



# Galena Park ISD

## School Safety and Security Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 01.17.2024

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### Attendees

Dr. John Moore, *GPISD Superintendent*  
Bryan Clements, *GPISD Exec. Director for Security & Technology/Chief of Police*  
Brian Allen, *GPISD Senior Director for Security & Emergency Management*  
Janet Ramirez, *Secretary, GPISD Senior Director for Security & Emergency Management*  
Robert Duffy, *Lieutenant, Harris County Pct. 3 Constable's Office*  
Ken Jones, *Sergeant, Harris County Pct. 3 Constable's Office*  
Daniel Lopez, *Sergeant, Harris County Pct. 3 Constable's Office*  
Mark McGinnis, *Lieutenant, Harris County Pct. 2 Constable's Office*  
Linda Sherrard, *GPISD Board Member*  
Harold "Sonny" Fletcher, *GPISD Senior Director for Facility Planning and Construction*  
Angelica Cuellar, *Assistant Principal, Pyburn Elementary*  
Henry Bonaparte, *Captain, Galena Park PD*  
Michael Wilson, *Assistant Chief, Galena Park PD*  
Ida Rocha, *Parent & Volunteer for GPISD*

The second meeting of the 2023-2024 school year was called to order by Bryan Clements at 8:30 AM at the Galena Park ISD (GPISD) Administration Building in Q107, Boardroom.

This meeting is mandated by *Texas Education Code 37.109. (a) In accordance with guidelines established by the Texas School Safety Center, each school district shall establish a school safety and security committee.*

Welcome, and introductions followed.

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## Minutes


1. **WELCOME** – Bryan Clements opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and introduced himself, and Superintendent Dr. John Moore. Dr. Moore thanked and welcomed everyone for attending the meeting and briefly spoke about the weather conditions that the community was experiencing and how the decision was made to not delay school starts for the day.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**- There were no public comments.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL MINUTES OF MEETING**- Henry Bonaparte motioned to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. **HOUSE BILL 3**- Requires that there be an armed presence on every school district's campus. The Board of Trustees of each school district shall determine the appropriate number of armed presence for each district campus. Before HB3 became law, the GPISD Board of Trustees said they wanted an armed police officer at every campus in the district. GPISD has a full time police officer that is assigned to a campus and each of the district's daycare centers. In addition we have our supervisors, K-9 and roving officers. GPISD spends about \$4,500,000 a year for our deputy contracts. Other districts in the area are using the guardian program or Level 3 security guards and some are hiring their own and providing their own training.
5. **SILENT PANIC ALARM TECHNOLOGY (SPAT)**- Every school district is required to have Silent Panic Alarm Technology (SPAT). GPISD has chosen to go with CatapultEMS, based out of California. CatapultEMS is a system where a teacher or an administrator can use a phone, desktop, or any internet-connected device to send out an alert about an intruder on campus, fire, or other emergency. GPISD received a grant for \$47,000 to implement CatapultEMS. GPISD is requiring campuses to utilize CatapultEMS to initiate their spring semester drills.
6. **2022-2025 SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS GRANT**- GPISD was awarded \$954,208 for the School Safety Standard Grant. The safety film around the entrances with glass doors will be the top priority of this grant. Safety film is not bulletproof, but it keeps the glass from shattering and falling out, and allowing entry. The grant states that glass behind fencing that is at least six feet tall and meeting other requirements does not need safety film. The project has already been reviewed by GPISD, submitted for bid, and received approval from the Board. The project's total cost for

the entire district is just under five hundred thousand dollars. The committee will discuss how to increase safety in the district using the remaining money. Money can be used on fencing, exterior doors, vestibules, glass doors not in a secure area, and ground exterior windows. Once we have met the minimum requirement of securing the glass, we have options on what we can do with the remaining money. Security cameras, replacement of old security cameras and equipment, communication systems, district peace officers, active shooter training, emergency response training, and prevention identification are allowable with the remainder of the money.

Bryan Clements spoke about the things that GPISD would like to spend the additional money on, like artificial intelligence cameras. And all the features that can be used and how it can be beneficial to have this technology in the district.

Assistant Chief Michael Wilson stated that GPISD should not put the money towards one specific thing but to try to incorporate the money in different areas across the district. Sonny Fletcher mentioned the campus security audits, he used Cloverleaf Elementary as an example for its fencing and automated gates. Bryan Clements stated that Cloverleaf can become the model of what we can look at looking forward in the district to add the additional layers of security. GPISD Board Member, Linda Sherrad questioned the automated gates that are currently in the district, how they are used and how visitors are let in. She also questioned how many we currently have in the district, The cost of each automated gate and the maintenance that occurs was also discussed by Dr. Moore and Brian Allen. Sergeant Daniel Lopez discussed that the money should be split in two different categories, external and internal security. He used neighboring school districts that he has visited like CE King High School with the feature that every student that walks in gets scanned in and he feels it could be something that would help our district.

7. **Emergency Operations Plan- Texas School Safety Center (TXSSC)-** Brian Allen submitted the district's Emergency Operations plan in September to Texas School Safety Center and it was approved.
8. **Intruder Detection Audits-** TEA and Region IV have begun their audits, GPISD has had ten intruder audits they have all passed. The goal for the auditor is to check a minimum of three exterior doors and then turn themselves into the front office. Then they are asked to sign in, provide a Texas driver's license, raptored in and receive a visitors badge. They then go into the building and continue to check exterior doors and check a minimum of eight interior doors to make sure those students occupied in those classrooms that the doors are not unlocked. GPISD



continues to use Danny Hyden for internal audits, to help us prepare for these state audits.

9. **MEMBER OBSERVATIONS, CONCERNS & EXPECTATIONS**- No comments made.
10. **UPCOMING EVENTS**- The next School Safety & Security Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 8:30 AM.
11. **ADJOURN**- Bryan Clements thanked everyone for their support and collaboration in helping GPISD keep our schools and communities safe and secure. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully,

Janet Ramirez

Secretary to Brian K. Allen, Senior Director for Security & Emergency Management