

GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 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, February 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, Herbert Alexander Sanchez, and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes.

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Garza called the meeting to order. Ramon Garza opened the meeting with a prayer, Dr. John Moore presented the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

AUDIENCE ITEMS: There were no audience items.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore recognized the following:

A. Business Partner:

1. Galena Park I.S.D. will recognize High Performance Identity (HPI) for their donation of face masks.

BOARD COMMENTS: Wanda Heath Johnson, wished a Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

REPORTS: Mr. Garza introduced Harold "Sonny" Fletcher III, Senior Director for Facility Planning and Construction, who provided a 2016 Bond Program construction update. Mr. Garza thanked Harold "Sonny" Fletcher and queried the board for any questions they might have. Mr. Garza asked, what was the status on the back street behind Jacinto City Elementary? Mr. Fletcher replied, that the back street and the paving were being wrapped up. The sidewalk is going in, as soon as that's wrapped up, the contractors have to strip through there and do the asphalt and then they should be in really good shape in that back street, and then we'll only need a little cleanup. Then we'll sit down with the city, there's some other spots on that road that would definitely be appropriate to talk to the city about. Mr. Garza commented with, I know there was already some repairs and patches back there. I just wasn't sure what was going to happen, and I had some people asking me, so I told them I would find out. Mr. Fletcher replied with, more patches and repairs are to come, and then from the cities perspective, he thinks they've put off patching's and repairs because they ran a new waterline through there. They put off their patching and repairing until we were completely done back there with our heavy trucks and heavy deliveries. He stated that it should be done in the next few months.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the superintendent to write a letter to state officials requesting STAAR/EOC be waived until the pandemic is over.

A motion was made by Wanda Heath Johnson and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve the superintendent to write a letter to state officials requesting STAAR/EOC be waived until the pandemic is over 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 calling for an election to be held in the Galena Park Independent School District on May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing two (2) Trustees to the Board for regular terms for the following positions: Position 1 and Position 2.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Jeff Miller to approve the Order of Election calling for an election to be held in the Galena Park Independent School District on May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing two (2) Trustees to the Board for regular terms for the following positions: Position 1 and Position 2 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 resolution as presented regarding compensation and grading practices and delegate to the Superintendent the authority to establish one-time payment amounts and substitute pay rates for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

A motion was made by Wanda Heath Johnson and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve the resolution regarding compensation and grading practices and delegate to the Superintendent the authority to establish one-time payment amounts and substitute pay rates for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year 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 Workshop and Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 11, 2021.
2. Consider approval of the academic calendar for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Wanda Heath Johnson 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 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 Interlocal Agreement with Harris County to facilitate the donation of a batting cage for the North Shore Senior High School baseball team to be utilized for pre-game batting practice.
2. Consider approval for the renewal of RFP 18-017 Medicaid & Student and Health Related Billing Services for the period of March 11, 2021 through March 10, 2022, with Houston Independent School District's Medicaid Finance & Consulting Services with the option to renew for one additional one-year period.
3. Consider acceptance of the donation from Mr. Bob Leppke in the amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of equipment for the North Shore Senior High School football program.
4. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendment for the month of January 2021.
5. Consider approval of the purchase of Character Strong Curriculum Product that supports student social emotional learning via Spring Branch ISD RFP #13584 Addendum1 valid February 10, 2021, through January 31, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Norma Hernandez 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 December 31 for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
2. Quarterly Investment Report for the Period of September 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020
3. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of December 31, 2020

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

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes from December 2020
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary for December 2020
3. GPISD Education Foundation Audit Report

At 6:18 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.

At 6:29 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 Heath 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 6:30 p.m.


Ramon Garza, President

ATTEST:


Adrian Stephens, Secretary