

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2022 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 Kyle Thompson, Matt Strickland, Nick Haley, and Dustin Mason. Absent Casey Jordan.

There were no comments from the public.

Reports: (1) Finance by Laura Griffith; (2) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Ryan Simmons; (3) Curriculum Report by Ricky LaPrade; (4) Superintendent's Report by Micah Lewis.

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the July 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, (2) Minutes of the July 25, 2022, Budget Workshop Meeting; (3) the Financial report for July 2022; (4) Pre-K Tuition; (5) Sharing of Information Memorandum of Understanding between Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD; (6) Memorandum of Understanding Between Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD; (7) Memorandum of Understanding/Cooperative Agreement for the Operation of the Residential Education Program; (8) Adjunct Faculty Appointment with the Van Zandt County Extension Office. A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Kyle Thompson to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 6:0.

President Micah Lowe opened a public hearing for discussion on the proposed 2022-2023 budget at 6:55 p.m. Director of Finance Laura Griffith explained reasons for the proposed budget and answered questions. The hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

Matt Strickland moved to approve the 2022-2023 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Kyle Thompson and carried 6:0.

President Micah Lowe opened a public hearing on the proposed 2022-2023 tax rate at 7:03 p.m. No questions being raised, the hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

A motion was made by Bear Brown to approve \$0.9429 for the purpose of maintenance and operation (M&O) tax for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Dustin Mason and carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Nick Haley to approve \$0.23 for the payment of interest and sinking (I&S) tax for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Matt Strickland and carried 6:0.

Kyle Thompson made a motion to approve the requirements for the Ordinance to Set a Tax Rate with a second by Bear Brown. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Dustin Mason to approve contracts with Region VII for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the 2022-2023 T-TESS Calendar and Appraisers. The motion carried 6:0.

The second reading was held for Policy update 119. A motion was made by Nick Haley and seconded by Kyle Thompson to add (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Services and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 119.

The motion carried 6:0. The update policies approved are as follows:

CPC(LOCAL): OFFICE MANAGEMENT: RECORD MANAGEMENT

DMA(LOCAL): PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: REQUIRED STAFF DEVELOPMENT

EHAA(LOCAL): BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM: REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (ALL LEVELS)

EHB(LOCAL): CURRICULUM DESIGN: SPECIAL PROGRAMS

EHBA(LOCAL): SPECIAL EDUCATION: IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND ELIGIBILITY

EHBB(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS: GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

EIF(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: GRADUATION

FFBA(LOCAL): CRISIS INTERVENTION: TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

FFH(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE FREEDOM DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Bear Brown to the approve a vote for TASB Board Representative Tony Raymond (Region 7). The motion carried 6:0.

The board adjourned into executive session August 15, 2022, at 7:26 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session August 15, 2022, at 8:53 p.m.

With no further business President Micah Lowe declared the meeting adjourned August 15, 2022, at 8:54 p.m.

Micah Lowe, President

Kyle Thompson, Secretary