

MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – GILA INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT #2

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
GIFT Office

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Mr. B.K. Merriman, President
Mr. Eddie Bowman, Member
Mrs. Christie Brown, Member
Mrs. Sherry Carbajal, Member

Mr. Clay Emery, Superintendent
Mrs. Brenda Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Mr. Mark Claridge, Member
Mrs. Tamara Melton, Member
Mrs. Kim Waters, Member

Public:

Lisa Smith – DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, P.C.- viz ZOOM.

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. Carbajal to adopt the agenda as presented by the administration with the exception of adding Don Goodman’s name to public February 13, 2024, Board Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Bowman. Motion carried 4/0.**

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 – None

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, building remodel and the parking lot.

CONSENT AGENDA – Action

Approval of routine payroll and expense vouchers/routine matters.

3. Approval of Minutes of the February 13, 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 4/0.

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. Move to recess to executive session. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Carbajal to move into executive session at 6:12 pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Bowman. Motion carried 4/0.**

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

5. The Governing Board to meet in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (1)
 - a. A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (1)
-to discuss district salaries
 - b. A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (3)
- consultation with the attorney of the public body for legal advice regarding issues related to the superintendent’s contract and ARS 15-503(B).
All persons present are hereby reminded that it is unlawful to disclose or otherwise divulge to any person who is not now present, other than a current member of the Board, anything that has transpired or has been discussed during this executive session. To do so is a violation of A.R.S. § 38-431.03 A.2, A.3. unless pursuant to a specific statutory exception.
6. Reconvened in open session at 7:30 pm.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve district salaries and other compensation. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Brown to approve an increase of 10% to all district employees’ salaries, excluding the superintendent and to exclude other compensation. Motion seconded by Mrs. Carbajal. Motion carried 4/0.**

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 possible action to approve insurance for GIFT employees. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Carbajal to approve insurance for GIFT employees. Motion seconded by Mr. Bowman. Motion carried 4/0.**

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

BUSINESS/PERSONNEL
New Business

9. Review/confirm board meeting schedule.
Regular/Special Meetings for 2023-2024 School Year
 - Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6 pm at GIFT Office
 - Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 6 pm at GIFT Office
 - Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 6 pm at GIFT Office

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Chairman Signature

Date