

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the George West Independent School District will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the George West ISD High School Student Activity Center, 1013 Houston St., George West, and Texas 78022.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Declare Quorum Present

Jimmy Orr, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and established a quorum was present. Board members present were James L. Orr, Scott L. Carroll, Mackey Alvarez, John Campos, Booky Goebel, Kathy Likens and Riley Rhodes.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Carroll gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Recognitions

Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Top 10% Students were recognized at this board meeting for their accomplishments.

4. Election Matters Relating to School Trustees Single-Member Districts No. 1 (unexpired term), No. 3 and No. 6 (Quesada)

- Issue Certificates of Election
- Execute Statements of Elected Officer
- Administer Oaths of Office

Mr. Campos, Mr. Goebel and Ms. Likens were installed as GWISD School Board Members.

5. Reorganization of Board Officers (Orr)

The Board reorganized and the Board Officers are as follows:

President – Jimmy Orr

Vice President – Scott Carroll

Secretary – Magdalena Alvarez

Assistant Secretary – Kathy Likens

Mr. Rhodes moved to approve by acclamation the officers as listed. Mrs. Likens seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0

6. Consent Agenda: The Board Agrees to Consider the Following Item(s) as One Action Item

- a. Discuss and Consider Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): (Orr)
- Regular Meeting – April 21, 2021
 - Special Called Meeting – April 30, 2021
 - Consider and Approve Budget Amendments and Transfers (Peck)

Mr. Carroll moved to Approve the Consent Agenda Items as recommended by Superintendent Quesada. Ms. Alvarez seconded the motion, and the motion carried 7-0.

No Budget Amendments and Transfers were presented

7. Public Comment

Bobby Nicolson thanked the Board for hiring him as the Athletic Director

8. Regular Business Action Items:

No Action Items

9. Reports/Discussion and Information Items:

- a. Report, Discussion and Consultation with Stakeholders on the Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds Grant (ESSER III) (Quesada)

Dr. Quesada gave a report, discussed and consulted with Stakeholders on the on Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds Grant (ESSERIII)

Discussion ensued: Board Members suggested Junior High and Primary windows. Air purification in the buildings, roof repair for buildings (Jr. Hi, Primary), technology updates and improvement. Continue campus repaired.

b. Report on Graduation Plan: Friday, May 28, 2021 (Quesada/Beverly)

Ms. Beverly gave a brief description on the graduation plans for Friday, May 28, 2021

c. Monthly Financial and Investment Reports (Peck)

Ms. Peck reported on the Financial and Investment Reports.

d. Discuss and Set Date/Time for June Board Meeting (Quesada)

Board Members discussed and set a date and time for the next Board Meeting as Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the George West ISD Board Room.

10. Superintendent's Comments

- Good news, the District pursued 2 Career and Technology Grants and have been awarded. CTE Summer Grant (\$50,000) will be shared with Skidmore and Three Rivers, PTECH Planning Grant (\$100,000) for early college career
- Supt. Student Ambassador was reactivated this month to jump start for new year. Three students from each grade 9,10, & 11 were selected. Their role is to provide feedback on topics such as academics, student leadership, student involvement and other areas that will help advance the goals of the district.
- End of year breakfast for May 28, 2021 for all employees at 8:30 a.m. Presentation for the staff, Board members are invited to attend.
- CIS and Coastal Bend Food Bank will soon start a food pantry. Planning is still in the works. CIS will head up the project for the low income and provide resources to the families
- Vaccine clinic was held on May 18 at the JR. High Library. 10 employees showed up for the first dose.
- Dr. Quesada expressed our condolences to Rosemary Liska who recently lost her husband to cancer.

11. Closed Session As Authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551:

- a. 551.074 – *Considering the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee or to Hear a Complaint Against a Public Officer or Employee*
- (1) Discuss Superintendent's Recommendation on Employment of Personnel
 - (2) Discuss Duties of Personnel
- b. 551.076 - *Considering the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices or a security audit.*
- (1) Discuss School Guardian Plan Resolutions and Other Related Matters

Ms. Likens moved and Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion to go into closed session. The motion carried 7-0. The Board convened into closed session at 6:42 p.m. as authorized by the Texas Government Section 551.074 (personnel).

Mr. Carroll moved to return to open session. Ms. Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The Board ended its closed session at 7:35 p.m.

12. Open Session Action, If Any, on Closed Session Deliberations

a. Consider Action on Employment of Personnel

Ms. Likens moved that the Board approve a one-year probationary contract for Edith Katzfey for the 2021-2022 school year as recommended by Dr. Quesada. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

b. Consider Action on School Guardian Plan Resolutions and Other Related Matters

Mr. Carroll moved that the Board approve the individuals as recommended by Dr. Roland Quesada, Superintendent, to serve as School Guardians. Mr. Goebel seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Carroll moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Mr. Campos seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

APPROVED:

Jimmy Orr, President

Magdalena Alvarez, Secretary