

MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – GILA INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT #2

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

GIFT Office

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Mr. B.K. Merriman, President

Mrs. Christie Brown, Member

Mr. Eddie Bowman, Member

Mrs. Sherry Carbajal, Member

Mr. Mark Claridge, Member

Mrs. Tami Melton, Member

Mrs. Kim Waters, Member-Conference Call

Mr. Clay Emery, Superintendent

Mrs. Brenda Garcia, Administrative Assistant

1. Adoption of the Agenda – The Governing Board reserves the right to reschedule, delete, or rearrange items on the agenda, to efficiently conduct its business. **(Action)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Brown to adopt the agenda as presented by the administration. Motion seconded by Mrs. Carbajal. Motion carried 7/0.

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- Conference call	X			

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Lance Fite, Patty Whitmire, Makenna Tucker, Ashley McBride, Brooklyn Elms, Derek Castro, Josephina Short.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Mrs. Carbajal, abstained from voting on item #5.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS

2. Superintendent's Summary

Mr. Emery gave a brief report to the board members.

CONSENT AGENDA – Action

Approval of routine payroll and expense vouchers/routine matters.

3. Approval of Minutes of the February 8, 2022, regular meeting.
Recommendation to approve/ratify financial matters.
 - A. Payroll and expense vouchers.
 - B. Cash balance reports.

Motion made by Mrs. Carbajal to approve the consent agenda items as presented and to change Olga Carbajal to Olga Gomez on February 8, 2022, minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Claridge. Motion carried 7/0.

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- Conference call	X			

LEGAL/FINANCIAL

New Business

4. Board Training (Discussion Only) Training on Chapter 3 - The legal structure of Arizona.

5. Discussion and approval of proposed additional funding for new construction program at Morenci High School at \$15,000/year for FY2022 and FY2023. **(Action) Motion made by Mr. Bowman to approve the proposed additional funding for new construction program at Morenci High School at \$15,000/year for FY 2022 and FY 2023. Motion seconded by Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Carbajal abstained. Motion carried 6/0.**

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- Conference call	X			

6. Discussion of Salaries and Benefits for 2022-23 school year. **(Discussion Only) Mr. Emery gave summary about salaries and benefits.**

7. Move to recess to executive session. **(Action) Motion made by Mr. Claridge to move to executive session. Motion seconded by Mrs. Carbajal. Motion carried 7/0.**

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- Conference call	X			

8. The Governing Board to meet in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-1.03 (A) (1) to discuss district salaries. 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.

9. Reconvene in open session. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Melton to reconvene in open session. Motion seconded by Mr. Claridge. Motion carried 7/0.**

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- Conference call	X			

10. Discussion and possible action to approve district salaries. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Melton to increase Hourly Employee, Administrative Assistant to \$18.56 and Salaried Staff a 3% increase to the base with a 2% one-year inflation increase to be calculated from the new base and to be paid in two payments. Motion seconded by Mr. Claridge. Motion carried 7/0.**

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- Conference call	X			

11. Discussion and possible action to approve insurance for GIFT employees. **(Action)**
Motion made by Mr. Bowman to approve insurance for GIFT employees. Motion seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried 7/0.

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- Conference call	X			

12. Discussion and approval to select Valley Telecom Group as Internet Service provider. **(Action).**
Motion made by Mrs. Carbajal to approve Valley Telecom at 1 GB. Motion seconded by Mr. Claridge. Motion carried 7/0.

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- Conference call	X			

13. Legislative update. **(Discussion Only)**

BUSINESS/PERSONNEL

New Business

14. Review/confirm board meeting schedule.
Regular/Special Meetings for 2021-2022 School Year
- Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6 pm, Mount Graham High School
 - Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 6 pm, GIFT board room
 - Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 6 pm, GIFT board room

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Chairman Signature

Date