

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 19, 2019 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 Absent Paul Moreno

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

There were no comments from the public.

Recognition: Superintendent Micah Lewis presented the Superintendent's Award to secondary students who received no grade less than an "A" for the 0218-2019 school year. Those to receive the award were 6th Graders: Wade Grogg and Jaron Miller. Freshman: Juleigh Bogue, Jace Horton, Rylan Lester, Madison McCormick, Diana Pedroza, and J.T. Rucker; Sophmores: Addison Fisher, Kinlee Rumfield, Juniors: Sarah Elliot, Gavin Foster, Delana Meyer, Fernando Sanchez; Seniors: Abigail Cortes, Piper Fisher, Dylan Starnes, Alama Tamayo, and Timothy Waymire.

Reports: (1) Accountability Report by Debby Morse; (2) Finance by Laura Griffith; (3) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Pat O'Donnell; (4) Technology Report by Lance Caffey; (5) Superintendent's Report by Micah Lewis;

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the July 22, 2019, Regular Board Meeting, (2) the financial report for July 22, 2019, (3) Adjunct Faculty Appointment with the Van Zandt County Extension Office, (4) Memorandum of Understanding Between Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD, (5) Memorandum of Understanding/Cooperative Agreement for the Operation of the Residential Education Program, (6) Sharing of information Memorandum of Understanding Between Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD, and (7) Interlocal Agreement Between Van Zandt Country Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD. A motion was made by Micah Lowe and seconded by Jeremiah Carnes to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 6:0.

President Matt Strickland opened a public hearing for discussion on the proposed 2019-2020 budget at 7:26 p.m. Director of Finance Laura Griffith explained reasons for the proposed budget and answered questions. The hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.

Jeremiah Carnes moved to approve the 2019-2020 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Casey Jordan and carried 6:0.

President Matt Strickland opened a public hearing on the proposed 2109-2020 tax rate at 7:42 p.m. No questions being raised, the hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Bear Brown to approve \$1.0683 for the purpose of maintenance and operation (M&O) for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion was seconded by Micah Lowe and carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Jeremiah Carnes to approve \$0.28 for the payment of interest and sinking (I&S) for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion was seconded by Casey Jordan and carried 6:0.

Jeremiah Carnes made motion to approve the requirements for the Ordinance to Set a Tax Rate with a second by Casey Jordan and carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Eddie Paul Stanley and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the 2018-2019 budget amendment as presented. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Micah Lowe and seconded by Eddie Paul Stanley to approve the 2019-2020 T-TESS Appraisers and T-TESS Calendar. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Jeremiah Carnes and seconded by Eddie Paul Stanley to approve contracts with Region VII for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion carried 6:0.

Bear Brown made a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Jeremiah Carnes. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Casey Jordan and seconded by Micah Lowe to approve the Student Handbook. The motion carried 6:0.

Eddie Paul Stanley moved to approve the Employee Handbook as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Micah Lowe. The motion carried 6:0.

A motion was made by Micah Lowe and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the 2019-2020 GSISD School Board Operating Procedures. The motion carried 6:0.

The board adjourned into executive session August 19, 2019, at 8:30 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session August 19, 2019, at 9:42 p.m.

With no further business President Matt Strickland declared the meeting adjourned August 19, 2019, at 9:42 p.m.

Matt Strickland, President

Eddie Paul Stanley, Secretary