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GISD trustees release funds to purchase old H-E-B facility

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During Monday's regular board meeting, the Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees approved moving funds to purchase the old H-E-B building on St. Joseph St. for \$1.25M.

Superintendent Kim Strozier said the district has requested to close on the property by Jan. 22 or 23.

The funding was authorized by voter approval of a bond issue in November. The district plans to convert the building into an early childhood education center for pre-K and kindergarten programs, enabling the district's three elementary campuses to house two grades each.

Strozier held a special recognition ceremony honoring each board member with an award for his or her years of service, followed by a "Thank You" video created by the CTE class film crew.

During a special board meeting Amanda Reed, Business Manager, presented the School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Report for the school year 2011-2012. The district received a "Superior Achievement" rating and a score of 70 based on 20 indicators. A score of 52 is required to pass.

Additional items discussed during the regular meeting included:

- Adopted GISD Financial audit for 2012-13
- Accepted bid on Tax Resale Property Suit 6061 Property R22679
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- Approved use of Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process
- Adopted the Davis Bacon Act for prevailing wages for 2013 Bond Funds
- Approved call for order and notice of election for GISD Board Districts 3, 5 and 6. Elections in May, 2014.
- Approved early voting clerk Amanda Reed, and deputies for GISD School Board Elections Districts 3, 5 and 6.
- Acceptance of the GISD Education Foundation Grant Funding sum of \$26,620