

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2026 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.

The invocation was led by Micah Lewis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no comments from the public.

Recognition: Recipients of the Indian Award for February 2026 were Oakleigh Savallo from the Elementary School, Dania Paz from the Intermediate School, Miley Mayne and Tatum Jackson from the Middle School.

President Micah Lowe opened a public hearing for discussion on the TAPR Report (Texas Academic Performance Report) at 6:47 p.m. and with no comments the hearing was closed at 6:59 p.m.

Reports: (1) Finance by Laura Griffith; (2) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Ryan Simmons; (3) Athletic Report by Micah Lewis; (4) Principal Report: Amy Moffatt (MS) and Alex Paredes (HS); (5) (LASO) Cycle 4 Leadership Instructional Foundation in Texas (LIFT) by Ricky LaPrade; (6) Superintendent Report by Micah Lewis.

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting; (2) the Financial Report for January 2026; A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 7:0.

Micah Lowe - Y Kyle Thompson -Y Dustin Mason - Y Michael Martin - Y
Bear Brown - Y Matt Strickland - Y Nick Haley - Y

All candidates running for Trustee are unopposed, therefore, Dustin Mason moved to approve the Order of Cancellation for the school board trustee election. The motion was seconded by Nick Haley and carried 7 to 0.

Micah Lowe - Y Kyle Thompson -Y Dustin Mason - Y Michael Martin - Y
Bear Brown - Y Matt Strickland - Y Nick Haley - Y

A motion was made by Dustin Mason to approve certification stating that all candidates running for Grand Saline ISD Board of Trustees are unopposed. The motion was seconded by Michael Martin and carried 7 to 0.

Micah Lowe - Y Kyle Thompson -Y Dustin Mason - Y Michael Martin - Y
Bear Brown - Y Matt Strickland - Y Nick Haley - Y

A motion was made by Nick Haley and seconded by Bear Brown to nominate John Hill to the 2026-2027 Van Zandt County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion carried 7:0.

Micah Lowe - Y Kyle Thompson -Y Dustin Mason - Y Michael Martin - Y
Bear Brown - Y Matt Strickland - Y Nick Haley - Y

Having considered SB11 and Texas Education Code 25.0823 specifically, Kyle Thompson moved that the GSISD Board of Trustees resolve to create a policy requiring every campus of the district or school to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each day. I further move that a copy of the Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11 Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible and Other

Religious Text be placed in the minutes of the board meeting and relied upon as next steps required by board action. The motion was seconded by Matt Strickland and carried 7 to 0.

Micah Lowe - Y Kyle Thompson - Y Dustin Mason - Y Michael Martin - Y
Bear Brown - Y Matt Strickland - Y Nick Haley - Y

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson to approve the Grand Saline ISD Plan for Meeting Teacher Certification Requirement as presented. The motion was seconded by Michael Martin and carried 7 to 0.

Micah Lowe - Y Kyle Thompson - Y Dustin Mason - Y Michael Martin - Y
Bear Brown - Y Matt Strickland - Y Nick Haley - Y

Library books for Elementary were discussed and no action was taken

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the 2026-2027 GSISD School Calendar. The motion carried 7:0.

Micah Lowe - Y Kyle Thompson - Y Dustin Mason - Y Michael Martin - Y
Bear Brown - Y Matt Strickland - Y Nick Haley - Y

The board adjourned into executive session February 23, 2026, at 8:13 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session February 23, 2026, at 9:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the resignation as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 7:0.

Micah Lowe - Y Kyle Thompson - Y Dustin Mason - Y Michael Martin - Y
Bear Brown - Y Matt Strickland - Y Nick Haley - Y

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the New Hires as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 7:0.

Micah Lowe - Y Kyle Thompson - Y Dustin Mason - Y Michael Martin - Y
Bear Brown - Y Matt Strickland - Y Nick Haley - Y

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson to approve contract extensions for one year on all administration personnel as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Matt Strickland and carried 7:0.

Micah Lowe - Y Kyle Thompson - Y Dustin Mason - Y Michael Martin - Y
Bear Brown - Y Matt Strickland - Y Nick Haley - Y

With no further business President Micah Lowe declared the meeting adjourned February 23, 2026, at 9:48 p.m.

Micah Lowe, President

Bear Brown, Vice President