

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 19, 2021 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, Secretary Casey Jordan, Matt Strickland, Kyle Thompson. Absent: Dustin Mason.

The invocation was led by Micah Lewis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no comments from the public.

Reports: (1) Finance Report by Laura Griffith; (2) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Micah Lewis; (3) Technology Report by Lance Caffey; (4) TELPAS Report by Debby Morse; (6) Superintendent's Report by Micah Lewis

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the July 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, (2) the Financial report for July 2021, (3) Pre-K Tuition. A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Casey Jordan 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 2021-2022 budget at 7:35 p.m. Director of Finance Laura Griffith explained reasons for the proposed budget and answered questions. The hearing was closed at 7:44 p.m.

Matt Strickland moved to approve the 2021-2022 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Kyle Thompson and carried 5:0.

President Micah Lowe opened a public hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 tax rate at 7:45 p.m. No questions being raised, the hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland to approve \$0.9603 for the purpose of maintenance and operation (M&O) for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was seconded by Casey Jordan and carried 5:0.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland to approve \$0.26 for the payment of interest and sinking (I&S) for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was seconded by Bear Brown 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 Casey Jordan and carried 5:0.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Kyle Thompson to approve contracts with Region VII for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion carried 5:0.

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the 2021-2022 T-TESS Calendar and Appraisers. The motion carried 5:0.

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the Board Resolution regarding Extension of Employee Leave Benefits. The motion carried 5:0.

A motion was made by Casey Jordan and seconded by Kyle Thompson to the approve vote for TASB Board Representative Dr. Ben Donald. The motion carried 5:0.

The board adjourned into executive session August 16, 2021, at 7:58 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session August 16, 2021, at 9:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Casey Jordan and seconded by Matt Strickland to approve the 2021-2022 Student Handbook. The motion carried 5:0.

Matt Strickland moved to approve the 2021-2022 Employee Handbook as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Bear Brown. The motion carried 5:0.

Bear Brown made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Kyle Thompson. The motion carried 5:0.

With no further business President Micah Lowe declared the meeting adjourned August 16, 2021, at 9:29 p.m.