

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**Wednesday, March 22, 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, March 22, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the George West ISD High School Student Activity 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 5:38 p.m. and established a quorum was present. Board members present were James L. Orr, Scott L. Carroll, Mackey Alvarez, John Campos, Kathy Likens, Booky Goebel, and Riley Rhodes.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Recognitions

Felix Duran was recognized as March Employee of the Month.

Kim Steelhammer, Jo Ann Arciba, Julie Edlin, Teri Rathke, Amanda Terry, Natalie Carroll, Glenda Locke, and Brandi McClendon were all recognized for being Teacher of the Year Nominees.

4. 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 – February 15, 2023
- Consider and Approve Budget Amendments and Transfers (Sparks)

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 Transfers or Amendments were submitted

5. Public Comment

Marlin Williams, Willie James, Mitchell Williams, and Cosme Arciba all commented on the Modified Instructional Week.

6. Regular Business Action Items:

a. Consider and Approve Resolution to update Authorized Signers on Tex Pool Investment Accounts (Sparks)

Mr. Carroll moved to Approve the Resolution to update Authorized Signers on Tex Pool Investment Accounts as recommended by Mr. Sparks. Mrs. Likens seconded the motion, and the motion carried 7-0.

b. Consider and Approve Election Lease Agreement Between George West ISD and Live Oak County (Quesada)

Mrs. Likens moved to Approve the Election Lease Agreement Between George West ISD and Live Oak County. Mr. Goebel seconded the motion, and the motion carried 7-0.

c. Consider and Approve Attendance Waivers for Low Attendance Days (Quesada)

Ms. Alvarez moved to Approve Attendance Waivers for Low Attendance Days. Mr. Campos seconded the motion, and the motion carried 7-0.

d. Consider and Approve the Modified Instructional Week (Quesada)

Mr. Carroll moved to Approve the Modified Instructional Week as recommended by Dr. Quesada. Mr. Campos seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Orr, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Campos, Mrs. Likens, and Ms. Alvarez for and Mr. Goebel and Mr. Rhodes against.

e. Consider and Approve 2023-2024 School Year Calendar (Keach)

Mr. Carroll moved to Approve the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar as recommended by Ms. Keach. Mrs. Likens seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Orr, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Camps, Mrs. Likens, and Ms. Alvarez for and Mr. Goebel and Mr. Rhodes against.

7. Reports/Discussion and Information Items:

a. Monthly Financial and Investment Reports (Sparks)

Mr. Sparks reported on the monthly financial and investment report.

b. Discuss and Set Date/Time for April 2023 Board Meeting (Quesada)

Board Members discussed and set a date and time for the next Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the George West ISD High School Student Activity Center.

8. Superintendent's Comments

- We want to thank our Board members who attended the Library Reveal at the Primary. That project was well over \$150,000 and we are planning for the Elementary Library Reveal coming later this Spring.

9. 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 Employee Complaint/Grievance

(2) Discuss Superintendent's Recommendation on Contract Extension for Athletic Director

(3) Discuss Superintendent's Recommendation for Renewal and/or Non-renewal of Probationary Contracts, Dual-assignment Probationary Contracts and Non-certified Contracts at the End of the Contract Period

(4) Discuss Superintendent's Recommendation on Renewal and/or Proposed Non-renewal of Term Contracts and Dual-assignment Term Contracts

Ms. Alvarez moved and Mr. Carroll seconded the motion to go into closed session. The motion carried 7-0. The Board convened into closed session at 6:56 p.m. as by the Texas Government Section 551.074 (personnel).

Mr. Goebel moved to return to open session. Ms. Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The Board ended its closed session at 9:15 p.m.

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

a. Consider Action on Contract Extensions for Athletic Director

Mr. Campos moved to approve contract extension for Brent Bennett as recommended by Dr. Roland Quesada (contract for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

b. Consider Action on Renewal and/or Non-renewal of Probationary Contracts, Dual-assignment Probationary Contracts, Dual-assignment Probationary Contracts and Non-certified Contracts at the End of the Contract Period

Mr. Campos move to approve a contract renewal for Natalie Carroll for the 2023-2024 school year as presented and recommended by Dr. Quesada. Mrs. Likens seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0 with Mr. Carroll abstaining.

Ms. Alvarez moved to approve contract renewals for the 2023-2024 school year as presented and recommended by Dr. Roland Quesada. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

- d. Consider Action on Nonrenewal of Probationary Contracts, Dual-assignment Probationary Contracts and Non-certified Contracts at the End of the Contract Period and Proposed Non-renewal of Term Contracts and Dual-assignment Term Contracts

No Action Taken

11. Adjournment

Mr. Carroll moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m., Ms. Alvarez seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

APPROVED:

Jimmy Orr, President

Magdalena Alvarez, Secretary