

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 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 Monday, September 11, 2023 with the following members present: 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. President, Noe Esparza was absent. Secretary, Ramon Garza was late to the meeting. Vice President, Norma Hernandez led the meeting in the absence of Mr. Esparza.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:41 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 6:04 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 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 6-0-0.

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:05 p.m., Mrs. Hernandez called the meeting to order. Norma Hernandez opened the meeting with a prayer, North Shore 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

- I. Ms. Maritza Cortez submitted for a Public Comment, but she did not show up during the public comment portion of the meeting. Mrs. Hernandez called her name, but Ms. Cortez never stepped up to the podium to give a public comment. Mrs. Hernandez stated that Ms. Cortez was not present.
- II. Mrs. Sherrhonda Hunter, Executive Director for School and Community Relations, delivered a public comment where she spoke on behalf of Dr. Moore, the Board of Trustees and the GPISD School Community, she presented Mrs. Adrian Stephens with a gavel in recognition of her service as Board President for the 2022-2023 school year.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Ramon Garza recognized the following:

A. Business Partner:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Gill Hoffman, Publisher of the North Channel Star. Mr. Hoffman was named to the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) 2023 Media Honor Roll by Galena Park ISD.
2. Galena Park ISD will recognize Cathy Hernandez, an anchor and reporter for NBC affiliate. Ms. Hernandez was named to the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) 2023 Media Honor Roll by Galena Park ISD.
3. Galena Park ISD will recognize Allan Jamail, Free-Lance Writer and Photojournalist. Mr. Jamail was named to the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) 2023 Media Honor Roll by Galena Park ISD.

B. Employee:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Fine Arts Department for its work toward Galena Park ISD being named a Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) District of Distinction for the 2022-2023 academic year.

C. Student:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Abigail Guerrero, North Shore Senior High School sophomore, for the dedication of her mural Free of Judgement.

BOARD COMMENTS: Adrian Stephens, wanted to thank the District for presenting her with a gavel for being the Board President this last year. She thanked the community and staff as well. Norma Hernandez thanked everyone for a great start of the school year. She was very proud of our schools. Jose Jimenez wanted to recognize everyone that is in the Fine Arts program. Ramon Garza encouraged everyone to attend a football game, everyone is doing an awesome job.

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

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the renewal proposal from Texas Political Subdivisions Joint Self Insurance Fund to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for the coverage term of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, for an annual premium of \$1,023,280.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve the renewal proposal from Texas Political Subdivisions Joint Self Insurance Fund to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-1.

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 Memorandum of Understanding between Galena Park ISD and San Jacinto Community College for the term of September 12, 2023, through August 25, 2025.
2. Consider approval of the minutes for the Workshop and Regular Meeting held on August 1, and for the Special Meeting held on August 21.
3. Consider approval of the nominees for the instructional materials adoption committees, related to Proclamation 2024, as listed:
 - Science: Kindergarten - 5th Grade
 - Cimarron Elementary School - Maria Perez
 - Cloverleaf Elementary School -Ashley Stewart
 - Galena Park Elementary School -Adriana Sanchez
 - Havard Elementary School - Rachel Estrada
 - Jacinto City Elementary School - Leslie Rios
 - MacArthur Elementary School -Angel Medrano
 - Pyburn Elementary School - Maria Flores
 - Sam Houston Elementary School - Shante Randle
 - Tice Elementary School-Yajaira Algaheim
 - Woodland Acres Elementary School - Sandra Guillen
 - Science: 6th - 12th Grade
 - Cobb Sixth Grade Campus- Karen Sahagun
 - Cunningham Middle School - Joshua Morris
 - Galena Park Middle School - Kati Layton
 - North Shore Middle School - Ashley Rivers
 - Woodland Acres Middle School - Celestene Garza; Kayla Pingsterhaus
 - CTE Early College High School - Raphael Sahagun
 - Galena Park High School - Guadalupe Lobera; Maria Barraza; Diana Medina-Cuellar; Lindsey Clarkson; Alejandra Cruz
 - North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center-Alton St. Rose

- North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center-William Hitt; Timisha Neal
- North Shore Senior High School- Shakti Sharma; Heather Rodriguez; LaTonya Washington; Brian King; Randle Revilla; Sima Mathew-Tanner; Valencia Roy
- CTE:
 - Galena Park High School -Alejandra Cruz; Tania Escalante; Gregory Hendrix; Amy Murphy; Precious White
 - North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center - Tomekka Williams
 - North Shore Senior High School - Lavincia Barnett; Chronica Colbert; Courtney Powers; Valencia Roy; Selisa Freeman; Mary May-Sexton; Elisabeth Ruiz; Randle Revilla; Nathalie Pante; Jonathan Gilbreath

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 6-0-0.

