

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 7, 2017 6:00 P.M.

The Grand Saline ISD Board of Trustees met in a special board meeting this date. President Rodney Easley called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Rodney Easley, Vice President Matt Strickland, Secretary Micah Lowe, Bear Brown, and Jeremiah Carnes. Paul Moreno and Eddie Paul Stanley were absent.

The invocation was led by Superintendent Micah Lewis followed by the pledge of allegiance.

There were no comments from the public.

President Rodney Easley opened a public hearing for discussion on the proposed 2017-2018 budget at 6:02 p.m. Director of Finance Laura Griffith explained reasons for the proposed budget and answered questions. The hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

Matt Strickland moved to approve the 2017-2018 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Bear Brown and carried 5 to 0.

President Easley opened a public hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 tax rate at 6:21 p.m. No questions being raised, the hearing was closed at 6:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Bear Brown to approve \$1.17 for the purpose of maintenance and operation (M&O) for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion was seconded by Micah Lowe and carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Jeremiah Carnes to approve \$0.28 for the payment of interest and sinking (I&S) for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Matt Strickland made a motion, seconded by Jeremiah Carnes to adopt the *Ordinance to Set a Tax Rate*, as read by Rodney Easley, indicating a total tax rate of \$1.45 per \$100 valuation. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Micah Lowe to approve the bid from Duko Oil Company, Inc. of Emory, Texas, to provide Grand Saline ISD with unleaded gasoline, diesel fuel, and oil for the 2017-2018 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Micah Lowe to approve a budget amendment for the 2016-2017 school year not to exceed \$200,000. The motion carried 5 to 0.

The board adjourned into executive session August 7, 2017, at 6:41 p.m.

The board entered back into open session August 7, 2017, at 7:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Jeremiah Carnes to accept the resignation of Ron Howard. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Bear Brown to approve the contract of Stephanie Key as a new teacher. Motion was seconded by Micah Lowe and carried 5 to 0.

With no further business a motion was made by Matt Strickland to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Micah Lowe. The motion carried 5 to 0 and Rodney Easley declared the meeting adjourned August 7, 2017, 7:59 p.m.

Rodney Easley, President

Micah Lowe, Secretary