

Board Notes

July 25, 2016



Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the GRISD Administration Building.

Board Members present: Kelley Snodgrass, Tom Lounsberry, Andy Snow, Wade Busch, Kevin Taylor, and Jason Dillard

Board Members absent: Brady Brown

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kelley Snodgrass. A quorum was present.

Invocation: Max Bly, Cross of Christ Episcopal Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Superintendent Wayne Rotan

Public Comments/Audience Participation

None

Reports/Presentation

Asst. Supt. of Instruction Report

Susan Wright presented the upcoming convocation schedule which will be held on Monday, August 15 starting at 9 a.m. and will feature speaker John Antonetti. A continental breakfast will be served in the auditorium foyer beginning at 8:30. The professional staff development schedule was also presented.

STAAR and EOC Report

The 2016 accountability ratings will be released to districts and campuses on August 12 and to the public on August 15. Mrs. Wright noted that the passing standards had increased for the 2015-16 school year and are set to increase again for the 2016-17 school year. She reported on our district's results for 2015-2016.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Rotan reported the following:

2016-17 Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Rotan noted that all board meetings for 2016-17 will be held on the 4th Monday of each month with the exception of the December meeting, which will be held on Thursday, December 15 (district will be closed for winter break on the 4th Monday of December). Also, the budget workshop scheduled for August 4th is not needed and the board can vote on a proposed tax rate at the August 22nd meeting and formally adopt the tax rate in September.

Pre-K Grant

As part of Gov. Abbott's high-quality prekindergarten initiative, Glen Rose ISD applied for and was one of 578 schools in the state of Texas that was awarded grant money to expand high quality PK programs. GRISD offers full day PK even though the state only requires ½ day. The district will receive \$18,972 in 2016-17 and \$19,207 in 2017-18 for a total of \$38,178 in grant funds. These funds will be used for professional development and parent engagement.

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Board members took the following action:

APPROVED the consent agenda including:

- a. Minutes of June 27, 2016 Budget Workshop and the June 27, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
- b. June 2016 Financial Report
- c. District Monthly Investment Report
- d. Budget Amendments
- e. Custodial supply bid for 2016-17 school year from Baxter Chemical & Janitorial Supply of Stephenville, TX
- f. Petroleum products bid for 2016-17 school year from Taylor Oil Company for the purchase of gas, diesel, transmission fluid, motor oil, gear lubricant, and chassis grease and from Lambert Oil Co. for the purchase of anti-freeze.
- g. Renewal of the Inter-Local Agreement between Somervell County and GRISD for two School Resource Officers for the 2016-17 school year. The County will provide two officers and the district will reimburse the salary, plus benefits of approximately \$58,000 to the County for one officer.
- h. The 2016-17 Stipend Schedule approved at the June 27, 2016 Budget Workshop was revised to include a dual credit teacher stipend of \$1,200 per course (\$2,000 per course w/Lab) as it had been inadvertently left off the previously approved stipend schedule.

APPROVED Revisions to Student Code of Conduct for 2016-2017

The Student Code of Conduct is required by state law. Any changes in the student code of conduct require board approval. Important clarifications associated with changes from the 84th Legislative Session require their incorporation in the district's student code of conduct.

The revisions include:

1. Clarification regarding the mitigating factors that the campus behavior coordinator must consider when making decisions
2. Clarification of the reasons for which a DAEP placement may be extended beyond one year.
3. Rewording of the provisions regarding permissive expulsion for engaging in certain conduct within 300 feet of school property to better track statute.
4. Rewording of the provisions regarding mandatory expulsion for weapons to better track statute and clarify exceptions to mandatory expulsions.
5. Inclusion in the glossary of relevant federal and state definitions of weapons that may result in student discipline.
6. Other revisions are for stylistic clarity and update to the glossary.

APPROVED TAPS for General Liability, Educator's Legal Liability, Vehicle, and Property Insurance Bids for 2016-17 School Year

Bid proposals were submitted by the following:

- TASB (Texas Assoc. of School Boards)
- Scarbrough, Medlin & Associates submitted one bid; PCAT (Property Casualty Alliance of Texas Higginbotham Ins. submitted two bids; TAPS (Texas Association of Public Schools) and TPS (Texas Political Subdivisions Joint Self-Insurance Fund)

ADJOURNED

There being no further business of the board, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Time 6:29 p.m.