

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 20, 2018 6:30 P.M.

The Grand Saline ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting this date. President Matt Strickland 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 Matt Strickland, Vice President Micah Lowe, Secretary Eddie Paul Stanley, Bear Brown, Jeremiah Carnes, and Paul Moreno. Absent: Rodney Easley

The invocation was led by Eddie Paul Stanley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no comments from the public.

Recognition: Superintendent Micah Lewis along with High School Principal Ricky LaPrade presented the Superintendent's Award to secondary students who received no grade less than an "A" for the 2017-18 school year. Those to receive the award were 8th Graders: Karen Hernandez, Gabbie Lewis, Madison McCormick, Jase Melton, and J.T. Rucker; Freshman: Maeghan Block, Addison Fisher, Sarah Fisher, Andria Houser, Matty Ivy, Bendlellynn Kyle, Kinlee Rumfield, Fatima Zavala Tapia; Sophomores: Sarah Elliot, Gavin Foster, Delana Meyer; Juniors: Piper Fisher, Kylee Koonce, Jordan Lovette; Seniors: Randy Denton and Connor Lowe. Also, recognized was the Safety Resource Officer: Cayse Boshier.

Reports: (1) Accountability Report by Micah Lewis (2) Financial by Laura Griffith; (3) Maintenance/Facilities by Pat O'Donnell (4) Technology Report by Lance Caffey (5) Superintendent's Report by Micah Lewis.

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the July 16, 2018, Regular Board Meeting, July 16, 2018 Budget Workshop, and July 23, 2018 Special Board Meeting, (2) the financial report for July 16, 2018, (3) Adjunct Faculty Appointment with the Van Zandt County Extension Office, (4) Memorandum of Understanding Between Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD, (5) Memorandum of Understanding/Cooperative Agreement for the Operation of the Residential Education Program, (6) Sharing of information Memorandum of Understanding Between Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD, and (7) Interlocal Agreement Between Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD. A motion was made by Micah Lowe and seconded by Jeremiah Carnes to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 6:0.

President Matt Strickland opened a public hearing for discussion on the proposed 2018-2019 budget at 7:17 p.m. Director of Finance Laura Griffith explained reasons for the proposed budget and answered questions. The hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m.

Jeremiah Carnes moved to approve the 2018-2019 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Paul Moreno and carried 6:0.

President Matt Strickland opened a public hearing on the proposed 2018-2019 tax rate at 7:34 p.m. No questions being raised, the hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Bear Brown to approve \$1.17 for the purpose of maintenance and operation (M&O) for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion was seconded by Jeremiah Carnes and carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Eddie Paul Stanley to approve \$0.28 for the payment of interest and sinking (I&S) for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion was seconded by Jeremiah Carnes and carried 6:0.

Matt Strickland and Eddie Paul Stanley signed the Ordinance to Set a Tax Rate which indicated a total tax rate of \$1.45 per \$100 valuation.

A motion was made by Jeremiah Carnes and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the 2017-2018 budget amendment as presented. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Paul Moreno and seconded by Jeremiah Carnes to approve the 2017-2018 year ending auditors: Smith/Lambright as presented. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Eddie Paul Stanley and seconded by Micah Lowe to approve the 2018-2019 T-TESS Appraisers and T-TESS Calendar. The motion carried 6:0.

The first reading of Proposed Revisions 07/31/2018 affecting (LOCAL) Policies FNF (LOCAL). No official action was taken.

The second reading was held for Policy Update 111. A motion was made by Paul Moreno and seconded by Micah Lowe to add (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Services and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 111. The motion carried 6:0. The Update policies approved are as follows:

BBD (LOCAL): BOARD MEMBERS TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

CAA (LOCAL): FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVED FINANCIAL ETHICS

CJA (LOCAL): CONTRACTED SERVICES CRIMINAL HISTORY

DH (LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

DHE (LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT SEARCHES AND ALCOHOL/DRUG TESTING

DI (LCOAL): EMPLOYEE WELFARE

FEA (LOCAL): ATTENDANCE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

GKA (LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

A motion was made by Micah Lowe and seconded by Jeremiah Carnes to approve contracts with Region VII for the 2018 - 2019. The motion carried 6:0.

Bear Brown made a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Micah Lowe. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Jeremiah Carnes and seconded by Micah Lowe to approve the Student Handbook. The motion carried 6:0.

Paul Moreno moved to approve the Employee Handbook as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Micah Lowe. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Paul Moreno and seconded by Jeremiah Carnes to name the football field: "Carter Elliott Field." The motion carried 6:0.

The board adjourned into executive session August 20, 2018, at 8:10 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session August 20, 2018, at 10:08 p.m.

With no further business the President Matt Strickland declared the meeting adjourned August 20, 2018, at 10:08 p.m.

Matt Strickland, President

Eddie Paul Stanley, Secretary