

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

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Wednesday, August 30, 2023

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, August 30, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the George West ISD Administration Building Boardroom, 913 Houston St., George West, and Texas 78022.

**1. Call Meeting to Order and Declare Quorum Present**

Mr. Scott Carroll, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and established a quorum was present. Board members present were Scott Carroll, Booky Goebel, Kathy Likens, John Campos, Clay Jostes, Maggie Minnick, and Marlin Williams.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Tim Turner was introduced to the Board as Employee of the Month for August.

**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): (Carroll)

- Regular Meeting – July 19, 2023
- Consider and Approve Resolution Requesting Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Live Oak County Extension Services (Quesada)

Mr. Goebel moved to Approve the Consent Agenda Items as recommended. Mr. Campos seconded the motion, and the motion carried 7-0.

**4. Public Comment**

No comments

**5. Consider and Approve Budget Amendments and Transfers (Sparks)**

Mrs. Likens moved to Approve the Budget Amendments and Transfers as recommended by Mr. Sparks. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**6. Consider and Approve 2022-2023 Amended Budget (Sparks)**

Mr. Goebel moved to Approve the 2022-2023 Amended Budget as recommended by Mr. Sparks. Mrs. Minnick seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**7. Consider and Approve Authorization for the End-of-Year Budget Amendments**

Mrs. Likens moved to Approve the Authorization for the End-of-Year Budget Amendments as recommended by Mr. Sparks. Mr. Campos seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**8. Conduct Public Hearing to Discuss 2023-2024 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate (Sparks)**

Public Hearing was called to order at 5:53 p.m. Discussion ensued regarding the 2023-2024 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. Public Hearing closed its session at 7:38 p.m.

**9. Consider and Adopt 2023-2024 Budget (Sparks)**

Mrs. Likens moved to Adopt the 2023-2024 Budget as recommended by Mr. Sparks. Mrs. Minnick seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**10. Consider and Adopt Tax Rate (Sparks)**

Mr. Jostes moved to Adopt the Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations tax rate at .73800 per \$100.00 and the Interest and Sinking fund at .21467 per \$100.00 for a total of .95267 as recommended by Mr. Sparks. Mr. Campos seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**11. Regular Business Action Items:**

a. Consider and Approve 2023-2024 Appraisal Calendars and Appraisers (Quesada)

Mr. Goebel moved to Approve the 2023-2024 Appraisal Calendar and Appraisers as recommended by Superintendent Quesada. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

- b. Consider approval for the 2023-2024 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). (Quesada/Sparks)

Mrs. Likens moved to Approve the 2023-2024 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) as presented by Dr. Quesada and Mr. Sparks. Mr. Campos seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

- c. Consider and Approve Staff Development Waivers for the 2023-2024 School Year. (Quesada)  
Mrs. Likens moved to Approve the Staff Development Waivers for the 2023-2024 School Year as recommended by Superintendent Quesada. Mr. Campos seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.
- d. Consider and Approve the 2023-2024 Education Service Center, Region 2 Programs and Services Contract (Quesada)  
Mr. Goebel moved to Approve the 2023-2024 Education Service Center, Region 2 Programs and Services Contract as recommended by Dr. Quesada. Mr. Campos seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**12. Reports/Discussion and Information Items:**

- a. Athletics Update (Bennett)  
Mr. Bennett reported on the latest updates with the Athletics Department.
- b. Report and Discuss the District's Property Values and Funding Log (Sparks)  
Mr. Sparks reported on the District's Property Values and Funding Log.
- c. Monthly Financial and Investment Reports (Sparks)  
Mr. Sparks reviewed the Monthly Financial and Investment Reports
- d. Discuss and Set Date/Time for September Board Meetings (Quesada)  
Next Board meeting is set for September 20, 2023 in the Administration Building Boardroom starting at 5:30 p.m.

**13. Superintendent's Comments**

- We want to thank our parents and staff and students for a great opening to the school year.
- We would like to express our sincere thanks to Live Oak Outreach who provided our teachers with Sonic Cards this year. Live Oak Outreach provides resources for those in need in our community. They provide clothing, food, and other resources.
- We were very fortunate to have George West Methodist and First Baptist Churches coordinate activities for our kids last Friday when we had no school.

**14. 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*  
Discuss items listed herein that may impact Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties,  
(1) Discipline or Dismissal of All Personnel

Mr. Goebel moved and Mrs. Likens seconded the motion to go into closed session. The motion carried 7-0. The Board convened into closed session at 8:26 p.m. as by the Texas Government Section 551.074 (personnel).

Mr. Goebel moved to return to open session. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The Board ended its closed session at 9:41 p.m.

**15. Open Session Action, If Any, on Closed Session Deliberations (Quesada)**

- a. Consider Action on Employment of Personnel  
No Action Taken

**16. Adjournment**

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Mr. Jostes seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

APPROVED:

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Scott Carroll, President

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Kathy Likens, Secretary