

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, July 15, 2013, at 6:00 PM at the Gilmer ISD Administration Boardroom, 500 S. Trinity, Gilmer, Texas.

Board members present:

Mark Skinner
Mike Tackett
Gloria King
Jeff Rash, presiding

absent:

Kenny Southwell
Diedra Camp
Todd Tefteller

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Rash at 6:00 PM

INVOCATION: Mr. Tackett

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Skinner

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

- Summer school presentation
- Long range planning committee report by Henry Troell
- 2013-2014 budget workshop
 1. Review estimated revenue
 2. Review proposed budget
 3. Review estimated tax rate

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2013-2014 PROPOSED TAX RATES

The hearing was opened at 7:23 PM for questions, comments or clarifications. James Still and Phillip Williams both had questions. The hearing closed at 7:27 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting of the Board
- B. Financial and tax collection reports
- C. Budget amendments
- D. Student transfers for school year 2013-2014
- E. Appraisal calendar for school year 2013-2014
- F. Certified appraisers for school year 2013-2014

Motion was made by Mr. Tackett and seconded by Mrs. King that the Board approve the consent agenda items “#’s A , B and F” by general consent action as recommended. (All item information on file) Motion carried with 4 ayes and no noes.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION TO ADOPT TAX RATE RESOLUTION ON JULY 15, 2013: The motion was read aloud. The Ordinance to set the tax rate was read aloud. Motion was: I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate per hundred dollars valuation of \$1.17 for Maintenance and Operations (M&O), of \$0.145 for Interest and Sinking (I&S), for a total rate of \$1.315, which is effectively a 8.49 percent increase in the tax rate, and furthermore, that if a majority of voters approve the \$1.315 total tax rate in a tax ratification election, in order to reduce the I&S tax rate by \$0.13, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.17 for Maintenance and Operations, of \$0.015 for Interest and Sinking, for a total rate of \$1.185, which is effectively a -2.24 percent increase in the tax rate. 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 12.24 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$130. This motion is understood to adopt the attached Ordinance.

Motion was made by Mr. Skinner and seconded by Mrs. King that the Board of Trustees of the Gilmer ISD set the tax rates to be as follows:

M & O Tax Rate	\$1.17
I & S Tax Rate	\$0.145
Total Tax Rate	\$1.315;

The Board of Trustees of the Gilmer ISD sets the proposed rates for publication of the Second Notice of Public Meeting to discuss Proposed Tax Rate to be held on July 15, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. to be as follows:

M & O Tax Rate	\$1.17
I & S Tax Rate	\$0.015
Total Tax Rate	\$1.185;

And as a result of this action, the Board of Trustees of the Gilmer ISD intends to call a Tax Ratification Election on September 14, 2013.

Motion carried with 4 ayes and no noes.

Members voting aye: Jeff Rash, Gloria King, Mike Tackett, and Mark Skinner.

Members absent: Diedra Camp, Kenny Southwell and Todd Tefteller

ELECTION ORDER FOR THE TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2013: Motion was made by Mrs. King and seconded by Mr. Tackett to approve the order calling for the tax ratification election on September 14, 2013. Motion carried with 4 ayes and no noes.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR 2013-2014: Motion was made by Mr. Tackett and seconded by Mrs. King that the Board engage Karen Jacks and Associates for the year end August 31, 2013 audit. Motion carried with 4 ayes and two noes. (Info on file)

PROPOSALS FOR DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES FOR 2013-2014: Motion was made by Mr. Skinner and seconded by Mr. Tackett that the Board approve Inter-State Studios as the official district photographer for the 2013-2014 school year. (Info on file) Motion carried with 4 ayes and no noes. (On file)

PROPOSALS FOR STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR 2013-2014: Motion was made by Mr. Skinner and seconded by Mr. Tackett that the Board approve the proposal from Texas Monarch Mgmt. Corp. for UIL Athletic and Activity Coverage with catastrophic coverage for a premium of \$36,609. Motion carried with 4 ayes and no noes. (On file)

CAMPUS STUDENT HANDBOOKS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2013-2014 AND THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR 2013-2014: Motion was made by Mr. Tackett and seconded by Mr. Skinner that the Board approve the campus handbooks and the student code of conduct with changes adopted by TASB and amendments to follow for school year 2013-2014. Motion carried with 4 ayes and no noes. (On file)

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR 2013-2014: Motion was made by Mr. Tackett and seconded by Mrs. King that the Board approve employee handbook for 2013-2014 with changes adopted by TASB for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried with 4 ayes and noes. (On file)

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF TASB BOARD POLICY UPDATE 97 (LOCAL) POLICIES BAA, BBD, DAA, DEC, EFAA, REA AND FEB: Motion was made by Mr. Skinner and seconded by Mrs. King 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 Manual Update 97 on second and final reading. Motion carried with 4 ayes and no noes.

STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2013-2014:

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED): The Board of Trustees entered Executive Session (Closed) according to TEC 551.074 on Monday, July 15, 2013, at 7:50 p.m. Executive Session (Closed) ended at 8:17 p.m., Monday, July 15, 2013 for consideration of the following:

- Consider personnel matters (appointments, leaves, reassignments, resignations, retirements, contract extensions)

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION:

- Motion was made by Mr. Tackett and seconded by Mr. Skinner to offer probationary contracts to the following:

Chelsie Bradley	Elizabeth Cook	Leah Everett	Jamie Clair
Grail Curry	Sarah Langford	Ginger Gee	Summer High
Teresa Lee	Adah Ketner	Brandi Fritsche	Josh Nation
Ciara Umbrell	Ashley Williamson		

Motion carried with 4 ayes and no noes.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mr. Skinner and seconded by Mr. Tackett at 8:18 PM. Motion carried with 4 ayes and no noes.

By: _____
Jeff Rash, Board President

By: _____
Gloria King, Secretary

ORDER CALLING ELECTION FOR GILMER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

An election is hereby ordered to be held on September 14, 2013, for the purpose of conducting a Tax Ratification Election. Por la presente se ordena que se lievara a cabo una eleccion el 14 de septiembre de 2013 con el proposito de conduct Tax Ratification Elleccion.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY:

(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

GILMER HIGH SCHOOL

UNION RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

EAST MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Gilmer Independent School District Central Office located in the administration building at 500 S. Trinity, Gilmer, TX 75644.

La votacion adelantade en persona se lievara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Gilmer Independent School District – Administration Building, 500 S. Trinity, Gilmer, TX 75644.

Between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. beginning on August 28, 2013 and ending on September 10, 2013, with the difference only on September 9, 2013 and September 10, 2013, early voting will be open from 7:00 A.M. To 7:00 P.M.

Entre las 8:00 A.M. de la manany y las 4:30 P.M. de la tarde emprzando el 28 de august y terminando el 10 de setiembre. Dias 9 setiembre y 10 setiembre – 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberal enviarse a:

Judy Moore

Gilmer ISD

500 South Trinity

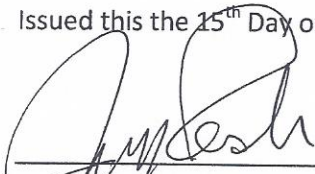
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Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on September 6, 2013.

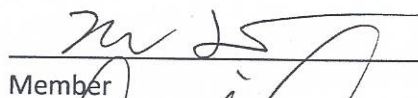
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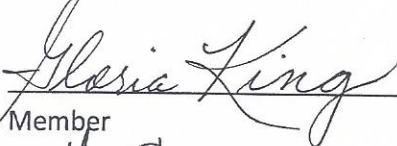
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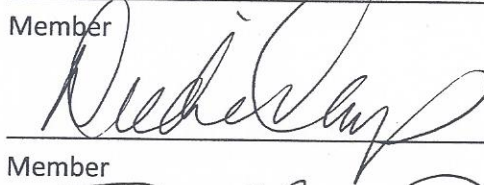
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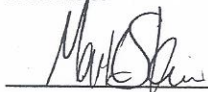
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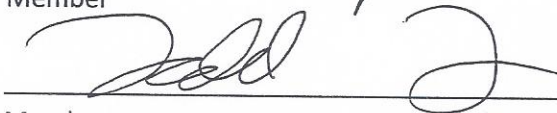
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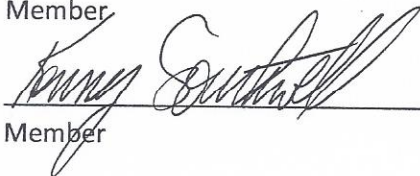
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ORDINANCE TO SET TAX RATE

Date: July 15, 2013

On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of the Gilmer Independent School District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2013 at a total tax rate of \$ 1.315, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$ 1.17 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and

\$ 0.145 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts;

furthermore, if voters approve the total tax rate of \$ 1.315 in a tax ratification election, in order to reduce the debt rate by \$0.13, we hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2013 at a total tax rate of \$ 1.185, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$ 1.17 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and

\$ 0.015 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 12.24 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$130.

IN CERTIFICATION THEREOF:

Signed: _____


Jeff Rash, Board President

Attest: _____


Gloria King, Board Secretary