

Board Notes

February 25, 2013



The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Friday, February 25, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the GRISD Administration Building.

Board Members Present included Marilyn Phillips, Tom Lounsberry, Andy Snow, Brady Brown, Kevin Taylor, Kelley Snodgrass, and Wade Busch

Board Members Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Pastor Brad Reedy of the Rainbow Baptist Church led the invocation and the HS All-State Band students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition

Band Director Ray Portillo introduced the following students for recognition:

ATSSB/TMEA All-State Band Members

Jaime Capps (2nd Yr. All-State)

Elisa Wiseman (2nd Yr. All-State)

Eddie Robles (1st Yr. All-State)

Ben McPherson (3rd Yr. All-State) ATSSB will present Ben with a scholarship for his achievement of making All-State for 3 straight years

Mr. Portillo informed board members that all of these students excel academically and are involved in other school activities, youth groups and have part-time jobs. Each student will be provided with a minimum scholarship of \$500 up to \$2000.

Leaders for 21st Century Learning

Mr. Rotan introduced the following teachers who assist our students master the skills necessary to become life-long learners in the 21st Century. A short video highlighting each teacher's use of technology in the classroom was played for board members. These teachers are successfully incorporating technology learning in their classrooms.

Ginger Whitehead – 2nd Grade Teacher

Keri Flippen – 4th Grade Teacher

Todd Cantwell – Pre-Mechanic Ag. Jr. High Teacher (Not in attendance)

Laura Korenek – HS Physics Teacher

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Public Comments/Audience Participation

None

Reports and Presentations:

Junior High School Campus Report

Principal Susie Wright reported:

- Current enrollment is 379
- Overall Attendance % thru the 4th 6 weeks is 95.8%
- 1st Track Meet was held on February 21st
- March 5 - The UIL One Act Play will be held in Glen Rose
- March 7 – Hosting UIL District Academic Meet
- March 5 & 6th – Students will participate in Choir Solo & Ensemble Contest
- Students not participating in UIL Academic Meet will participate in the following field trips:
 - 6th Grade – Ft. Worth Zoo Scavenger Hunt
 - 7th Grade – Texas Ranger Museum, Waco
 - 8th Grade – Holocaust Museum & JFK Museum, Dallas
- Participating UIL students will be taken on a field trip on May 30 possibly attending a Ranger game.
- STAAR tutorials are currently taking place after school for English 8, Math 8, and Writing 7
- Following Spring Break, STAAR tutorials for 6th & 7th Grade English & Math will be going.
- Just completed 2nd round of Map Assessment, which measures academic progress and helps teachers guide instruction & meet needs of individual students
- The last (3rd round) will be taken in May which will provide data for the next school year.
- Teachers just finished their 6 wks. collaboration meeting. This is a day set aside for them to plan for the next 6 weeks, make their assessments for the following 6 weeks and review all of their data, which includes their MAP data as well as their Benchmark data)
- Grand Central Station recently notified them that their campus, as well as the Intermediate and High School Campus had been chosen to receive the Spirit of GCS Award for the 2012-2013 school year.
- This is her campus' 1st year of using Blackboard with a basic goal of using it as a communication tool with students; however some teachers have taken it much farther. They have their students take tests and quizzes on it.
- Kathy Howell has totally “Flipped” her Algebra I class and has recently “Flipped” her Pre-Algebra 8th grade class as well. These changes are paying great dividends. Students receive more 1 on 1 time with the teacher during class time. All of Ms. Howell’s videos are in the Show –N–Share program and average approximately 15 minutes. The videos will be on the system indefinitely allowing students the ability to review them any time. Ms. Howell also provides students an outline for their notes. Students fill these out after watching the video. If students fail to complete the assignment at night, she gives them time to complete it at the 1st of class.

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Superintendent's Report

Mr. Rotan presented the following information to board members:

- **Enrollment** – 1,677 as of 2/22/13. That number is up 24 from the same date as last year.
- **District & Campus Activities** –
 - Elementary hosted their parent involvement night “Land Before Time” last Thursday. It was a great event and very well attended.
 - GRHS placed 1st, 2nd and 5th at the District 7-3A Debate competition. The 1st and 2nd place winners will compete @ the State Meet March 11-12 at UT.
 - March 5 – JH OAP District Competition @ GR
 - March 7 – JH District 7-3A Academic UIL Meet @ GR
 - March 9 – Regional Powerlifting
 - Very busy time of year with Academic UIL, One Act Play, Choir Contests, Band Concert and Sight-Reading, Baseball, Softball, Track, Tennis, Golf, Ag. Judging, and State Testing
- **School Finance Litigation Update** –
 - On February 4, 2013, Judge Dietz ruled the current system of school finance is unconstitutional.
 - Glen Rose ISD was one of the 90-plus districts supporting the Calhoun County lawsuit. Judge Dietz ruled that 1) Schools were not adequately funded to meet the current standards suitable for the general diffusion of knowledge, 2) districts are legally or practically unable to raise revenues at a higher rate than they currently have leaving no discretion and a de facto statewide property tax.
 - Judge Dietz will issue a written decision sometime in early to mid-March. It is likely that the ruling will be appealed to the State Supreme Court who would rule in late spring or early summer 2014. Then, the legislature would convene in special session to address the court ruling.
 - In 2006, in response to the West Orange Cove Ruling, the legislature compressed M & O tax rates by 1/3 over a 2-year period. Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR) was put in place to make districts whole by offsetting the 1/3 compression with a business margins tax.
 - Glen Rose ISD was at 1.1478 in 2005-2006 and lowered the rate to .7652 and added the state allowed 6 Tier II pennies.
 - The legislature has set a goal to eliminate the ASATR by 2013. This would impact Glen Rose with a loss of about 2.5 million dollars in revenue.
- **Legislative Update** –
 - The Texas School Coalition will host a Legislative Day Tuesday, March 5 at the ATT Executive Education and Conference Center beginning at 10 a.m. The House Public Education Committee Chair Jimmie Don Aycock will be the featured speaker and other legislators have been invited to attend. This will be an opportunity to receive legislative updates on issues affecting schools and meet with members of the legislature. He stated that he would be attending and encouraged all board members, if possible, to try to attend. There was no cost to attend, however he needed to know by Friday, March 1st in order to register them for the event.

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Board members took the following action:

Approved the consent agenda, which included

- a. Minutes of the January 24, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
- b. District Monthly Investment Report
- c. January 2013 Financial Report
- d. Budget Amendments
- e. Order of trustee election to be held on May 11, 2013
- f. Appointment of Geneva Morris as election judge and Bonnah Boyd as the alternate judge for the trustee election
- g. Appointment of Judy Shipman as the Early Voting Clerk and Denise Adams, Lisa Villa, and Kayla Windham as the Deputy Early Voting Clerks

Approved the accounting firm of Snow Garrett Williams as the District Auditor for FY 2012-2013

Approved an internet service provider contract with NextLink beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016

Approved the Option 2 [2013-2014 calendar](#) as presented

Approved a TEA waiver for one additional staff development day, which will be used on October 14, 2013.

Closed Session – Adjourned to closed session for contract recommendations for Directors, Principals, and Assistant Principals (TX Gov't. Code 551.074) and to discuss the superintendent contract (TX Gov't. Code 551.074) time 7:03 p.m.

Open Session – Reconvened in open session at 7:50 p.m.

Approved contract recommendations for principals, directors, and assistant principals as presented.

Adjourned – 7:51 p.m.