

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 28, 2025 6:30 P.M.

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Micah Lewis

No Public Comments

Reports: (1) Finance by Laura Griffith; (2) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Ryan Simmons; (3) Superintendent Report by Micah Lewis; (6) Board Report by Matt Strickland

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the June 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting; (2) the Financial report for June 2025. A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 5:0.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Michael Martin to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Amendments as presented. The motion carried 5:0.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Michael Martin to approve the bid from Duko Oil Company, Inc of Emory, Texas to provide Grand Saline ISD with unleaded gasoline, diesel fuel, and oil for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion carried 5:0.

Dustin Mason moved to approve Hibbs-Hallmark & Company as the vendor for Property and Casualty Insurance for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. The motion was seconded by Nick Haley. The motion carried 5:0.

The second reading was held for Policy Update 125 (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Services and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 125. The motion carried 5:0. The update policies approved are as follows:

BDAA(LOCAL): Officers and Officials: Duties and Requirements of Board Officers

BDB(LOCAL): Board Internal Organization: Board Committees

BDF(LOCAL): Board Internal Organization: Advisory Committees

EI(LOCAL): Academic Achievement

FDE(LOCAL): Admissions: School Safety Transfers

FEC(LOCAL): Attendance: Attendance for Credit

FFAC(LOCAL): Wellness and Health Services: Medical Treatment

First Reading of (LOCAL) Policies: FD(LOCAL): Admission and FM(LOCAL): Student Activities.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Michael Martin to approve the 2025-2026 Professional Development Plan as presented. The motion carried 5:0.

The 2025-2026 Student Transfer list was presented to the board with no action taken.

The 2025-2026 Employee Handbook was not ready at the time of the board meeting

The 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct was not ready at the time of the board meeting

The 2025-2026 Student Handbook was not ready at the time of the board meeting.

A motion was made by Nick Haley and seconded by Michael Martin to approve the 2025-2026 T-TESS Calendar and Appraisers. The motion carried 5:0.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the TRS Health Contribution as presented. The motion carried 5:0.

The board discussed the New Central Office Building with no action taken.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the retention/recruitment incentive as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 5:0.

The board adjourned into executive session July 28, 2025, at 7:35 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session July 28, 2025, at 8:27 p.m.

With no further business, Vice President Bear Brown declared the meeting adjourned July 28, 2025, at 8:27 p.m.

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Bear Brown, Vice President

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Matt Strickland