

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 17, 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 6:34 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, Dan Carroll, Lindsey Ray, and Eddie Paul Stanley. Victor Conley arrived late.

Eddie Paul Stanley opened the meeting with prayer.

There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Dan Carroll and seconded by Michael Swain to approve the consent agenda items as follows: (a) minutes for the July 20, 2009, regular board meeting and August 5 and 7, 2009, called board meetings and (b) the financial report for July 2009. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Following a discussion of the teacher appraisal calendar, a motion was made by Dan Carroll and seconded by Lindsey Ray that the 2009-10 Teacher Appraisal Calendar be accepted with the understanding that all formative observations shall be completed prior to contract renewal for any employee. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Eddie Paul Stanley submitted the name of Michael Don Akins as the final member of the Master Plan Steering Committee. Mr. Akins was appointed.

A motion was made by Lindsey Ray and seconded by Dan Carroll to appoint three Van Zandt County extension agents from the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service as adjunct faculty members to Grand Saline ISD. The agents to be appointed are Tommy Phillips, Brian Cummins, and Dee Lee Smith. The motion carried 6 to 0.

A motion was made by Dan Carroll and seconded by Michael Swain to approve the annual renewal of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement and Resolution for the Van Zandt Cooperative A.E.P. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Superintendent Mark Keahey informed the Board of requirements for a child to be accepted as a pre-k student, the possibility of tuition, and concerns of accepting children who are not qualified to attend the program. Mr. Keahey is going to talk with community businesses that provide similar services to see their view of GSISD offering this type of program to non-qualified children. Action will be taken at a later date.

Victor Conley arrived.

In an effort to clarify rules and policies governing early graduation, it was agreed that any student who graduates with a grade point average of 90 or above in their high school career should be allowed to graduate with honors. TASB will be notified of the change so that board policy EIC(LOCAL) can be changed to reflect the update. When policy services has made the change, EIC(LOCAL) will be brought back to the board for a first reading and then approval.

A motion was made by Victor Conley and seconded by Michael Swain to approve the Grand Saline ISD Goals as written. The motion carried 7 to 0.

The first reading was held for policies AE(LOCAL) and BE(LOCAL). No action was taken.

Dan Carroll made a motion to propose the 2009-10 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Victor Conley and carried 7 to 0.

Victor Conley made a motion to propose the 2009-10 tax rate as presented. The motion was seconded by Michael Swain and carried 7 to 0. The proposed tax rate is \$0.9434 for M & O, .17383 for I & S for a total of \$1.11723.

A meeting to adopt the 2009-10 budget and tax rate was scheduled for August 31, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

Walt Bryant declared the meeting adjourned into executive session under the authority of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E on August 17, 2009, at 7:54 pm.

The Board entered back into open session August 17, 2009, at 9:50 p.m.

Victor Conley moved to postpone any action regarding land acquisition until the September board meeting. He stated that further investigation needs to be done so the best decision is reached for the district. The motion was seconded by Dan Carroll. Mr. Keahey added that he will be checking on the availability of additional land and comparing that to what has been offered. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Victor Conley and seconded by Michael Swain to approve the organizational chart with the change indicating that the school nurses report to the Assistant Superintendent and establishing a physician of record for medical advice and standing orders. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Reports were as follows: (1) Trish Elliott reported on the accountability ratings which can be obtained on the TEA website. Grand Saline High School was rated acceptable, Middle School was recognized, and the Elementary School and Intermediate Schools were rated acceptable. Grand Saline ISD also met federal requirements for adequate yearly progress (AYP). (2) Mark Keahey gave the TAC executive summary of savings which is \$24,782 at this point. (3) Mr. Keahey also informed the Board that Ministerial

Moments is a new activity he has begun which is a meeting for ministers in the community. In an effort to encourage attendance, he has also developed an activity pass for the youth minister or pastor of the churches involved.

A motion was made by Victor Conley to adjourn and seconded by Michael Swain. Walt Bryant declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Walt Bryant, President

Sharon Slayden, Secretary