

MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – GILA INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT #2

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
GIFT Office

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Mr. B.K. Merriman, President

Mr. Eddie Bowman, Member

Mrs. Christie Brown, Member

Mrs. Carbajal, Member

Mr. Mark Claridge, Member

Mrs. Tamara Melton, Member- Conf. Call

Mr. Clay Emery, Superintendent

Mrs. Brenda Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Kim Waters, Member

Public:

Mike Finch, Natalie Reynolds, Ed Taylor, Treisa Taylor, Larry Black, Treyvon Cheney,

Alana Castillo, Cameron Cosen, Navy Boone, Laura Victor, Jaysla Longstreet, Keeshia Stanley.

1. Adoption of the Agenda – The Governing Board reserves the right to reschedule, delete, or arrange items on the agenda, to efficiently conduct its business. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Claridge to adopt the agenda as presented by the administration. Motion seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried 6/0.**

Item #1				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters				X

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Mrs. Brown will abstain from voting on item #9

and item #11. Mrs. Carbajal will abstain from voting on item #7.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS

- 2. Superintendent’s Summary
Mr. Emery gave a brief report to the board members regarding 2024-2025 GIFT applications, enrollment numbers and GIFT Meet the Instructor night.

CONSENT AGENDA – Action

Approval of routine payroll and expense vouchers/routine matters.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2024, Regular meeting.
 Recommendation to approve/ratify financial matters.
 - A. Payroll and expense vouchers.
 - B. Cash balance reports.

Motion made by Mrs. Brown to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Carbajal. Motion carried 6/0.

Item #3				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters				X

LEGAL/FINANCIAL

New Business

- 4. Discussion and approval of purchase of livestock squeeze chute for Fort Thomas Unified Schools Agriscience Program. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Carbajal to approve \$5,500 for the purchase of livestock squeeze chute for Fort Thomas Unified Schools Agriscience Program. Amount to include concrete and supplies for concrete pad. Motion seconded by Mr. Bowman. Motion carried 6/0. See Board Packet.**

Item #4				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			

Kim Waters				X
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5. Discussion and approval of enclosure for aquaculture area of Fort Thomas Unified School Agriscience Program. **(Action) Motion made by Mr. Claridge to approve enclosure for aquaculture of Fort Thomas Unified School Agriscience Program. Motion seconded by Mr. Bowman. Motion carried 6/0. See Board Packet.**

Item #5				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters				X

6. Discussion and approval of update of alignment equipment and jack for Safford Unified Schools Autos Program. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Brown to approve \$42,000 for the update of alignment equipment and jack for Safford Unified School District to include money for tax and shipping. Motion seconded by Mr. Bowman. Motion carried 6/0. See Board Packet.**

Item #6				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters				X

7. Discussion and approval of purchase of classroom desks for Morenci Unified Schools/Central Campus distance learning classroom. **(Action) Motion made by Mr. Claridge to approve the purchase of classroom desks for Morenci Unified Schools/Central Campus distance learning classroom. Motion seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried 5/0. Mrs. Carbajal abstained from voting on item #7. See Board Packet.**

Item #7				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent

Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal			X	
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters				X

8. Discussion and approval of purchased services for CTSOs. **(Action)**
Motion made by Mr. Claridge to approve purchased services for CTSOs. Motion seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried 6/0. See Board Packet.

Item #8				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters				X

9. Discussion and approval of bid from CKC Construction and Materials for GIFT parking lot expansion. **(Action)**
Motion made by Mr. Claridge to approve bid from CKC Construction and Materials for GIFT parking lot expansion. Motion seconded by Mr. Bowman. Motion carried 5/0. Mrs. Brown abstained from voting on item #9. See Board Packet.

Item #9				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown			X	
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters				X

10. Discussion and approval of Diesel Mechanic program (Central Campus). **(Action)**
Motion made by Mrs. Carbajal to discuss and approve Diesel Mechanic

program. Motion seconded by Mr. Claridge. Motion carried 6/0.

Item #10				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters				X

11. Discussion and approval of bid for GIFT office expansion. **(Action) Motion made by Mr. Bowman to discuss and approve the bid for GIFT office expansion. Motion seconded by Mr. Claridge. Motion carried 5/0. Mrs. Brown abstained from voting on Item #11. See Board Packet.**

Item #11				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown			X	
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters				X

BUSINESS/PERSONNEL
New Business

12. Personnel – New Hire – approval of Natalie Reynolds – Career Coach/Instructor. **(Action) Motion made by Mr. Bowman to approve Natalie Reynolds as Career Coach/Instructor. Motion seconded by Mrs. Carbajal. Motion carried 6/0.**

Item #12				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			

B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters				X

13. Review/confirm board meeting schedule.
 Regular/Special Meetings for 2023-2024 School Year

- Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 6 pm at GIFT Office
- Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6 pm at GIFT Office
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 6:pm at GIFT Office

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Chairman Signature

Date