

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2020 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, Casey Jordan, and Paul Moreno

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the July 20, 2020, Regular Board Meeting, (2) Minutes of the July 20, 2020 Budget Workshop; (3) Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Team of Eight Training; (4) the financial report for July 20, 2020, (5) Adjunct Faculty Appointment with the Van Zandt County Extension Office, (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) Sharing of information Memorandum of Understanding Between Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD. A motion was made by Paul Moreno and seconded by Micah Lowe to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 7:0.

President Matt Strickland opened a public hearing for discussion on the proposed 2020-2021 budget at 7:16 p.m. Director of Finance Laura Griffith explained reasons for the proposed budget and answered questions. The hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

Jeremiah Carnes moved to approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Paul Moreno and carried 7:0.

President Matt Strickland opened a public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 tax rate at 7:26 p.m. No questions being raised, the hearing was closed at 7:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Bear Brown to approve \$1.0246 for the purpose of maintenance and operation (M&O) for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was seconded by Micah Lowe and carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Paul Moreno to approve \$0.28 for the payment of interest and sinking (I&S) for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was seconded by Jeremiah Carnes and carried 7:0.

Casey Jordan made a motion to approve the requirements for the Ordinance to Set a Tax Rate with a second by Jeremiah Carnes and carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Jeremiah Carnes and seconded by Casey Jordan to approve the 2019-2020 budget amendment as presented. The motion carried 7:0.

Paul Moreno made a motion and seconded by Micah Lowe to approve auditors Rutherford-Taylor & Company for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Paul Moreno to approve the Attestation for Synchronous Instruction. The motion carried 7:0.

Casey Jordan moved to approve the Employee Handbook as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Paul Moreno. The motion carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Jeremiah Carnes and seconded by Casey Jordan to approve the Student Handbook. The motion carried 7:0.

Casey Jordan made a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Paul Moreno. The motion carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Micah Lowe and seconded by Paul Moreno to approve contracts with Region VII for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion carried 7:0.

The first reading of Board Policy Update 115 was held. No official action was taken.

A motion was made by Jeremiah Carnes and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the Order of Trustee Election for November 3, 2020. The motion carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Jeremiah Carnes and seconded by Eddie Paul Stanley to approve the Notice of Trustee Election for November 3, 2020. The motion carried 7:0.

Eddie Paul Stanley made a motion to approve TEA Chromebooks for \$41,475.00 as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Paul Moreno. The motion carried 7:0.

Discussed the purchase of Chromebooks from Planitroi, Inc. for \$20,543.15. No official action was taken.

A motion was made by Paul Moreno and seconded by Eddie Paul Stanley to approve the purchase of Kajeets for \$31,095.00. The motion carried 7:0.

The board discussed Remote Learners in Extracurricular Activities with no official action taken.

The board adjourned into executive session August 17,2020, at 8:24 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session August 17,2020, at 9:50 p.m.

With no further business President Matt Strickland declared the meeting adjourned August 17, 2020, at 9:51 p.m.

Matt Strickland, President

Eddie Paul Stanley, Secretary