

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

Special Meeting Via Zoom

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Administration Building of Galena Park Independent School District

14705 Woodforest Blvd.

Houston, TX 77015

5:00 PM

The Board of Trustees of Galena Park Independent School District met for a Special Meeting Via Zoom on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 with the following members present: President, Ramon Garza; Vice President, Jeff Miller; Secretary, Adrian Stephens; Trustees: Wanda Heath Johnson, Noe Esparza, Norma Hernandez and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes. Trustee, Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr. was absent.

At 4:52 p.m., President Ramon Garza stated that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** At 4:56 p.m., Mr. Garza called the Public Hearing to order and introduced Sonya George, Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support & Chief Financial Officer who conducted a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate. Mr. Garza thanked Sonya George and queried the Board for any questions they might have.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING:**

**REPORTS:** Mr. Garza introduced Mike McKay, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, who presented the Texas Association of School Boards Localized Policy Manual Update 115 for review at first reading.

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:**

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement between Harris County and Galena Park I.S.D. for the election of three Board of Trustee positions to be held November 3, 2020, at an estimated expenditure of \$150,000.

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Norma Hernandez. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Change Order #1 for the Summer 2020 Renovations at Zotz Education Center for an amount not to exceed \$76,807, increasing the total contract with E Contractors USA, LLC to \$2,466,596.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Norma Hernandez. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-1. Ramon Garza abstained.

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Change Order #1 for the Summer 2020 Renovations at North Shore Senior High School for an amount not to exceed \$54,657, increasing the total contract with E Contractors USA, LLC to \$223,177.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Noe Esparza. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-1. Ramon Garza abstained.

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the increase for Adult Meal Prices to \$2.80 for breakfast and \$4.00 for lunch for school year 2020-2021.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Wanda Johnson. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

**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 Request to Extend the Start of the 2020-2021 School Year Transition Beyond the 4-Week Limit waiver request to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

2. Consider approval of the Request for 40% Campus Hybrid Instruction for 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students waiver request to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

A motion was made by Wanda Johnson and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the General Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

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 proposed Budget Amendments for the months of August 2020.
2. Consider approval of the Proposed Budgets for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021 for the General fund, Food Service fund, and Debt Service fund as presented.

A motion was made by Jeff Miller and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

**INFORMATION:** The following documents were presented for information:

Sonya George, Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support/Chief Financial Officer presented:

1. Emergency Purchases Authorized by Resolution - COVID-19 Pandemic

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.



Ramon Garza, President

**ATTEST:**



Adrian Stephens, Secretary

Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr., Trustee  
Signed in the absence of Adrian Stephens,  
Board Secretary