

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 25, 2011 6:30 P.M.

The Grand Saline ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting this date. President Sharon Slayden 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 Sharon Slayden, Vice President Walt Bryant, Secretary Becky Kindle, Victor Conley, Rodney Easley, Eddie Paul Stanley, and Michael Swain.

Eddie Paul Stanley opened the meeting with prayer.

There were no comments from the public.

Consent agenda items included the following: (a) Minutes for the March 28, 2011, regular board meeting and April 5, 2011, called board meeting, (b) Financial report for March 2011, (c) Request for approval of the list of transfer students and authority for the Superintendent to approve additional transfers as needed. Victor Conley moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Becky Kindle seconded the motion which carried 7 to 0.

Jamie Ollive of the Main Street Program spoke on behalf of Garland Van Dyke requesting a letter of support for Terebinth Tree. Terebinth is a private, non-profit organization which provides guidance counseling, workshops, etc. for students, ex-offenders and their families in an effort to fill in the gap. No action was taken on the request and additional information is expected at a later date.

Jamie Ollive discussed the possibility of a partnership and lease with the city of Grand Saline. Included in the partnership will be construction of a city park and restoration of the old gym. A motion was made by Victor Conley and seconded by Rodney Easley for Ms. Ollive to put a contract together and bring it back to the board for consideration. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Ms. Ollive also requested the district consider a partnership with the community and Tyler Junior College. TJC will need to use school property and facilities for continuing education classes and events. It was suggested that Ms. Ollive put together a detailed proposal and bring it back to the board.

The following reports were given: (a) Canton City Lake and effects on Grand Saline ISD – Rodney Easley reported Grand Saline will definitely lose tax dollars; (b) maintenance – Johnny Savallo; (c) dyslexia report – Tammy Barber and Tracy Browning; (d) construction/ facility report – Rhonda Orren read a thank you letter from the Elementary School Facilities Committee. She expressed appreciation for board support throughout the project to ensure teacher input was allowed in the decision making for the new elementary school.

Due to the timeframe for canvassing the school board election, a motion was made by Becky Kindle and seconded by Michael Swain to change the date of the regular May board meeting from May 16 to May 23, 2011. The motion carried 7 to 0.

The board was given a copy of the letter of reasonable assurance and the list of employees who will receive the letter. No action was required.

As recommended by the superintendent, a motion was made by Eddie Paul Stanley and seconded by Michael Swain to adopt Board Policy Manual Update 89 as suggested by TASB. The local policies to be adopted are as listed:

CKB(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT – ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND REPORTS

EEJA (LOCAL): INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING – CREDIT BY EXAMINATION WITH PRIOR INSTRUCTION

EEJB(LOCAL): INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING – CREDIT BY EXAMINATION WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION

EEJC(LOCAL): INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING – CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

EFB(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES – LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAMS

EHDB(LOCAL): ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT – CREDIT BY EXAMINATION WITH PRIOR INSTRUCTION

EHDC(LOCAL): ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT – CREDIT BY EXAMINATION WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION

EHDD(LOCAL): ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT – COLLEGE COURSE WORK/DUAL CREDIT

EHDE(LOCAL): ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT – DISTANCE LEARNING

FD(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS

Six voted for the motion and one abstained. Voting for the motion Walt Bryant, Rodney Easley, Becky Kindle, Sharon Slayden, Eddie Paul Stanley, and Michael Swain. Victor Conley abstained from voting.

Sharon Slayden declared the meeting adjourned into executive session under the authority of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E on April 25, 2011, at 7:40 p.m.

The board entered back into open session April 25, 2011, at 9:39 p.m.

A motion was made by Michael Swain and seconded by Rodney Easley to accept the resignation of Olivia Sparkman. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Victor Conley and seconded by Walt Bryant to approve a one year contract for Jim Fugler. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Walt Bryant and seconded by Becky Kindle to extend the contract for Robert Reynolds for one year. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Rodney Easley and seconded by Eddie Paul Stanley to extend the contract of Kelley Clements for one year. Five voted for the motion, one voted against the motion and one abstained. Voting for the motion: Rodney Easley, Becky Kindle, Sharon Slayden, Eddie Paul Stanley, and Michael Swain. Victor Conley voted against the motion and Walt Bryant abstained.

A motion was made by Becky Kindle and seconded by Walt Bryant to accept the recommendation of Ms. Elliott to hire Matthew Blake as an at-will employee for business manager. The motion carried 6 to 1. Voting for the motion Walt Bryant, Victor Conley, Becky Kindle, Sharon Slayden, Eddie Paul Stanley, and Michael Swain. Rodney Easley abstained.

A motion was made by Victor Conley to give the superintendent the authority to hire an autism and behavioral specialist coordinator. The motion was seconded by Michael Swain. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Victor Conley and seconded to adjourn. Sharon Slayden declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m. on April 25, 2011.

Sharon Slayden, President

Becky Kindle, Secretary