

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Woodland Acres Middle School parent, Melanie Gracia, for being selected as the District 4 recipient of the 2023 Heroes for Children Award for the State Board of Education.

**C. Employee:**

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Mr. Hector Perez, a GPISD Transportation Department Team Member, for his heroism.

**D. Student:**

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Kayleen Serrano, Cunningham Middle School eighth grader, for being named a Houston/Harris County area Do the Write Thing (DtWT) national finalist.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Wanda Johnson, stated that if anyone went out trick or treating to please be careful, be safe, and have a Happy Halloween. Jose Jimenez recognized Kayleen Serrano for her essay, he stated that he read her essay and he is very proud of her work.

**ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT:** Dr. Kareen Brown, Director for College Readiness and Advanced Academics, presented the Spotlight.

**REPORTS:** Mrs. Hernandez introduced Harold "Sonny" Fletcher III, Senior Director for Facilities Planning and Construction, provided a 2016 Bond Program construction update.

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:**

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve adopting the resolution establishing Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$0.83760 and a Debt Service tax rate of \$0.29431 for a total tax rate of \$1.13191 for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Lina Sherrard to approve adopting the resolution establishing Maintenance and Operations tax rate and Debt Service tax rate as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve adoption of a resolution expressing intent to defease and redeem certain outstanding obligations of Galena Park Independent School District.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Jose Jimenez to approve the adoption of a resolution expressing intent to defease and redeem certain outstanding obligations of GPISD, 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 2024-2025 school year during the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Adrian Stephens 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 Regular Meeting held on September 11, and for the Board Workshop held on September 25.
2. Consider approval of the two Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding between Galena Park ISD and San Jacinto Community College for the term of September 12, 2023, through August 25, 2025.
3. Consider approval of the resolution and adjunct faculty status of the named Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees as presented.
4. Consider approval of the Galena Park ISD amended list of appraisers for the 2023-2024 school year.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Wanda Johnson to approve the General Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

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 ratifying approval of change order 001 in the amount of \$29,900 for the Cunningham Middle School and Tice Elementary School Waterline Replacement (Project 900-2022) by Aranda Industry, LLC, increasing the total contract to \$1,049,900.

2. Consider approval of negative Change Order #001 in the amount of \$83,806.66, and authorize final payment to Mar-Con Services, LLC., for Galena Park High School – Roadway and Utility Relocation (Project 002.3-2017) with a final construction cost not to exceed \$3,668,039.94.
3. Consider approval of the HVAC refurbishment for the GPISD Athletic Complex home-side fieldhouse and film room (Lifecycle Project L206) by CFI Mechanical, Inc., via Choice Partners Contract #22/049MF-05, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$150,000 and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.
4. Consider approval of the HVAC replacement for the GPISD Athletic Complex Natatorium locker rooms (Lifecycle Project L205) by CFI Mechanical, Inc., via Choice Partners Contract #22/049MF-05, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$115,000 and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Jose Jimenez 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 proposed Budget Amendments for the month of September 2023.
2. Consider approval of the purchases for grocery supplies for the period of October 11, 2023, through August 31, 2024, from Hardies Fresh Foods via Choice Partners contract #23/030TP-03 at an estimated amount of \$155,000.
3. Consider approval to purchase fuel, for the period of October 11, 2023, through September 30, 2024, from J.A.M. Distributing Company for an estimated total amount of \$1,500,000.
4. Consider approval to renew the RFP 21-007 Instructional Materials for the period of November 1, 2023, through October 31, 2024, for an estimated expenditure of \$1,000,000 with the following vendors:

ABDO-Spotlight-Magic Wagon  
 American Ceramic Supply Company  
 Attainment Company, Inc.  
 Ballard & Tighe, Publishers  
 Blick Art Materials  
 Booksource  
 Bound To Stay Bound Books, Inc.  
 BSN Sports LLC  
 Capstone Classroom  
 Cengage Learning, Inc.  
 CEV Multimedia, Ltd.  
 Cherry Lake Publishing/Sleeping Bear Press  
 DeltaMath Solutions Inc.  
 Dreambox Learning, Inc  
 EAI Education  
 ECS Learning Systems  
 Empowering Writers, LLC  
 Escue & Associates  
 ExploreLearning, LLC  
 Fisher Scientific Co. LLC  
 Florida Virtual School  
 Garrett Book Company  
 Gateway Printing & Office Supply, Inc.  
 GF Educators, Inc.  
 Gumdrop Books  
 Heinemann  
 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company  
 Integral Mathematics, Inc.  
 IXL Learning, Inc.  
 Junior Library Guild  
 KAMICO Instructional Media, Inc.

Kaplan Early Learning Company  
 Lakeshore Learning Materials  
 Lead4ward, LLC  
 Learning A-Z, LLC  
 Lexia Learning Systems LLC  
 Lone Star Learning  
 Mackin Educational Resources  
 Math GPS, LLC  
 McGraw-Hill LLC  
 MobyMax, LLC  
 Music in Motion Inc.  
 Nasco Education LLC  
 Perma-Bound Books  
 Positive Promotions, Inc.  
 QEP Professional Books  
 Quill LLC  
 Rally! Education  
 Really Good Stuff, LLC  
 Renaissance Learning Inc  
 Savvas Learning Company LLC  
 School Specialty, LLC  
 Seidlitz Education, LLC  
 Sirius Education Solutions  
 Speed Stacks, Inc  
 Super Duper Publications  
 Superior Text, LLC  
 Texas Art Supply Co  
 Textbook Warehouse  
 The Master Teacher, Inc.  
 The Rosen Publishing Group Inc.  
 US Games  
 Vista Higher Learning, Inc.  
 Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc.

5. Consider approval of the purchase of the online subscriptions for RAZ Plus for the term of October 25, 2023, through October 25, 2024, from Learning A-Z via RFP #21-007 at an estimated amount of \$335,000.
6. Consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Region 18 Education Service Center, for services related to the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS), for the term of October 11, 2023, through August 31, 2024, at an estimated amount of \$20,000.
7. Consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Gulf Coast Local Workforce Board for Child Care Local Match Contribution of \$500,000 for the period of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024.
8. Consider approval of the Catering Sales Event Agreement with The Marriott Marquis Hotel-Houston to host the North Shore Senior High School 2024 Prom on Saturday, April 20, 2024, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract for an estimated amount of \$85,000.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Adrian Stephens 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:

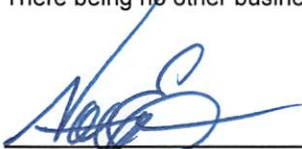
**A. Sonya Haidusek-Niazy, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support, presented:**

1. Tax Collection Report for August 2023
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of August 31, 2023
3. Annual Report of the District's Cooperative Purchasing Program Management Fees for fiscal year 2023-2024

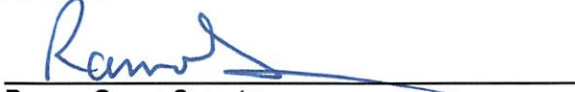
**B. Elizabeth Lalor, Deputy Superintendent for Educational Support and School Administration presented:**

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from August 2023

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

  
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Noe Esparza, President

ATTEST:

  
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Ramon Garza, Secretary