

**Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees - 5:30 PM  
Monday, February 8, 2021  
Location of Meeting: North Ave Intermediate,  
1032 St Joseph St,  
Gonzales, Texas 78629**

***VISION***

*Excellence for All*

***MISSION***

*Gonzales Independent School District is committed to a spirit of excellence in caring service and partnerships that equip students for continuous learning supporting resilience in achieving personal aspiration, and compassionate and dynamic citizenship in an ever changing world.*

NOTE: Any of these items, where appropriate, may become an action at Board discretion. The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows: (Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.)

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If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.

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For the Board of Trustees



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**SUBJECT:** Public Comments

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

The next item on the agenda is public comment. Before we begin, I will remind our audience members of the Board's procedures for handling public comment. The public comment portion of our meeting is available to members of the public who wish to address a meeting item on tonight's agenda or other matter pertaining to Gonzales ISD.

Anyone who wants to speak during public comment must sign in before the start of the meeting and list the agenda item they want to discuss. Each public comment speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to address the Board. If necessary for effective meeting management, or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, we may shorten the time for each individual wishing to present comments. The public comment portion of the meeting will allow all speakers who have signed up before the start of the meeting to address the Board regarding an item on tonight's agenda. Persons requiring a translator will be given additional time.

Please keep your comments or criticisms civil and courteous. Please also avoid using profanity during your opportunity to speak. Last, we ask that you not discuss students who are not your child.

If a speaker is seeking Board resolution of a specific complaint, that concern should be addressed through the District's grievance process. District policy DGBA has been established for addressing employee complaints, policy FNG is the avenue for filing parent complaints, and policy GF address community member complaints. Grievance forms can be obtained at any campus administration office, or in the central administration offices.

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## RECOGNITION

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** John Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools,  
and Robin Trojcek, Public Relations Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Recognitions are as follows:

Recognition of Gonzales Noon Lions Club for generously contributing hygiene products to students and families in need. The Lions Club Foundation is also being recognized for pledging to provide up to \$500 to a family, in danger of homelessness, on an as-needed basis. Both the Lions Club and the Lions Club Foundation's commitment to serving others has been and will continue to be a blessing to others throughout our community.

Recognition of the local Ministerial Alliance group for their support. They provide partnerships and serve the local communities as needed.

The National School Counselor Association designates the first week of February (February 1-5, 2021) as National School Counseling Week. GISD recognizes the hard work and dedication our counselors provide for our students, families, and our staff in helping others achieve success.

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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider action to approve the Consent Agenda

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** John Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools  
and Amanda Smith, CFO

### **RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

**Meeting Minutes:** On the pages that follow, you will find minutes for the January 11, 2021, Regular Board Meeting.

**B. Budget Amendments:** On the pages that follow, you will find the most recent budget amendments. Budget amendments are required when funds are transferred between funds and functions, or when there is an increase or decrease in revenue. Transfers of more than 10% of the total budget within a fund or function require Board approval.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

**MOTION:** *I move that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented.*

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**Minutes**  
**Monday, January 11, 2021**  
**Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Location of Meeting: North Ave Intermediate Campus, Band Hall Gonzales Texas 78629**

**Board Members Present:** Glenn Menking, President  
Gloria Torres, Vice President  
Sandra Gorden  
Sue Gottwald  
Ross Hendershot, III  
Justin Schwausch

**Board Member Absent:** Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary, joined thru zoom at 5:46 pm

**Item #1. Call to Order**

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Monday, January 11, 2021, at the North Ave. Intermediate Campus, Band Hall, Gonzales, Texas. President, Glenn Menking called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

A quorum was declared with six members present with Ms. Smith-Wright joining the group at 5:46 pm thru zoom then declaring seven members present.

**Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement**

Justin Schwausch gave the Invocation, Gloria Torres led the Pledge to the Flag, and Ross Hendershot, III read the Mission Statement.

**Item #2 Public Comments: None**

**Item #3: Recognitions.**

Superintendent John Schumacher asked Ms. Robin Trojcek to present the recognitions for the month. Ms. Trojcek recognized the School Board for School Board Recognition Month. The board received small tokens of appreciation from each campus and Ms. Trojcek presented the board with a certificate of recognition, which included the years of service for each board member.

**Item #4: New Business/Action Items**

A. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Consent Agenda

1. Minutes: December 7, 2020
2. Budget Amendments:

Ms. Ashley Wilke, Business Manager shared information regarding the Budget Amendments that were presented.

There were no comments or questions.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second by Justin Schwausch, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

B. Discuss and Consider action to The TASB Board Policy Update 116, affecting GISD local policies.

Mr. John Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, informed the board of the policy changes provided by TASB. The board also received overview information concerning these proposed policy revisions with explanatory notes, vantage points and, other material explaining revisions, deletions or, additions.

