

STATE OF TEXAS λ

GILMER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT λ

COUNTY OF UPSHUR λ

The Board of Trustees of Gilmer Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, February 16, 2015, at 6:00 PM at the Gilmer High School Auditorium, 850 Buffalo, Gilmer, Texas.

Board members present:

Gloria King
Todd Tefteller
Diedra Camp
Kenny Southwell
Jeff Rash, presiding

absent:

Mark Skinner

Also present were Rick Albritton, Judy Moore, administrators and interested citizens

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Rash at 6:02 PM

INVOCATION: Ms. King

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Tefteller

PUBLIC HEARING ON BOND ELECTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF GILMER HIGH SCHOOL

19 people spoke during the hearing on the possible bond election for construction or renovation of Gilmer High School. The hearing closed at 6:46 PM.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM:

CONSIDER ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT ON MAY 9, 2015, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDER PERTAINING THERETO:

Based on the favorable input from the public and on the recommendation of the superintendent, the Board voted to call a bond election on Saturday, May 9, 2015, in the amount of \$28.5 million dollars for a 132,000 sq. ft. high school building. (Remarks were made by all Trustees concerning the need for a new high school.) After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Tefteller "TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,500,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, DEMOLITION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF". The motion was seconded by Mrs. King. Motion carried with 5 ayes and no noes.

Trustees voting aye:

Jeff Rash
Kenny Southwell
Gloria King
Diedra Camp
Todd Tefteller

Trustees voting no:

None

Trustee absent:

Mark Skinner

(The Board recessed for five minutes at 7:36 PM)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS (None)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting of the Board
- B. Financial and tax collection reports
- C. Budget amendments
- D. Quarterly Investment Report
- E. Amended Order of Election for Special Election for School Trustee
- F. Student transfer requests for 2014-2015

Motion was made by Mr. Tefteller and seconded by Mrs. King that the Board approve all consent agenda items by general consent action as recommended. (All item information on file) Motion carried with 5 ayes and no noes.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED WAIVERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016: Motion was made by Mr. Southwell and seconded by Ms. Camp that the Board approve the expedited state waivers for the 2015-2016 school year. These waivers are: the Staff Development Waiver, Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Staff Development Waiver; Early Release Waiver; Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System Waiver; and the Accelerated Instruction Waiver. (On file) Motion carried with 5 ayes and no noes.

CONSIDER OUT OF STATE TRIP FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND: Motion was made by Mr. Southwell and seconded by Mrs. King that the Board approve the out of state trip to New York City from June 6-11, 2015. (Info on file) Motion carried with 5 ayes and no noes.

CONSIDER OUT OF STATE TRIP FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM: Motion was made by Mr. Southwell and seconded by Ms. Camp that the Board approve the out of state trip for the high school drill team for a cruise on June 25-29, 2015. (On file) Motion carried with 4 ayes, no noes and 1 abstention. (Mr. Rash)

TASB BOARD POLICY UPDATE 101 ON FIRST READING: Motion was made by Mrs. King and seconded by Mr. Tefteller that the Board add, revise, or delete TASB-initiated (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 101 on first reading. Motion carried with 5 ayes and no noes.

STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED): The Board of Trustees entered Executive Session (Closed) according to TEC 551.074 on Monday, February 16, 2015, at 8:08 p.m. Executive Session (Closed) ended at 8:41 p.m., February 16, 2015 for consideration of the following:

- Consider personnel matters (appointments, leaves, reassignments, resignations, retirements, contract extensions)
- Superintendent evaluation
- Administrator contract extensions
- Consider land
- Resignation of athletic director

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION:

- Motion was made by Mr. Southwell and seconded by Ms. Camp to extend term contracts to administrative, teacher and professional support personnel as recommended by the superintendent. Motion carried with 5 ayes and no noes.

Contracts approved:

Adra Barnes	Anjohnna Canady	Beverly Grimes	Jeffrey Hamilton
Dawn Harris	Debra Holder	Hoby Holder	Lola Hollis
Russell Ivey	Wendi Jordan	Kathy Musick	Bobby Rice
Kim Kemp	Cari Traylor	Jeffrey Traylor	Gina Treadway
Gina Treadway	Gregory Watson	Kim Banuelos	Sigrid Yates

- Motion was made by Mr. Tefteller and seconded by Ms. Camp that the superintendent be allowed to accept the letter of resignation from the athletic director. Motion carried with 5 ayes and no noes.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mr. Southwell and seconded by Ms. Camp to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried with 5 ayes and no noes.

