

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2009 6:30 P.M.

The Grand Saline ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular session this date. President Walt Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 Walt Bryant, Vice President Michael Swain, Secretary Sharon Slayden, and Dan Carroll. Victor Conley, Lindsey Ray, and Eddie Paul Stanley were absent.

Dan Carroll opened the meeting with prayer.

There were no comments from the public.

Walt Bryant, on behalf of the board and administration, presented Colton Ross with a certificate and scrapbook in recognition of his achievement as the UIL State Champion of the 2009 Conference 2A Boys Pole Vault competition.

A motion was made by Dan Carroll and seconded by Michael Swain to approve the consent agenda items as follows: (a) minutes for the June 15, 2009 regular board meeting and the June 30, 2009 called board meeting and (b) the financial report for June 2009. The motion carried 4-0.

Following discussion of personnel under consideration for the Master Plan Steering Committee, Michael Swain moved to appoint David Monty, Sid Shuemaker, Gerald Denton, John Teague, Wayne Sloan, John Chambless, Michelle McFarlin, Brenda English, Paige Wilt, Paul Trent, Kevin Featherston, Mark Keahey, Trish Elliott, and Michael Swain as members of that committee. Dan Carroll seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, 4-0. It was noted that Eddie Paul Stanley may still wish to add another community member to the committee as well.

The second reading was held for board policy Update 85. Dan Carroll made a motion to adopt Update 85 as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 85. The motion was seconded by Michael Swain and carried 4-0.

Michael Swain made a motion, seconded by Dan Carroll to adopt board policy GK(LOCAL) as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Dan Carroll moved to approve policy DEC(LOCAL) as presented on the draft from TASB which was seconded by Michael Swain. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Michael Swain and seconded by Sharon Slayden to approve the bid of Flowers Baking Company of Tyler to provide bread and associated products to Grand Saline ISD for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Dan Carroll and seconded by Michael Swain to approve the bid from Williams Oil Company to provide Grand Saline ISD with fuel and oil for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion carried 4-0.

At the recommendation of the Athletic Director and Business Manager, a motion was made by Michael Swain and seconded by Sharon Slayden to approve Texas Kids First as the company to provide student insurance for the 2009-10 school year at a cost of \$21,890. The motion carried 4-0.

Mark Keahey presented a lease agreement with the City of Grand Saline for the AEP site which was followed by a motion from Dan Carroll to approve the agreement. Michael Swain seconded the motion which carried 4-0.

The board considered the GSISD Goals and decided to postpone any action until board members not in attendance were able to be present. Mr. Keahey stated he would like to have the goals available for employees returning to work on August 10th.

The board agreed to hold workshops starting on August 5, 6 and 7 at 6:30 pm. Budget workshops are to be held on the 5th and 7th and Team of 8 training will be held on Thursday, August 6th. Meals will be provided.

Walt Bryant declared the meeting adjourned into executive session under the authority of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E on July 20, 2009, at 7:25 pm.

The Board entered back into open session July 20, 2009, at 8:15 pm.

Mark Keahey announced that Allegra Calkins has been hired as a high school math teacher and Jennifer Shaw has been hired as a middle school teacher/coach. He went on to thank the school board for allowing the staff to go ahead and hire when the district is in a crunch situation.

The board expressed a desire to take the time at budget workshops to get a real understanding of the budget and to take an additional evening for a budget workshop if needed.

A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. Walt Bryant declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Walt Bryant, President

Sharon Slayden, Secretary