

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 19, 2025 6:30 P.M.

The Grand Saline ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting this date. President Micah Lowe 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 Micah Lowe, Vice-President Bear Brown, Secretary Kyle Thompson, Matt Strickland, Dustin Mason, Nick Haley, and Michael Martin.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Micah Lewis

No Public Comments

Recognition: Superintendent Micah Lewis recognized the entire district on its achievements and awards received.

Reports: (1) Finance by Laura Griffith; (2) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Ryan Simmons; (3) Athletic Report by Joe Drennon; (4) 2024-2025 Comprehensive Needs Assessment Survey Summaries by Ricky LaPrade; (5) 18 Plus Vocational Program by Kim McVey; (6) Superintendent Report by Micah Lewis.

The Statement of Officer was signed by incumbents: Nick Haley and Michael Spivey-Martin. The Oath of Office was administered by Notary Public Cindy Gibson.

Reorganization of the Board began with President Micah Lowe surrendering his responsibilities to Vice- President Bear Brown. Bear Brown opened the nominations for President. Kyle Thompson nominated Micah Lowe for Board President. Vice-President Bear Brown moved that nominations be closed followed by a second from Matt Strickland. Micah Lowe was elected President with a vote of 6 to 0 with Micah Lowe abstaining from voting. Micah Lowe resumed the meeting as President.

Michael Martin nominated Bear Brown for Vice President. President Micah Lowe closed nominations which was seconded by Nick Haley. Bear Brown abstained from voting and was elected Vice President by a vote of 6 to 0.

Bear Brown nominated Kyle Thompson for Secretary. President Micah Lowe closed nominations which was seconded by Dustin Mason. Kyle Thompson abstained from voting and was elected Secretary by a vote of 6 to 0.

Nick Haley made a motion to close nominations and seconded by Bear Brown. The motion carried by a vote of 7:0.

There was no action taken on updating the bank signature card.

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the April 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting; (2) the Financial report for April 2025. A motion was made by Bear Brown and seconded by Kyle Thompson to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the 2025-2026 Student/Athletic Insurance with Players Health/Achieve Financial Group per the Superintendent recommendations. The motion carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Dustin Mason to approve contracts with Region VII for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion carried 7:0.

First Reading of (LOCAL) Policies: FDA(LOCAL): Admissions: Interdistrict Transfer; BDF(LOCAL): Board Internal Organization: Citizen Advisory Committees; DBA(LOCAL): Employment Requirements and Restrictions: Credentials and Records; DK(LOCAL): Assignment and Schedules; DMA(LOCAL): Professional Development: Required Staff Development; EB(LOCAL): School Year; EEB(LOCAL): Instructional Arrangements: Class Size.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the 2025 TASB Board Endorsement Form for incumbent Tony Raymond Sabine ISD-Region 7. The motion carried 7:0.

Dustin Mason made a motion and seconded by Michael Martin to approve Thompson Architectural Group, Inc contract. The motion carried 7:0

The board adjourned into executive session May 19, 2025, at 7:23 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session May 19, 2025, at 8:41p.m.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Matt Strickland to give the Superintendent authorization to hire professional personnel through September 2025. The motion carried 7:0.

With no further business, President Micah Lowe declared the meeting adjourned May 19, 2025, at 8:41 p.m.

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Micah Lowe, President

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Kyle Thompson, Secretary