

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 19, 2024 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, Nick Haley, and Michael Martin.

There were no comments from the public.

Reports: (1) Finance by Laura Griffith; (2) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Ryan Simmons; (3) Athletic Report by Micah Lewis; (4) Superintendent's Report by Micah Lewis; (7) Board Member Report by Matt Strickland.

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the July 29, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, Minutes of the July 29, 2024 Budget Workshop; (2) the Financial report for July 2024; (3) Adjunct Faculty Appointment with the Van Zandt County Extension Office; (4) Pre-K Tuition; (5) Sharing Information/memorandum of Understanding between Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD; (6) Memorandum of Understanding/Cooperative Agreement for the Operation of Educational Programs at the Van Zandt County Multi-Youth Center. A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Dustin Mason to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 7:0.

President Micah Lowe opened a public hearing for discussion on the proposed 2024-2025 budget at 6:56 p.m. Director of Finance Laura Griffith explained reasons for the proposed budget and answered questions. The hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

Dustin Mason moved to approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Nick Haley and carried 7:0.

President Micah Lowe opened a public hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 Tax Rate at 7:22 p.m. No questions being raised, the hearing was closed at 7:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason to approve \$0.7552 for the purpose of Maintenance and Operation (M&O) tax for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion was seconded by Bear Brown and carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason to approve \$0.21 for the payment of Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion was seconded by Bear Brown and carried 7:0.

Bear Brown made a motion to approve the requirements for the Ordinance to Set a Tax Rate with a second by Matt Strickland. The motion carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Michael Martin to approve paying the 2024-2025 Maintenance Tax Note for \$100,000.00 from the 2023-2024 budget. The motion carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson to approve 2023-2024 budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Matt Strickland and carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Nick Haley and seconded by Michael Martin to approve the Resolution to Declare Good Cause Exception for HB3 Armed Guard Security Officer Requirement. The motion carried 7:0.

Matt Strickland made a motion to give the Superintendent authority to approve all utility bills for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion was seconded by Kyle Thompson and carried 7:0.

2024 TASB Delegate was discussed with no action taken.

Facility Usage Agreement for Non-Stop Sports was discussed with no action taken.

A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Kyle Thompson to approve up to \$30,000.00 for the architect preliminary design as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 7:0.

The board adjourned into executive session August 19, 2024, at 7:46 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session August 19, 2024, at 9:16 p.m.

With no further business President Micah Lowe declared the meeting adjourned August 19, 2024, at 9:17 p.m.

Micah Lowe, President

Kyle Thompson, Secretary