

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 23, 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, Secretary Kyle Thompson, Matt Strickland, Dustin Mason, Casey Jordan, and Nick Haley.

There were no comments from the public.

Recognition: Recipients of the Indian Award for January 2023 were Brandon Melton from the Elementary School, Gunnar Coffman from the Intermediate School, Carson Mayne from the Middle School, and Luke Metcalf from the High School. Intermediate Students Mia Strickland and Arlet Cabanas were recognized for UIL Art Smart, Middle School Teacher Susan Lewis was recognized for receiving the VFW Teacher of the Year, Middle School Student Layla Thompson recognized for receiving 2nd in District for the VFW Patriots Pen Essays. Superintendent Micah Lewis extended appreciation to the school board members for their dedicated leadership in public education and service to the children of Grand Saline ISD. Many gifts were given to board members and a book was purchased by each school and placed in their respective libraries in the boards honor.

Superintendent Micah Lewis presented a plaque for our out-going board member Casey Jordan and recognized him for his service and dedication to the GSISD Board and District.

Casey Jordan resigned from the board and left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

President Micah Lowe opened a public hearing for discussion on the TAPR Report (Texas Academic Performance Report) at 7:00 p.m. and with no comments the hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

Reports: (1) Finance by Micah Lewis; (2) Facilities Report by Ryan Simmons; (3) Technology Report by Lance Caffey; (4) Athletic Report by Joe Drennon; (5) Superintendent's Report by Micah Lewis.

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, (2) the Financial report for December 2022, (3) Donations, (4) Order Trustee Election for May 6, 2023 and Give Notice Thereof (5) Appoint Election Judge Stephanie Key and Alternate Election Judge Tammy Havard (6) Appoint Cindy Gibson Early Voting Clerk, Melissa House Deputy Early Voting Clerk, and Stephanie Key to Count Early Votes. A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Matt Strickland to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 7:0.

GSISD Investment Policy was reviewed with no changes to either policies or strategies.

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Nick Haley to approve up to \$65,000.00 for the purchase of Chromebooks. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the second reading for Policy CO (LOCAL) FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Dustin Mason to approve the second reading of Policy COB (LOCAL) FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS. The motion carried 6:0.

First Reading of Policy Update 120

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Kyle Thompson to approve up to \$60,000.00 for the purchase and installation of protective film on doors and windows for the district. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Dustin Mason to approve up to \$25,000.00 for the purchase and installation of wind screens for the elementary and intermediate Schools. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Nick Haley to approve up to \$16,000.00 for purchase and installation of wind screens for the tennis courts. The motion carried 6:0.

Board discussion on facility rentals with no action taken.

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the adoption of the GSISD District of Innovation Plan. The motion carried 6:0.

Board discussion on the 2023-2024 school calendar with no action taken.

Board reviewed and discussed board member vacancy and process for filling vacancy with no action taken.

The board adjourned into executive session January 23, 2023, at 9:03 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session January 23, 2023, at 12:26 a.m.

A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Kyle Thompson to approve resignations as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 6:0

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Nick Haley to approve new hires as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 6:0

A motion was made by Nick Haley to approve the superintendent's contract one-year extension with a 4 percent raise effective July 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Matt Strickland and carried 6:0

With no further business President Micah Lowe declared the meeting adjourned January 23, 2023, at 12:27 a.m.

Micah Lowe, President

Kyle Thompson, Secretary