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 approval of the award of CSP 23-209 for the Security Vestibule projects at Normandy Crossing Elementary School, Sam Houston Elementary School, and Cunningham Middle School (Project 901-2023) to Prime Contractors, Inc., for an estimated amount not to exceed \$504,000, including a \$30,000 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 23-208 for the Adaptive Playground at Williamson Elementary School (Project 115-2022) to Prime Contractors, Inc., for an estimated amount not to exceed \$785,000, including a \$50,000 owner's contingency, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected company.

A motion was made by Linda Sherrard and seconded by Jose Jimenez to approve the Construction Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

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 out-of-state travel proposal for North Shore Senior High School and Galena Park High School cheerleader student trip to Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida from March 7, 2024, through March 14, 2024, from Perform America-Texas, LLC and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.
2. Consider approval of the purchase of musical instruments for the term of September 12, 2023, through August 31, 2024, from Steve Weiss Music, Inc. via Region 6 contract # 19.22, Swicegood Music Co., via Region 6 contract # 19.23, Woodwind & Brasswind via RFP22-008 and Music and Arts via Tips contract # 210302 at an estimated cost of \$100,000.
3. Consider approval of the purchase of Core Communication Platform – Blackboard Web Community Manager Conversion for the term of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, with Active Internet Technologies dba Finalsity, via TIPS Contract #220701, at an estimated amount of \$270,000.
4. Consider approval of the purchase of printer/copier paper to be used for all District printing and copying needs from Liberty Paper through BuyBoard contract #707-23 at an estimated annual amount of \$160,000.
5. Consider approval of the purchase of four 78-passenger school buses and ten special needs buses for student transportation from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast GP, Inc., in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 via BuyBoard Contract #630-20, and two support vehicles from Caldwell Country Chevrolet, LLC, in the amount of \$80,000.00 via BuyBoard Contract #601-19, for an estimated total of \$1,580,000.00.
6. Consider approval of the purchase of Chromebooks and management licenses for the term of September 12, 2023, through August 31, 2024, from CDW Government, Inc. via TIPS contract #230105 and Bluum USA, Inc. via TIPS contract #230504 at an estimated amount of \$3,000,000.
7. Consider approval of the purchase of the Microsoft management system for the term of September 12, 2023, through August 31, 2024, from SHI Government Solutions via DIR-TSO-4092 at an estimated amount of \$170,000.
8. Consider approval of the purchase of Con-SmartNet maintenance for the term of September 12, 2023, through August 31, 2024, from Presidio Network Solutions Group, LLC via DIR-TSO-4167 at an estimated amount of \$180,000.

9. Consider approving the Resolution adopting an order approving the Galena Park ISD certified appraisal roll for the tax year 2023.
10. Consider approval of the purchases for grocery supplies funded by Food Services for the term of September 12, 2023, through August 31, 2024, as presented:

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| Alpha Foods Company, Inc | \$ 500,000 |
| Hiland Dairy Company LLC | \$1,500,000 |
| <u>Labatt Food Service</u> | <u>\$6,500,000</u> |
| Total | \$8,500,000 |
11. Consider approval of the purchase of synthetic turf for the term of September 12, 2023, through November 30, 2023, from All Play, Inc. via Buyboard contract #679-22 at an estimated amount of \$200,000.
12. Consider approval for renewal of RFP 21-004 Telehealth Services for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, from Teladoc Health Inc. at an estimated annual expense of \$120,000.

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 6-0-0.

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 July 2023
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of July 31, 2023

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

1. 2022-2023 Early Head Start Program Information Report
2. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes for June 2023
3. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary for June 2023
4. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary for July 2023

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



 Noe Esparza, President

Norma Hernandez, Board Vice President
 Signed in the absence of Noe Esparza,
 Board President

ATTEST:



 Ramon Garza, Secretary

Wanda H. Johnson, Board Trustee
 Signed in the absence of Ramon Garza,
 Board Secretary