

Board Notes

January 22, 2015



Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the GRISD Administration Building.

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

Board Members absent: Tom Lounsberry

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

Invocation: Phillip Voss, Stonewater Church

Pledge of Allegiance: GRHS FFA Officers

Recognition

Leader for 21st Century Learning

Board members recognized 5th grade teacher Jana Brandt for her incorporation of technology in the classroom.



All-State Band

Band Director Ray Portillo reported that over 9,000 HS Band students auditioned in 20 different regions for a place in their respective All-Region bands. The top chairs in each region advanced to one of 5 area auditions held January 10th across the state and only 290 out of 1980 students were selected for all-state honors. High School student Devan Elliott was selected as 1st chair in Area on flute. The ATSSB All-State Band will meet in rehearsals in San Antonio February 11-14 and will present a concert at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 14, which Devan will be a part of, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.



Board members presented a certificate to Devan for her achievement.

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School Board Recognition

January is School Board Recognition Month and as such, Mr. Rotan thanked board members for their service to the staff and students of Glen Rose ISD. As FFA officers presented board members with a certificate for their service, Mr. Rotan announced their years of service to the district.

President Kelley Snodgrass – 13 years
Vice President Tom Lounsberry – 12 years (Not in attendance)
Secretary Andy Snow – 7 years
Wade Busch – 11 years
Kevin Taylor – 9 years
Brady Brown – 8 years
Jason Dillard – 1 year



(Pictured L to R – Kevin Taylor, Wade Busch, Jason Dillard, Brady Brown, Andy Snow, and Kelley Snodgrass)

FFA Officer's Report

Glen Rose FFA President Emileigh Cantwell introduced fellow officers Madi Smith, Vice President, Dakota Stroud, Secretary, Ty Campbell, Reporter, and Brittany Watson, Sentinel to board members. (Treasurer Macy Sowders was not able to attend) Officers took turns reporting their past activities and successes, as well as their future events.

Intermediate Principal's Report

Principal Lauri Mapes thanked board members for their service and reported on the following:

- Current enrollment is 390
- Highlights of the report included:
 - As a welcome to new students, the campus bought each new student a book and delivered the book to them personally at their home welcoming them to GRIS
 - Began "Breakfast to Go" this year. Many students participating in the before school activities offered on campus were skipping breakfast. A "Breakfast to Go" program was implemented and increased the number of students eating breakfast at school from 40 to over 100. Students now eat breakfast upon their arrival or grab a sack breakfast and eat it in their classroom.
 - Project Based Learning (PBL) – After hearing from multiple community organizations, the 3rd grade class decided which organizations to help. Students participated in fundraising activities for their chosen organization and at the conclusion, presented proceeds totaling almost \$600 to the various organizations based on their efforts. 4th graders project based learning activities included Veteran's Activity Day and the Prosperity Bank banking program held on campus. 5th graders are working on the 250th celebration of the Star Spangled Banner. Ms. Fowler's GT students have adopted the Glen Rose Animal Shelter and have done an excellent job adopting the animals out.
 - Technology – All 4th & 5th graders now have MacBooks. The MacBooks are only used at school. Third graders will have their own Ipads by mid-February.

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- Time to Know Program – The Time to Know company brought 30 visitors from Houston ISD to visit the GR Intermediate campus last October to watch teachers using the program in the classroom. Next week, the company will bring visitors from Socorro, TX, Oklahoma, and Utah to the campus.
- Multi-Media Class – Ms. Fowler has been teaching a 4th and 5th grade multi-media class.
- MyON Reading – currently testing program. Students can access thousands of ebooks, which they can access on either their MacBook or their iPad.
- Starting a Computer Programming Club
- Math Pentathlon for 4th and 5th graders will be held in May.
- Partnership with HS POWER SET girls.
- HS FCCLA will teach 4th graders how to sew
- STAAR testing in March
- PEIMS Clerk Beatrice Morrison won the contest to name the new NBC5 Ford F250 storm chaser truck, which is now called the Texas Thunder Truck.

Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment is 1,668, which is up 38 students from the same time last year.
- District Activities –
 - Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra sent 7 master musicians to work with Glen Rose High School band students this past week. They will return in April for more tutorials.
 - GRHS STEM Academy held a Community Partner Luncheon and STEM Showcase Tuesday, January 20 at the High School. The Culinary Arts class prepared the meal. Geometry in Construction students showcased their 10'x12' garden shed which they designed and are currently building. Community partners watched as students erected the walls.
 - GRES Art Festival will be held on Friday, Jan. 23. Second graders will rotate through art sessions taught by local area artists. In between sessions, JH Drama students stationed in the hallway dressed as famous artists will discuss their lives, viewpoints, and greatest artistic achievements with the second graders.
 - TLPG – GRISD received its second \$100,000 grant. These funds will be used to complete purchases of iPad Minis for PK-1, iPads for grades 2-3, and MacBooks for grades 4-12.
 - JH Basketball at Peaster
 - HS Basketball tomorrow night @ Millsap
 - On Feb. 3, Tigers will recognize veterans between the girls and boys varsity basketball games against Hillsboro. Prior to the games, the Tiger Pride Band Boosters will host a Chili Cookoff. Judging will start at 5:30 with the serving at 6. A cake auction will be held at 7 p.m. All proceeds will go to scholarships and band camps.

Public Comments

None

Public Hearing on TAPR

Ellen Blair presented an overview of the Texas Academic Performance Report (formerly the Academic Excellence Indicator System or AEIS). The report compiles a wide range of

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information on the performance of students in each school and district in Texas every year. Performance is shown disaggregated by student groups, including ethnicity and low income status. The report also provides extensive information on school and district staff, programs, and student demographics. Districts and campuses can earn either a “Met Standard” or “Improvement Required” rating. Our district and all of our campuses earned the “Met Standard” rating. Our district was one of 20 public schools out of 1,200 across the state to earn the Post-Secondary Readiness distinction. GRHS earned distinction designations in 4 areas and Glen Rose Intermediate School earned distinction designations in 3 areas.

Public Comments on TAPR

None

Board members took the following action:

APPROVED the consent agenda, which included

- a. Minutes of the December 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- b. District Monthly Investment Report
- c. District 2014 Financial Report
- d. Budget Amendments
- e. Somervell County Extension Agents Zach Davis and Brianne Langdon to act as adjunct faculty members of GRISD on behalf of the Texas Co-Op Extension Agency for 4-H

APPROVED Texas Association of School Boards Policy Update 101

The Texas Assoc. of School Board released policy update 101, which included legal and local policies. The update incorporates recent changes to the Administrative Code regarding board member training, depository contracts, superintendent severance payments, school nutrition policies, child abuse and neglect, and various instruction topics. A recent commissioner of education decision prompted changes to all three of the local policies addressing grievances. Other local policies in Update 101 address purchasing, including submission of electronic bids or proposals, and the authority to approve variations to the school calendar and close schools for reasons of public health and safety.

Local policies affected include:

Replace BE (Local): Board Meetings

Replace CH (Local): Purchasing and Acquisition

Replace (DGBA (Local): Personnel-Management Relations: Employee Complaints/Grievances

Add EB (Local): School Year

Delete EIAB (Local): Grading/Progress Reports to Parents Makeup Work

Replace FFG (Local): Student Welfare: Child Abuse and Neglect

Replace FMG (Local): Student Activities: Travel

Replace FNG (Local): Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances

Replace GF (Local): Public Complaints

APPROVED Shared Services Arrangement Agreement between GRISD, Tolar ISD, and Three Way ISD

In September 1998, GRISD, Tolar ISD and Lipan ISD formed the Hood/Somervell Special Education Cooperative Shared Services Arrangement following the withdrawal of Granbury ISD.

Lipan ISD has notified the Hood/Somervell SSA of their intent to withdraw effective June 30, 2015.

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CLOSED SESSION

Board members adjourned to closed session to deliberate the superintendent appraisal and to deliberate the superintendent's contract (TX Gov't. Code 551.074) Time 7:06 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Board members reconvened in open session at 8:05 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVED a one-year extension of Mr. Rotan's contract.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Time 8:06 p.m.