

SHAC Meeting

October 18, 2023

6:00PM

Called to order at 6:00PM

Introductions were made.

Attendance was recorded. 23 people were present when the meeting started. This met the quorum requirements for voting purposes. By the time that we voted there were 19 eligible voters with which we still met the quorum.

Dr. Stewart, superintendent of GISD, was given the floor to make a presentation on the upcoming proposed bond. He spoke for approximately 10-15 minutes.

Starla Edgett and Amanda Childs (child nutrition staff) then gave a presentation. It lasted approximately 15 minutes. There was a time for discussion and questions/comments. It was stated that the safety and health of our students/staff was the main priority.

The discussion included specific information on DoorDash / UberEats, what it means to be a nut free district, parents being able to bring in outside (commercial) food, parent's ability to eat with their children, vending machines, and how all of that affects our students/staff. During this discussion, it was decided that the vending machines were not an issue that needed to be voted on (mostly due to the fact that they are only allowed to be utilized outside of school hours).

Paula Parkhill, chairperson for SHAC, suggested that we focus on one thing at a time to discuss/vote on.

There was a vote to do away with DoorDash. After discussion, it passed unanimously with 19 people voting. After further discussion, the decision was made to withdraw that vote and revise the phrasing.

The revised wording stated that no commercial drop off or delivery (including parents dropping it off) should be allowed. After discussion, this vote passed with 15 for, 3 against, and 1 abstention.

The next vote stated that parents would only be allowed to come into the schools and eat with their children on designated days chosen by administration or when there were extenuating circumstances (i.e. family members being deployed) that would need to be pre approved by administration. After discussion, this vote passed with 10 for and 9 against.

The third and final item to be voted on stated that Gainesville ISD would become a nut free district. After discussion, this vote passed with 15 for and 4 against.

Closing comments/ adjourned meeting at 7:32 PM