

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the George West Independent School District was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the George West Independent School District High School Student Activity Center, 1013 Houston St., George West, and Texas 78022.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Declare Quorum Present

Jimmy L. Orr, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and established a quorum was present. Board members present were Cheri Dee Moore, Cosme S. Arciba, Scott L. Carroll, James L. Orr, Kathy Likens (arrived at 6:25 p.m.) and Riley Rhodes. Absent, Mackey Alvarez

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. 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):

- Regular Meeting – July 29, 2020
- Consider and Approve Resolution Requesting Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Bee County Extension Services
- Consider and Approve Budget Amendments and Transfers

Ms. Moore moved to approve the consent agenda items as recommended by Acting Superintendent Quesada. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

4.. Public Comment:

No public comment

5. Consider and Approve 2019-2020 Amended Budget

Mr. Carroll moved to Approve the 2019-2020 Amended Budget as recommended by Ms. Nita Peck. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

6. Conduct Public Hearing to Discuss 2020-2021 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

Ms. Peck discussed how the agency uses prior year property values in calculating each school district's local share of Foundation School Program (FSP) funding. Using school districts prior year property values does not fully reflect the property values decline that may be experienced by some school districts. When the agency calculates FSP payments during the fiscal year the agency is required to assume the same estimated property value increase in property values for all school districts. School districts with declining property values may experience significant underpayments creating what is called a funding lag. This funding lag may negatively impact cash flow and overall funding levels for some school districts. Ms. Peck also provided examples of how funding lag could affect George West ISD.

7. Consider and Adopt 2020-2021 Budget

Ms. Moore moved to Adopt the 2020-2021 Budget as recommended by Ms. Nita Peck. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

8. Regular Business Action Items:

a. Consider and Approve 2020-2021 Appraisal Calendars and Appraisers

Mr. Rhodes moved to Approve 2020-2021 Appraisal Calendars and Appraisers as presented by Acting Superintendent Quesada and Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

b. Consider and Approve Interlocal Agreement Between the George West Independent School District and The Pawnee Independent School District: Agreement for the Provision of the Service of a Special Education Diagnostician

Mr. Carroll moved to Approve Interlocal Agreement Between the George West Independent School District and The Pawnee Independent School District: Agreement for the Provision of the Service of a Special Education Diagnostician as presented by Acting Superintendent Quesada. Ms. Likens seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

- c. Consider approval for the 2020-2021 school year, to delegate contractual authority to obligate George West Independent School District under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, §49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

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9. Reports/Discussion and Information Items:

- a. Review 2020-2021 Student Handbooks

Ms. Lowe reviewed the 2020-2021 Student Handbooks for the campuses to the Board of Trustees.

- b. Review 2020-2021 Student Code of Conduct

Ms. Lowe reviewed the 2020-2021 Student Code of Conduct.

- c. Report on Facilities Construction Projects

Dr. Quesada reported on Facilities Construction Projects around the district.

- d. Monthly Financial and Investment Reports

Ms. Peck reported on the Monthly Financial and Investment Reports to the Board of Trustees.

- e. Discuss and Set Date/Time for September Regular Board Meeting

The Board set the next Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., location will be the High School Student Activity Center.

7. Superintendent's Comments

- Had a great start of the school year on August 13. Everyone knew their roles and followed procedures. Dr. Quesada thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication, and parents have been very supportive and understanding. Only concern are the sales of the game tickets. District is still working on the kinks.
- Enrollment counts are as follows: On campus Face to Face 724; Remote 309; Total students 1033; Last year 1117; Moved away 40; Home School 25 students
- Thank you to Valero for the furniture donated to the various campuses
- Welcomed and thanked Mr. Sparks for his consulting services and his expertise is very much appreciated.
- This week the Friday Night Football game vs West Oso and next week the game will be in town against Refugio.
- Cross Country Season kicks off next week.
- The Primary campus has set up a Culinary Kitchen thanks to the Education Foundation Grant program.
- Cover U Live will be posting games live on Facebook and will be looking for sponsorships to pay for the live posting.

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

- a. 551.072 - *Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property*

- (1) Discuss Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property

- b. 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

Mr. Carroll moved and Ms. Likens seconded the motion to go into closed session. The motion carried 6-0. The Board convened into closed session at 7:08 p.m. as authorized by the Texas Government Sections 551.072 and 551.074.

Ms. Moore moved to return to open meeting. Ms. Likens seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The Board ended its closed session at 8:29 p.m.

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

a. Consider Action on Employment of Personnel

No action taken.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Moore moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

APPROVED:

Jimmy Orr, President

Scott L. Carroll, Secretary