By: _____
Jeff Rash, Board President

By: _____
Gloria King, Secretary

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AN ORDER calling a bond election to be held in the Gilmer Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Gilmer Independent School District hereby finds that an election should be held to determine whether said governing body shall be authorized to issue bonds of said District in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GILMER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 9th day of May, 2015, in the Gilmer Independent School District, which date is seventy-one (71) or more days from the date of the adoption hereof, and is a uniform election date pursuant to Texas Election Code, Section 41.001, for the purpose of submitting the following measure:

"SHALL the Board of Trustees of the Gilmer Independent School District in Upshur and Camp Counties, Texas be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$28,500,000 for the construction, renovation, demolition, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District, including a new high school, and shall there be pledged and levied, assessed and collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds; said bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than thirty (30) years from their date, to be issued in one or more series at any price or prices, and to bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise and not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time of issuance of the bonds) as in its discretion the Board of Trustees shall determine?"

SECTION 2: The entire District shall constitute one election precinct for this election and Gilmer High School, 850 Buffalo, Gilmer, Texas is hereby designated the polling place. The persons hereby appointed to serve as the election officers at said polling place are as follows:

DEBBIE CANNON

PRESIDING JUDGE

SONYA BROOKS

ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE

Each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than four (4) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of the clerks.

On election day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

SECTION 3: Early voting shall be conducted at the School Administration Building, 500 South Trinity, Gilmer, Texas 75644 and Judy Moore is hereby appointed as early voting clerk and shall appoint and designate deputy clerks to assist with such early voting. Additionally, early voting shall also be conducted at the Upshur County Courthouse, Gilmer, Texas.

Early voting for this election shall begin on Monday, April 27, 2015 and end on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, on each day, except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays and the dates and hours designated for early voting by personal appearance at the above locations shall be as set forth below:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours</u>
April 27, 2015 through May 1, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
May 4, 2015 and May 5, 2015	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Additionally, temporary branch polling places for early voting shall be established at the locations on the dates and during the hours as identified in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Order for all purposes.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the following persons are appointed to the Early Voting Ballot Board for this election: Ruth Whiteside, Presiding Judge and Beth Camp, Assistant Presiding Judge.

SECTION 4: A voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Texas Election Code, as amended, is hereby adopted and approved for early voting by personal appearance and by mail and for election day voting.

Ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, and permit electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measures which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

"THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,500,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, DEMOLITION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

SECTION 5: All resident qualified electors of the District shall be permitted to vote at said election. This election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code, except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Education Code, and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 6: A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice shall be published at least one time not more than thirty (30) days or less than ten (10) days before the day of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Additionally, this notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to election day, (ii) at three public places in the District not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to election date, (iii) prominently on the District's Internet website during the twenty-one (21) days prior to election day, and (iii) in a prominent location at each polling place on the day of the election and during early voting.

SECTION 7: This Order hereby incorporates information provided by Upshur County and should such information change after the adoption of this Order, the Superintendent of Schools or other appropriate official, is hereby authorized to correct, modify or change the information in this Order and the attached Exhibits based upon the final locations, dates and times provided by Upshur County.

SECTION 8: In accordance with Texas Election Code, Section 3.009(b), the ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District for the 2014/2015 fiscal year is \$0.015 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation; the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the District's 2014/2015 fiscal year, totaled \$17,785,000 (unlimited tax obligations) and \$2,110,000 (maintenance tax obligations); and as of the beginning of the District's 2014/2015 fiscal year, the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations totaled \$6,417,232 (unlimited tax obligations) and \$469,250 (maintenance tax obligations). Based on the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum net effective interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 4.75%. Such estimated maximum rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold.

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EXHIBIT A
TEMPORARY POLLING PLACES FOR EARLY VOTING
Dates and Hours

Location

Gilmer Elementary School Foyer
1625 U. S. Highway 271 North
Gilmer, Texas

Gilmer Junior High School Foyer
111 Bruce
Gilmer, Texas

Gilmer High School Foyer
850 Buffalo
Gilmer, Texas

Gilmer Intermediate School Foyer
1623 U. S. Highway 271 North
Gilmer, Texas

High School Cafeteria
850 Buffalo
Gilmer, Texas

Gilmer National Bank
900 N. Wood Street
Gilmer, Texas

PASSED AND APPROVED, this February 16, 2015.

GILMER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees

(District Seal)

