

GORMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF GORMAN I.S.D. BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 9, 2020

Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Gorman ISD met in regular session in the Administrative Board Room, Gorman, Texas at 6:30 pm on November 9, 2020.

1) Establish Quorum and Call to Order

A quorum was present and Eldon Straw called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Joe Casey, Jerry Fronterhouse, Eldon Straw, Sara Overstreet, Jeff Wright, Kris Scitern, and Noah Landa

Members arriving late:

Members Absent:

Others present: Mike Winter, Terry Treadway, Fernando Sandoval, Karen Robinson and Leslie Randall.

2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Joe Casey gave the invocation.

3) Open Forum: All persons who address the board at this time must complete a registration form before the meeting begins

Leslie Randall - ESL Program

4) Consent Agenda - Action Items

Motion made by Joe Casey and second by Sara Overstreet to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 regular meeting as presented; to approve the payment of the November bills as presented and to approve the payment of the November payroll as presented.

Aye-7; No-0

Reports also given or presented to the Board as part of the consent agenda include:

Campus principal reports, Superintendent's report, Cash balance is \$3,179,877.87 and East End balance is \$482,728.01. Tax Office reports showing collections for October 2020 at 8.62% with M&O at \$106,259.79 and I&S at \$30,742.91, and District happenings.

5) Board Information Items

1. President's Report- Eldon Straw

The Board will have Human Trafficking training from 6-7:00 p.m. followed by a public meeting on December 14, 2020 to present the FIRST report for the district at 7:00 p.m. and the regular meeting will follow at 7:15 p.m.

6) Discuss and consider for approval the annual employee performance stipend for the month of December.

Motion made by Noah Landa and second by Sara Overstreet to approve the annual employee performance stipends for the month of December.

Aye-7; No-0

7) Discuss and consider an amendment to the Student Handbook.

Motion made by Kris Scitern and second by Jeff Wright to approve the proposed amendment to the current Student Handbook.

Aye-7; No-0

8) Discuss and approve filing a summer feeding waiver.

Motion made by Joe Casey and second by Noah Landa to file a summer feeding waiver with TDA, as Gorman ISD will not be providing meals for the summer.

Aye-7; No-0

9) Grow Your Own Teacher Grant approval.

Motion made by Jeff Wright and second by Sara Overstreet to approve participation in the Grow Your Own Teacher Grant through ESC 14.

Aye-7; No-0

10) KnowBe4 technology security training.

Packets were given to the Board from ESC 14 for them to read and complete the required training.

11) Canvass the votes for the November 3, 2020 Board of Trustee election.

Motion made by Joe Casey and second by Kris Scitern to accept the election results as presented by the Eastland County and Comanche County election administrators.

Aye-7; No-0

Entered closed session: 7:06 p.m.

12) Consider personnel needs of the district and take action if necessary (Gov't Code §551.074)

Reconvened into open session: 7:58

Motion made by Jerry Fronterhouse and second by Joe Casey to offer Forrest Adams a 10 month probationary contract.

Aye-7; No-0

Motion made by Jeff Wright and second by Noah Landa to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and that the Board made the following finding:

1. good cause did not exist under Texas Education Code section 21.105(c)(2) for William Higgins' resignation of his probationary contract for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. the Administration and Board did not consent to his resignation; and
3. Mr. Higgins has failed to perform his contract.

Aye-7; No-0

13) Adjourn

Eldon Straw declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

President _____

Date _____

Secretary _____