The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the GRISD Administration Building.

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

Board Members Absent: Andy Snow and Tom Lounsberry

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Pastor Mary Mercer of the Spirit Wind Church led the invocation and the FCCLA students in attendance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition

*Coach Terry Harlin introduced the following student for recognition:*

**State Powerlifting Champion**

Jared Thames

*Jill Lawson introduced the following students for recognition:*

**State FCCLA Qualifiers**

Kelsy Massey – Early Childhood

Madeline Campos & Sara Wisdom (not in attendance) – Fashion Design

Robert Jameson & Victoria Moore – Chapter Showcase Display

The following students won gold medals in Leadership Enhancement Opportunity:

Daniel Pena – Step One

Maleny Herrera – Child Development

Esmeralda Rodriguez (not in attendance) – Culinary Art

Additionally, Stephen Rivera was elected to serve as the Region II FCCLA President for the 2013-2014 school year and he was recognized by board members for this achievement.
Ag Teacher Blake O'Quinn introduced the following students for recognition who advanced to state competition:

Land Evaluation Team including Ben McPherson, Daniel Peña, and Robert Jameson

Environmental & Natural Resources Team including Koda Duren, Ty Campbell, Jessica Shimskie, and Tressa D'Angelo.

Wildlife Management Team including Thomas Beauregard, Logan Douglas, Keith McAnally, and Hance Burney.

Nursery Landscape Team including Dakota Stroud, Jena Brannon, and Jessica Shimskie.

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.

Lera Brittain – Kindergarten Teacher
Kelly Johnson – 5th Grade Science Teacher
Kaye Humberson – 6th Grade English Language Arts Teacher
Dorothy Johnston – High School Librarian

Public Comments/Audience Participation
None

Reports and Presentations:

Child Nutrition Coordinator Report
Child Coordinator Dawn Foos reviewed the state and federal guidelines that are followed for preparing and serving the district students’ meals

Elementary School Campus Report
Principal Debbie Morris reported:

- Current enrollment is 437
- Illness – Elementary students have missed quite a few days due to illness such as flu and strep.
- DARE Program was started this year at the Elementary campus
- Parent Involvement Night – This year’s theme was “The Land Before Time”, which centered around a curriculum of dinosaurs, Earth Sciences, Ice Age, and geological timelines. Approximately 500 to 700 attended.
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- GRES Giving Back Campaign this year included adopting a troop, Christmas Express, Diabetes Walk, Jump Rope for Heart, Cans for Kids, Tiger Totes, Earth Day, and donations for West, TX
- Math Pentathalon was recently held in Midlothian. Many students received medals. She noted that the Intermediate Campus will host a Math Pentathalon this Saturday for 4th and 5th graders
- A carnival will be held on May 2 from 5 to 7:30
- Track & Field Day will be held on May 10 and will include a hamburger cookout
- Student testing coming up

Superintendent’s Report
Mr. Rotan presented the following information to board members:

- Enrollment – 1,673 as of 4/19/13. That number is up 21 from the same date as last year.
- Tiger Pride Band – won sweepstakes at the Concert and Sight Reading Contest
- STAAR Testing – Being held this week in grades 3-8
- GR Lady Tigers – Finished softball season as district runner-up and will play Brownwood Friday night at 7:00 in Eastland for Bi-District
- Tiger Baseball – currently on top of District 7-3A. They will play Venus on Tuesday and Hillsboro on Friday.
- Regional Track Meet – Eight students will be competing at the Regional Track Meet in Lubbock this Friday and Saturday
- Project Graduation Spaghetti Supper & Auctions – Will be held on April 29, 2013. The senior class has voted to give 10% of the proceeds raised to the West Senior Class.
- Victims of West Explosion – The district collected $7,834 dollars, over 90 cases of water, personal hygiene items and food from staff and community members and delivered it to West last Friday.

- Legislative Update –
  Mr. Rotan highlighted the appropriation, public education, and accountability bills working their way through the legislature.

Board members took the following action:

Approved the consent agenda, which included
  a. Minutes of the March 25, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
  b. District Monthly Investment Report
  d. Budget Amendments
  e. Student out-of-state travel to National FCCLA Convention (Stephen Rivera was elected to serve as the 2013-2014 Region II FCCLA President. He and Mrs. Lawson will travel with other convention goers to the National Convention to be held in Nashville, TN July 7-11)
  f. Low Attendance Days waiver request to TEA
Approved the following action item:
Competitive sealed proposal submitted by American Mainline Products with a total budget amendment of $157,880 to fund the project of replacing the Elementary Campus skylights.

Closed Session – Adjourned to closed session for contract recommendations for Child Nutrition Coordinator, teachers, and diagnostician (TX Gov’t. Code 551.074)

Time 7:11 p.m.

Open Session – Reconvened in open session at 7:51 p.m.

Approved the following action items:

   a. One-year contract renewal for the Child Nutrition Coordinator Dawn Foos
   b. One-year contract renewals for Barbara Gibbons, Janice Snyder, and Loydene Terry
   c. Employment of Tammy Reeves as a diagnostician

Adjourned – 7:58 p.m.