Ross Hendershot, III made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to add, revise or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service for Update 116, as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

C. Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Order and Notice of Election for Gonzales ISD School Board District 4 and District 7.

Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, explained to the board that the term of office for Josie Smith-Wright, District 4 and, Sandra Gorden, District 7 will expire in May 2021 and as a result, it is time to call these elections.

There were no questions or comments.

Justin Schwausch made the motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the Order and Notice of Election for GISD Single Member District 4 and District 7, as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

D. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Early Voting Clerk & Deputies for Gonzales ISD School Board Election District 4 and 7.

Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, shared a proposed list with the names of the recommended early voting clerk and deputy early voting clerks for the trustee election to be held on May 1, 2021.

There were no questions and comments.

Justin Schwausch made the motion, with a second from Ross Hendershot, III, to approve the early voting clerk and deputies for the GISD Single Member Districts 4 and District 7 school trustee election as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

E. Discuss and Consider action to approve the Gonzales ISD House Bill 3 Board Goals for Literacy, Math, and College Career Military Readiness (CCMR)

Mr. Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Ms. Amanda Fullilove, Tessa Cain, Melissa Skinner and, Mr. Garza to explain the GISD House Bill 3 plan to the board. A PowerPoint presentation with additional material was shared with the board to explain the plans for GISD HB 3.

After some questions were addressed and comments were made a motion was made.

Sue Gottwald made a motion, with a second from Gloria Torres, to approve the Gonzales ISD House Bill 3 Board Goals for Literacy, Math, and College Career Military Readiness. The motion carried 7/0

**Item#5 Reports:**

A. Financial Report

Ashley Wilke, Business Manager, shared the financial report with the Board. Ms. Wilke spoke on several items consisting of (1) Financial Highlights, and (2) COVID 19 Funding, & Quarterly Report. There were no questions or comments.

B. Update on Annual Financial & Compliance Report

Ms. Wilke informed the board of two minor changes to Exhibit K-1. The changes were in the wording of an item.

No questions or comments.

C. Superintendents Report

Reports shared by the Superintendent are as follows:

Dr. Fairchild informed the board that the district would be soliciting bids for Chrome Books. It was determined that the cost would be under \$70,000.00, and the cost has been budgeted.

A. Student Enrollment and Attendance Update

B. Campus Updates:

No Comments or questions

**Item#6 Board Business**

Board Correspondence: Thank you Cards received from Peggy Janota for the plant she received for the loss of a parent.

Dates of Interest

Jan. 4, 2021	Staff Development/Student Holiday
Jan 5, 2021	Beginning of 4 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks-Students Return to School
Jan. 18, 2021	Staff/Student Holiday: Martin Luther King
Jan. 11, 2021	Regular Board Meeting (had been left out of calendar)

**Item #7 Personnel Matters, Section 551.074, Property Matters: Section 551.072, Security Matters: Section 551.076**

The Board adjourned into closed session at 6:01 P.M. for personnel matters and returned to open session at 6:58 P.M.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second by Sandra Gorden, to accept the Superintendents' Evaluation performed. The motion carried 7/0.

Glenn Menking made a motion, with a second by Justin Schwausch, to approve to extend the superintendent's contract for one additional year, ending January 2024. The contract will remain a 3-year contract. The motion carried 7/0.

**Item #8 Adjourn**

Ross Hendershot, III made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Justin Schwausch. The motion carried 7/0. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Purchase of Chromebooks and Budget Amendment

**ADMINISTRATORS RESPONSIBLE:** Dr. Renee Fairchild, CTO; Amanda Smith, CFO

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** This action item has two parts:

1. Purchase 200 Chromebooks planned for and included in original budget. These Chromebooks are intended to be given to teachers (their laptops are at end of life). These Chromebooks would allow for teacher/student interactions and applications to be congruent when working both synchronously and asynchronously.
2. The district has an opportunity to purchase additional Chromebooks for our Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. This purchase will benefit the district in many ways including, but not limited to supporting preparation for online testing (currently slated to become mandatory in the 2022-23 school year) and remote learning. This purchase would accelerate the timeline for deploying Chromebooks to these grade levels and is recommended for several reasons including delays in the supply chain and limitations of the iPads the students currently are using.

Administration will present the benefits of these purchases as well as the financial implications.

Per board policy CH (Local), the board alone has the authority to approve any single expenditure over the amount of \$75,000.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the purchase

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the board approve the purchase of 200 Chromebooks from Troxell Communications and the purchase of an additional 800 Chromebooks and the budget amendment for the latter purchase, as presented."*

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