

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2024

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, October 7, 2024 with the following members present: President, Norma Hernandez; Vice President, Ramon Garza; Secretary, Linda Clark Sherrard; Trustees: Adrian Stephens, Noe Esparza, Jose Jimenez, Amanda Erebia and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:31 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.

At 5:58 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.

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:00 p.m., Mrs. Hernandez called the meeting to order. Linda Sherrard 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**
There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Noe Esparza recognized the following:

- A. Employee:**
 - 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize the Student Nutrition Department for earning a Healthy Meals Incentive Recognition Award from the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service and Action for Healthy Kids.
 - 2. Galena Park ISD will recognize Woodland Acres Elementary School, Galena Park Middle School, North Shore Middle School, and CTE Early College High School for earning an 'A' rating for the 2023-2024 school year from the Texas Education Agency.

BOARD COMMENTS: Amanda Erebia, just stated well done and thank you for all that you do, and that it is quite an accomplishment.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: Bryan Clements, Executive Director for Security & Technology presented the Spotlight.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve designation of ten non-business days, as presented, to comply with House Bill 3033 Public Information Act timelines.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Jose Jimenez to approve the designation of ten non-business days, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

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 \$0.33431 for a total tax rate of \$1.17191 for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve adopting the resolution establishing Maintenance and Operations tax rate and a Debt Service tax rate, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Texas Education Human Resources Day Resolution as presented.

A motion was made by Linda Sherrard and seconded by Noe Esparza to approve the Texas Education Human Resources Day Resolution, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Resolution Nominating a candidate for Position to the Board of Directors of the Harris County Appraisal District.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the Resolution Nominating a candidate for position to the Board of Director of the Harris County Appraisal District, 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, 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 Workshop and Regular Meeting held on September 9.
2. Consider approval and ratification of the Galena Park ISD appraisal calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

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 7-0-0.

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 negative Change Order #001 in the amount of \$12,341.00, and authorize final payment to Nash Industries, Inc., for Tice Elementary School Canopy Addition (Project 111-2023) with a final construction cost not to exceed \$183,247.00.
2. Consider approval of negative Change Order #001 in the amount of \$20,000, and authorize final payment to C.F. McDonald Electric Inc., for Student Nutrition Generator Replacement Project (Project 900-2023) with a final construction cost not to exceed \$476,469.00.
3. Consider approval of negative Change Order #001 in the amount of \$32,095.96, and authorize final payment to Jamail & Smith Construction for Foundation Repairs at North Shore Senior High School (Project 004-2023) with a final construction cost not to exceed \$272,994.52.
4. Consider approval of negative Change Order #001 in the amount of \$8,143.30, and authorize final payment to Stark Elevator LLC., for Elevator Refurbishments at Cunningham Middle School, Galena Park Middle School, and Purple Sage Elementary School (Project 905-2023) with a final construction cost not to exceed \$325,232.25.
5. Consider approval of negative Change Order #001 in the amount of \$9,594.40, and authorize final payment to M Scott Construction Inc., for Purple Sage Elementary School Restroom Renovation (Project 112-2023) with a final construction cost not to exceed \$387,405.60.

A motion was made by Ramon Garza and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the Construction Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

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 to ratify the purchases of additional custodial supplies for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, through Home Depot via US Communities contract #22-07 for an estimated expenditure of \$350,000 and Imperial Dade via BuyBoard contract #649-21 for an estimated expenditure of \$150,000.

2. Consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the Gulf Coast Local Workforce Board for Child Care Local Match Contribution of \$600,000 for the period of October 8, 2024, to September 30, 2025.
3. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of September 2024.
4. Consider approval to purchase fuel, for the period of October 8, 2024, through September 30, 2025, from J.A.M. Distributing Company for an estimated total amount of \$1,500,000.
5. Consider approval of the purchase of Dell computers and monitors for the term of October 8, 2024, through August 31, 2025, from Dell Computer Corporation via TX DIR-TSO-3763 at an estimated amount of \$220,000.
6. Consider approval of the license agreement with NRG Park to host the 2025 Graduation Ceremonies on May 25, 2025, for an estimated cost of \$155,000
7. Consider approval to renew the RFP 21-007 Instructional Materials for the period of November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, for an estimated expenditure of \$2,000,000 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.
 - Discount School Supply (Early Childhood LLC)
 - EAI Education
 - Empowering Writers, LLC
 - Escue & Associates
 - Fisher Scientific Co. LLC
 - Florida Virtual School
 - 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
 - Lexia Learning Systems LLC
 - Mackin Educational Resources
 - Math GPS, LLC
 - McGraw-Hill Education, Inc.
 - MobyMax Education 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
Sirius Education Solutions
Speed Stacks, Inc
Super Duper Publications
Superior Text, LLC
Texas Art Supply
Textbook Warehouse
The Master Teacher, Inc.
The Rosen Publishing Group, Inc.
US Games
Vista Higher Learning, Inc.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Jose Jimenez 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. Wanna Giacona, Chief Administrative Officer, presented:

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes - August 2024
2. Early Head Start Governance, Leadership, and Oversight Capacity Screener

B. Ben Pape, Chief Financial Officer presented:

1. Tax Collection Report - August 2024
2. 2016 Bond Program and Facilities Construction Update
3. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of August 31, 2024
4. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary - August 2024
5. Annual Report of the District's Cooperative Purchasing Program Management Fees for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Norma Hernandez, President

ATTEST:



Linda Clark Sherrard, Secretary