

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

Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 8, 2021  
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, March 8, 2021 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.

**REGULAR MEETING:** At 6:11 p.m., Mr. Garza called the meeting to order. Norma Hernandez opened the meeting with a prayer, Noe Esparza presented the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

**AUDIENCE ITEMS:**

Public Comment: Ms. Michelle Bonton submitted a public comment regarding a property tax deferment request.

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

**A. Employee:**

1. Galena Park I.S.D. will recognize Sam Harris for being named as the Texas Music Administrators Conference (TMAC) 2020-2021 Outstanding Music Administrator.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Ms. Norma Hernandez, congratulated Sam Harris for his award and for all of the support he gives.

**REPORTS:** Mr. Garza introduced Jerid Link, Executive Director for Human Resource Services – Compliance & Hearing, who presented the Texas Association of School Boards Localized Policy Manual Update 116 as presented for the Board of Trustees review and adoption at first and final reading.

Mr. Garza introduced Harold "Sonny" Fletcher III, Senior Director for Facility Planning and Construction, who provided a 2016 Bond Program construction update.

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:**

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve for Galena Park I.S.D. to require all students, staff and visitors to wear masks on district property and at district events. This requirement is consistent with the advice of health professionals and guidelines from the Center of Disease Control. Additionally, GPISD will continue to follow the guidelines of our Health and Wellness Protocols for the safety of all students and staff at all campuses and district buildings, including practicing social distancing and good hygiene practices.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Herbert Sanchez to approve for Galena Park I.S.D. to require all students, staff and visitors to wear masks on district property and at district events as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Order of Election Cancellation for the election scheduled to be held on May 1, 2021, declaring the following unopposed candidates elected: Adrian Stephens for Position 1 and Wanda Heath Johnson for Position 2.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Jeff Miller to approve the Order of Election Cancellation for the election scheduled to be held on May 1, 2021 as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

**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 minutes for the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 8, the Special called Meeting held on Monday, February 22, and the Emergency called Meeting held on Thursday, February 25.
2. Consider approval of additions, revisions, or deletions to district policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 116.
3. Consider approval of the Proposed District Goals for 2021-2026 as discussed in the Board Workshop.
4. Consider approval of the submission of a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the following: Hybrid Instruction During District-Scheduled Testing Waiver. Waiver application will be submitted to the Texas Agency (TEA) upon Board approval.
5. Consider approval of the missed instructional day waiver application of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for February 16-22, 2021 to be removed from the calculations for Average Daily Attendance (ADA).
6. 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 Adrian Stephens 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 #001 in the amount of \$87,465.81, and authorize final payment to Jamail & Smith Construction, LP, for Summer 2019 Renovations at North Shore Senior High 9th Grade Center with a final construction cost of \$2,038,501.64.
2. Consider approval of the Building Automation Controls Replacement at Zotz Education Center (Project L126) by Unify Energy Solutions, LLC, via BuyBoard Contract #577-18 for an estimated amount of \$335,000, including contingency allowance.

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 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 purchase of two 78-passenger school buses and two 12-passenger wheelchair lift equipped buses for student transportation from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast GP, Inc., via BuyBoard Contract #630-20, for an estimated amount of \$336,942.
2. Consider approval of carpet replacement at Cimarron Elementary, Tice Elementary, and Zotz Education Center by Tarkett USA Inc., via Choice Partners Cooperative Contract #17/020CG-15, for an estimated amount of \$377,000.
3. Consider approval of the purchase of Leveled Literacy Intervention for the period of 6/1/2020 to 5/31/2021 from Heinemann via Southeast Texas Purchasing Cooperative (Region 5) contract number 20200406 at a cost not to exceed \$700,000.
4. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendment for the month of February 2021.
5. Consider approval of the contract RFP 210002724 for E-Rate Eligible internal connections (wireless networking upgrades) for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 from Presidio at an estimated amount of \$180,158.
6. Consider approval for the renewal of RFP 18-004 Fire Alarm Systems for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, with Koetter Fire Protection and Cintas Fire Protection, at an estimated annual amount of \$200,000.
7. Consider approval for the renewal of RFP 18-007 Furniture – Office, Classroom, Cafeteria and Specialty Furnishings for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, with School Specialty, Lakeshore Learning, and J. R. Incorporated at an estimated annual amount of \$3,000,000.
8. Consider approval of the purchase of ClearTouch Interactive Panels through August 31, 2021, from Prime Systems via Buy Board 579-19, at an estimated amount of \$5,000,000.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza 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 January 31 for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of January 31, 2021

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

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from January 2021
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary for January 2021

At 6:36 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, consider and approve the amendment to the Superintendent's employment contract. This March 8, 2021 amendment, supersedes and replaces the amendment(s) approved at the February 22, 2021 special called board meeting.

At 6:51 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.

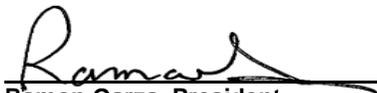
Mr. Garza called for a motion to approve the employment of contractual personnel as presented.

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

Mr. Garza called for a motion to approve the amendment to the Superintendent's employment contract as presented.

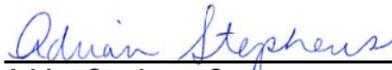
A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Wanda Johnson. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Ramon Garza, President

**ATTEST:**



Adrian Stephens, Secretary