

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
August 21, 2023 6:30 P.M.

The Grand Saline ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting this date. President Micah Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. stating that a quorum was present and the meeting had been duly called and posted in the time and manner required by law.

Board members present included: President Micah Lowe, Vice-President Bear Brown, Matt Strickland, Nick Haley, and Michael Martin. Absent was Secretary Kyle Thompson and Dustin Mason

The Board received comments from Clayton Payne regarding Homeschool participation in UIL.

Reports: (1) Finance by Laura Griffith; (2) Technology Report by Lance Caffey (3) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Ryan Simmons; (4) Athletic Report by Micah Lewis; (5) TELPAS Report by Ricky LaPrade; (6) Superintendent's Report by Micah Lewis; (7) Board Member Report by Matt Strickland.

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the July 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, Minutes of the July 31, 2023 Budget Workshop, and Minutes of the August 7, 2023 Special Called Meeting; (2) the Financial report for July 2023, (3) Donations. (4) Memorandum of Understanding/Cooperative Agreement for the Operation of Educational Programs at the Van Zandt County Multi-Youth Center; (5) Adjunct Faculty Appointment with the Van Zandt County Extension Office. A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Matt Strickland to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 5:0.

President Micah Lowe opened a public hearing for discussion on the proposed 2023-2024 budget at 7:15 p.m. Director of Finance Laura Griffith explained reasons for the proposed budget and answered questions. The hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Bear Brown moved to approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Matt Strickland and carried 5:0.

President Micah Lowe opened a public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 Tax Rate at 7:36 p.m. No questions being raised, the hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve \$0.7575 for the purpose of Maintenance and Operation (M&O) tax for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion was seconded by Bear Brown and carried 5:0.

A motion was made by Bear Brown to approve \$0.21 for the payment of Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion was seconded by Nick Haley and carried 5:0.

Matt Strickland made a motion to approve the requirements for the Ordinance to Set a Tax Rate with a second by Bear Brown. The motion carried 5:0.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland to approve 2022-2023 budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Nick Haley and carried 5:0.

The board adjourned into executive session August 21, 2023, at 7:42 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session August 21, 2023, at 9:13 p.m.

With no further business President Micah Lowe declared the meeting adjourned August 21, 2023, at 9:14 p.m.

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Micah Lowe, President

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Kyle Thompson, Secretary