

**Budget Adoption**  
**Of the Board of Trustees - 7:00 PM**  
**Monday, August 23, 2021**  
**Location of Meeting: East Avenue Campus-Cafeteria**  
**1615 St Louis St.**  
**Gonzales, Texas 78629**

*Gonzales Independent School District is committed to a spirit of excellence in caring service and partnerships that equip students for continuous learning supporting resilience in achieving personal aspiration, and compassionate and dynamic citizenship in an ever changing world.*

NOTE: Any of these items, where appropriate, may become an action at Board discretion. The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows: (Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.)

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If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
For the Board of Trustees



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**SUBJECT:** Public Comments

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

The Board encourages comments from citizens at its regular meetings. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the form provided prior to the beginning of the meeting and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak.

Comments are limited to 5 minutes, and the Board will keep the time and inform you when your time has expired. The comments must:

1. Pertain to the operation of the Gonzales Independent School District;
2. Refrain from using the public comment to make specific comments or complaints about employees or officers of the District; GISD has grievance policies to address specific complaints;
3. Refrain from utilizing public comment to make specific comments or complaints about specific students or student incidents; GISD has grievance policies to address specific complaints;
4. Display civility, decorum, and respect for others.

The Board may not discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted on our agenda. If an issue mentioned is listed on tonight's agenda, the Board will defer the discussion until the appropriate time during the meeting. If a presenter does not adhere to these requirements, the Presiding Officer may end the opportunity for the presenter to continue addressing the Board.

The Board has adopted complaint policies that are designed to secure, at the lowest administrative level, a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints and concerns. Complaints brought by students or their parents may be heard in accordance with policies FNG (LEGAL) and FNG (LOCAL); by employees, in accordance with policies DGBA (LEGAL) and DGBA (LOCAL); and by citizens, in accordance with policies GF (LEGAL) and GF (LOCAL). Each of these processes provides that, if a resolution cannot be achieved administratively, the person may appeal the administrative decision to the Board as a properly posted agenda item.

Copies of our District policies on public participation in meetings and filing complaints are available at the GISD Central Administrative Office Building.

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**ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider action to approve the Consent Agenda

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** John Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

**Meeting Minutes:** No Minutes were presented

**B. Budget Amendments:** On the pages that follow, you will find the most recent budget amendments. Budget amendments are required when funds are transferred between funds and functions, or when there is an increase or decrease in revenue. Transfers of more than 10% of the total budget within a fund or function require Board approval.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

**MOTION:** *I move that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented.*

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**ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Approval of Delegate/Delegate Alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** John Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The annual Texas Association of School Boards' Delegate Assembly, held in conjunction with the TASA/TASB Convention is the foundation of the Association's governance structure and provides critical direction as the Association represents members' interests before state and national policy makers. Each member school district is asked to name a delegate and delegate alternate through school board action. The delegate(s) will represent the views of the school board at the delegate assembly.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

**MOTION:** *I move that the board accept ( \_\_\_\_\_ name) as the Delegate and ( \_\_\_\_\_ name) as the Delegate Alternate to the 2021-2022 TASB Delegate Assembly.*

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# Official Delegate Designation Form

**Please note:**

- Only board members of TASB Active Members (public school districts and ESCs) may serve as delegates or alternates.
- TASB Directors and the four Legislative Advisory Council (LAC) members serving on the TASB Legislative Committee are delegates by virtue of their positions. If one of your board members is also a TASB Director or one of the four LAC representatives, do not designate this member; he or she will already be participating as a voting delegate in the Assembly.
- If you are designating an individual newly elected to your board, please update your district's membership information in myTASB. The update form is available under the Member Profile link (<https://www.tasb.org/apps/memberprofile/index.aspx>). If you have any questions about updating your membership information, contact Michael Pennant (contact information located at bottom of page).
- The Delegate Assembly Handbook will be distributed electronically at least 20 days prior to Delegate Assembly. Hard copies of the Handbook will be available on site. (Mailed copies will be available by request.)
- You also may submit your designation online. The online form is available in myTASB under the Member Profile link (<https://www.tasb.org/apps/memberprofile/index.aspx>).

Credentials (ribbon and button) will be mailed to delegates and alternates who are registered by August 26. After that date, credentials must be picked up on site at Delegate Assembly.

**Delegate:** \_\_\_\_\_

Board position: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if NOT the district address) for Delegate Assembly materials:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate:** \_\_\_\_\_

Board position: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if NOT the district address) for Delegate Assembly materials:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of school district:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County-district number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TASB (ESC) region number:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above persons were chosen by our board as our official voting delegate and alternate to the 2021 TASB Delegate Assembly scheduled for September 25 (as provided by the TASB Bylaws).

