

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2026 5:30 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 5:30 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, Dustin Mason, and Michael Martin. Absent: Matt Strickland and Nick Haley

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

There were no comments from the public.

The board adjourned into executive session April 20, 2026, at 5:32 p.m.

The time is 6:30 p.m. and Nick Haley has joined the meeting.

It is now 6:31 p.m. and the Board is reconvening in open session. The Board has concluded its hearing and deliberations in closed meeting, and it did not take any vote or other action in closed meeting. Now that we have reconvened in open session, do I hear a motion regarding the disposition of the Level III Parent Grievance?

Micah Lowe moved that the Grand Saline ISD Board of Trustees modify the Level II decision of the Superintendent of Grand Saline as follows: We allow the entry of Marquett Mason the grievant to attend the Grand Saline ISD graduation ceremonies as of May 22, 2026. We will continue to review activity and behavior of Mr. Mason and await the outcome of the legal case that is pending with the Van Police Department. A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Michael Martin. The motion carried 5:0 with Nick Haley abstaining due to not being present during the closed meeting.

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

Reports: (1) Finance by Laura Griffith; (2) Technology Report - none; (3) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Ryan Simmons; (4) Athletic - none; (5) Principal Report: none; (6) School Health Advisor Council (SHAC); (7) Superintendent Report by Micah Lewis; (8) Board Report - none

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of March 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting; (2) the Financial Report for April 2026; (3) Tyler Junior College MOU for 2026-2027 Dual Credit Program. A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Michael Martin to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 6:0.

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

Dustin Mason made a motion and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the 2025-2026 Budget Amendments as presented. The motion carried 6:0.

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

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Bear Brown to approve Senate Bill 546 on Three-Point seat belts for GSISD buses as presented. We can't immediately afford it, be we plan to be in compliance as of 2029. The motion carried 6:0.

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

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the Second Reading of Policy DGA(LOCAL): Employee Rights and Privileges: Freedom of Association.

The motion carried 6:0.

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

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the Second Reading of Policy FNA(LOCAL): Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Expression. The motion carried 6:0.

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

A motion was made by Nick Haley and seconded by Dustin Mason to approve the Resolution for Employee Compensation during Emergency Weather Closure. The motion carried 6:0.

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

President Micah Lowe reported for each board member the required Continuing Education Hours as follows: Micah Lowe -efficient, Bear Brown – efficient, Matt Strickland- efficient, Dustin Mason – efficient, Kyle Thompson – efficient, Michael Martin – efficient, and Nick Haley - efficient.

The Board discussed the Salary Schedule with no action taken

The board adjourned into executive session April 20, 2026, at 7:31 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session April 20, 2026, at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Nick Haley to approve the New Hires as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 6:0.

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

A motion was made by Nick Haley and seconded by Bear Brown to approve the resignation as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 6:0.

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

With no further business President Micah Lowe declared the meeting adjourned April 20, 2026, at 8:31 p.m.

Micah Lowe, President

Kyle Thompson, Secretary