

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 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 arrived at 6:46 p.m., Nick Haley and Michael Martin.

Recognition: Recipients of the Indian Award for November 2025 were Brady Good from the Elementary School, Jesus Ginez Lopez from the Intermediate School, and Jaqueline Aguilar from the High School.

President Micah Lowe opened a public hearing for discussion on the FIRST Report (Financial Rating System of Texas) at 6:43 p.m. and with no comments the hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

Reports: (1) Finance by Laura Griffith; (2) Technology by Lance Caffey; (3) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Micah Lewis; (4) Athletic Report by Micah Lewis; (5) Principal Report: Michael Mize (ES), and Tina Core (IS), (6) Superintendent Report by Micah Lewis, (7) Board Report by Micah Lowe.

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the October 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes of the October 27, 2025 Special Called Meeting; (2) the Financial Report for October 2025; (3) 2025 Tax Roll Levy. 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.

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

Kyle Thompson made a motion to approve the purchase of Middle School library books as presented. The motion was seconded by Dustin Mason and carried 7:0.

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

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Bear Brown to give all 259 votes to Kyle Thompson for the 2026-2027 Van Zandt County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion carried 6:0 with Kyle Thompson abstaining.

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

A motion was made by Matt Strickland to close the current CD account with BroadStreet Bank and open a new CD account with BroadStreet Bank with the new interest rate of 3.8% with the balance of \$1,559,361.00 from previous account, plus additional funds of \$750,000.00 with a new estimated balance of \$2,309,361.00 as presented and seconded by Bear Brown. The motion carried 7:0.

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

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson to approve Labatt Purchase of \$29,010.70 for MS/IS Cafeteria food and non-food as presented and seconded by Michael Martin. The motion carried 7:0

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

A motion was made by Dustin Mason to approve new district firewall purchase for \$26,631.11 as presented and seconded by Matt Strickland. The motion carried 7:0

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

The board discussed the Education Foundation and approved to go forward as presented. A motion was made by Nick Haley and seconded by Michael Martin. The motion carried 7:0

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

First Reading of Policy Update 126 affecting (LOCAL) Policy with no action taken.

First Reading of (LOCAL) Policy CDA: Other Revenues Investments. A motion was made by Kyle Thompson and seconded by Nick Haley. The motion carried 7:0.

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

First Reading of (LOCAL) Policy CH: Purchasing and Acquisition. A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Michael Martin. The motion carried 7:0.

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

The board discussed the LASO Grant – no action was taken.

The board adjourned into executive session November 17, 2025, at 7:32 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session November 17, 2025, at 8:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Nick Haley and seconded by Matt Strickland to approve the retention/recruitment incentive as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 7:0.

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

With no further business President Micah Lowe declared the meeting adjourned November 17, 2025, at 8:05 p.m.

Micah Lowe, President

Kyle Thompson, Secretary