Board president: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return your board's designations online or to the address below by August 26, 2021, to receive Delegate Assembly credentials by mail. Delegates submitted after August 26 will need to pick up credentials (button and ribbon) on site.*

Texas Association of School Boards  
Attn: Michael Pennant  
Email: [membercommunications@tasb.org](mailto:membercommunications@tasb.org)  
Fax: 512.467.3554





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**ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Amendment to the Board Resolution for Creation of Pandemic Leave Allotment

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Haley Ratliff, Chief Human Resources Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Administration recommends the resolution be amended to clarify its effective date.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**SAMPLE MOTION:** *"I move that the board approve the amendment, as presented."*



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### **ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Adopt the 2021-22 Budget

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** Amanda Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** No later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, the Board must legally adopt the annual budgets for the General Fund (Fund 199), the Food Service Fund (Fund 240), and the Debt Service Fund (Fund 599). Each of the three budgets must be adopted separately.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve and adopt

### **SAMPLE MOTIONS:**

1. *"I move that the Board adopt the General Fund budget, as presented."*
2. *"I move that the Board adopt the Food Service Fund budget, as presented."*
3. *"I move that the Board adopt the Debt Service Fund budget, as presented."*



**GONZALES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2021 - 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET**

		<u>FUND 199</u>	<u>FUND 240</u>	<u>FUND 599</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
5700	Local Property Taxes	17,145,978		1,443,638
5700	Other Local Sources	516,002	109,000	1,015
5800	State Revenues	10,458,113	7,000	10,959
5900	Federal Sources	678,410	1,532,557	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>28,798,503</b>	<b>1,648,557</b>	<b>1,455,612</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
0011	Instruction	14,619,429		
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	141,888		
0013	Curriculum & Staff Development	666,192		
0021	Instructional Leadership	480,232		
0023	School Leadership	1,402,898		
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation	992,937		
0032	Social Work Services	172		
0033	Health Services	315,909		
0034	Student Transportation	1,250,698		
0035	Food Service		1,649,057	
0036	Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities	1,040,208		
0041	General Administration	1,899,852		
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	3,491,729		
0052	Security & Monitoring Services	263,310		
0053	Data Processing Services	1,002,974		
0061	Community Services	52,575		
0071	Debt Services	687,000		1,561,200
0081	Facilities Acquisition & Instruction	0		
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	490,000		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>28,798,003</b>	<b>1,649,057</b>	<b>1,561,200</b>
7915	Operational Transfer In		500	
8911	Operational Transfer Out	500		
<b>PROJECTED NET ACTIVITY</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (105,588)</b>

**Notes:**

*\*During the 86th Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 1495. This bill requires school districts to reflect in their proposed budget a line item specifically for expenditures for "directly or indirectly influencing or attempting to influence the outcome of legislation or administrative action". The estimated amount budgeted in 2021-22 is \$859.61 compared to \$1,009 estimated to have been expended in 2020-21.*

*\*\*Budget for statutorily required public notices is included in function code 41. This information is for reference only. During the 85th Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 622. SB 622 requires school districts to reflect in their proposed budget a line item specifically for expenditures to publish all statutorily required public notices in the newspaper by the school district or their representatives. The line item must include a clear comparison of the budgeted expenditures and the actual expenditures for the same purpose in the prior year, as required under Texas Local Government Code 140.0045. Those figures have been included below for reference.*

2021-22 Budget:	\$3,750.00
2020-21 Expenditures (at the time of budget adoption):	\$999.04
Increase (Decrease) from Prior Year:	g \$2,750.96



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**ACTION ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Ordinance to Set the Tax Rate for Tax Year 2021

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** The required notice was published in the newspaper on August 12, 2021.

The Tax Code requires the tax rate be set by an ordinance, resolution, or order. The ordinance must be read and a record vote recorded in the meeting minutes.

Because the proposed tax rate (\$1.0927) exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate (\$1.0731; new term for the effective tax rate), the Tax Code requires certain language be included in the motion and ordinance and at least 60 percent of the governing body must vote in favor of the ordinance. The required language for the motion has been included below.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve and adopt

**MOTION LANGUAGE REQUIRED PER THE TAX CODE:** *“I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.0927, which is effectively a 0.018 percent increase in the tax rate. This tax rate is comprised of \$1.0092 for the purpose of funding maintenance and operation expenditures and \$0.0835 to service the district’s debt.”*

**GONZALES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ORDINANCE TO SET TAX RATE  
(RESOLUTION)**

August 23, 2021

On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2021 at a total tax rate of \$1.0927, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$1.0092 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and

\$0.0835 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts;

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 0.018 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$19.60.**

IN CERTIFICATION THEREOF:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Trustees

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Trustees



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## REPORT ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Report Updates to the Gonzales ISD District Student Handbook for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** John Schumacher Superintendent of Schools, Sarah Gottwald, Director of Federal Programs & PEIMS

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:** Each year the district is provided with updates to the district student handbook to guide guidelines to support recent changes in legislation. Information will be shared concerning any change advisory to the GISD Student Handbook.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: NA**

**MOTION: N/A**

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**ACTION ITEM**  
**Personnel Matters Section 551.074/ Legal Matters Section: 551.071,**  
**Property Matters Section 551.072/Security Matters Section 551.076,**

**ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:** John Schumacher, Superintendent of Schools

**RATIONAL SUMMARY:**

Personal matters are as follows:

- A. Resignations
- B. New Positions
- C. New Hires
- D. Title Changes

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