

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 21, 2017 6:30 P.M.

The Grand Saline ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting this date. President Rodney Easley 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 Rodney Easley, Vice President Matt Strickland, Secretary Micah Lowe, Bear Brown, Jeremiah Carnes, and Paul Moreno. Eddie Paul Stanley was absent.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Recognition: Superintendent Micah Lewis along with High School Principal Ricky LaPrade and Middle School Principal Duane Petty presented the Superintendent's Award to secondary students who received no grade less than an "A" for the 2016-17 school year. Those to receive the award were: 6th Grader Madison McCormick; 7th Graders Jase Melton and J.T. Rucker; 8th Graders Alison Chaney, Matthew McCormick, and Isabella Strickland; Freshmen Gavin Foster, Delana Meyer, Luke Morrison, and Savannah Sauseda; Sophomores Piper Fisher and Eleanor Geremonte; and Senior Kathryn Davis.

Reports included: (1) Financial by Laura Griffith, (2) Maintenance and Facilities by Micah Lewis, and (3) the Superintendent's Report by Micah Lewis including an update on the progress of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at the elementary and intermediate schools presented by Cara Jordan.

Consent agenda items included: (1) Minutes for the budget workshop and regular board meeting held July 17, 2017, and the called board meeting held August 7, 2017, (2) the financial report for July 2017, (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 County Juvenile Probation Department and Grand Saline ISD. A motion was made by Jeremiah Carnes and seconded by Matt Strickland to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 6 to 0.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Bear Brown to approve contracts with Region VII for the 2017-18 school year as presented. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Paul Moreno moved to approve the following waivers as recommended by the Superintendent:

- 1) Application for Early Release Waiver (6 days) for 2017-18

- 2) Application for Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days for 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20
- 3) Application for Accelerated Instruction Waiver 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20

The motion was seconded by Jeremiah Carnes and carried 6 to 0.

A motion was made by Micah Lowe and seconded by Paul Moreno to approve the Emergency Operation Plan as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Matt Strickland made a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Bear Brown and carried 6 to 0.

A motion was made by Paul Moreno and seconded by Micah Lowe to approve the Student Handbook. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Matt Strickland moved to approve the Employee Handbook pending updates to the Organizational Chart as stated. The motion was seconded by Paul Moreno and carried 6 to 0.

The board adjourned into executive session August 21, 2017, at 7:35 p.m.

The board entered back into open session August 21, 2017, at 9:03 p.m.

With no further business a motion was made by Paul Moreno to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Micah Lowe and carried 6 to 0. Rodney Easley declared the meeting adjourned August 21, 2017, at 9:03 p.m.

Rodney Easley, President

Micah Lowe, Secretary