Board Notes
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Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the GRISD Administration Building.

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

Board Members absent: Jason Dillard and Brady Brown

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

Invocation: Mary Mercer, Spirit Wind Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Supt. Wayne Rotan

Recognition

Academic All-State Tennis

The following students were recognized for earning Academic All-State Tennis by the Texas High School Coaches Association:
Derek Kramer – 1st Team
Grace Payne – 1st Team
Jennifer Herrera – 2nd Team
Kelsey Potter – 2nd Team
Jacob Locke – 2nd Team
Kimberlee McCullough – Honorable Mention
Jayden Reynolds – Honorable Mention

Nominees must be a senior athlete, student trainer, or manager in good standing with the team and have an overall GPA of 92 or above. Additionally, using a point system, THSCA considers each students' GPA, class rank, SAT and/or ACT score to determine which team they are placed on.

FFA State Qualifiers

Board members presented certificates to the following students for qualifying to participate at state competition in the following CDE's:

Horse Evaluation Team

Katy Davis
Cashion Klipfel
Adrian Barraza
Koda Duren

Nursery/Landscape Evaluation Team

Dakota Stroud
Brittany Watson
Page Green
Madison Wooten

Environmental & Natural Resources Team

Landen Ibarra
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Ty Campbell
Layne McAnear

Wildlife Team
Landen Ibarra
Stone Costello
Gage Costello
Cayden Miller
Layne McAnear

Board members also thanked their FFA Sponsor Blake O'Quinn for his outstanding leadership in mentoring the students to state competition.

Texas Girls Coaches Association Division II Sportswriter of the Year
Nominated by GRHS Coach Sandy Langford, local sportswriter Tye Chandler was recently named the Division II Sportswriter of the Year by the Texas Girls Coaches Association. Tye has aggressively reported on both girls and boys sports for GRISD traveling far and wide. Mr. Rotan and board members presented Tye with a certificate noting how appreciative the district is of his overall coverage of our student athletes as well as other happenings within the district.

Leader for 21st Century Learners
The following teachers were recognized by board members for their innovative use of technology in the classroom.

Elementary
Debbie Cathey –1st Grade Teacher

Junior High
Kaye Humberson
Judy May
Janet Yeager
Ashley Coleman
Clint Lockhart
Sandra Taylor
Lyn Edwards (Not in attendance)
Patty Snodgrass
Barry Payne

Public Comments
None

Junior High School Principal's Report
Principal Susan Wright reported the following:

- Current enrollment is 379
- Held their 3rd cookout of the year last Friday, including activities and a dunking booth
- 6th, 7th, and 8th graders recently completed STAAR testing
- The Algebra I End of Course exam will be held Wednesday, May 6th
- Semester exams will begin Friday, May 15 and conclude May 22
- Drama students' production of Annie, Jr. was very successful. Students reprised their roles for the student body last Friday after the cookout.

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- Drama students will be participating in some mini productions at the Elementary and Intermediate campuses
- 6th grade band students will compete at NRH2O on May 6th
- Choir competes at the Texas Pride Music Festival on May 8th
- Several of Mr. Payne's Art students were recognized for their vases
- Student/staff Costume monthly contest was implemented in January of this year
- 8th graders will travel to the HS for orientation with FLO (Future Leaders Organization) on Friday, May 1
- 5th graders will travel to JH on Wednesday, April 29 for a campus tour
- During the last week of school, students will participate in the following field trips:
    - 6th grade to FW Mint
    - 7th grade to Perot Museum & will view Deep Sea Challenge 3D movie
    - 8th grade to JFK Museum and Holocaust Museum
    - 8th graders to Six Flags on May 28

Superintendent's Report

Thanked staff for their work and caring of students following a very difficult night of storms.

District Enrollment ending Friday, April 24 was 1,682, which is up 2.8% from last year's enrollment.

He discussed the Texas House of Representatives' two proposed bills (HB 1795 and HB 1935) related to School Finance.

HB 1795, passed by the House Public Education Committee is set to go to the House floor on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. The bill puts an additional 3 billion in public education. 98% of schools receive a funding increase, however Glen Rose ISD is not one of them. Under the CSHB 1795, Glen Rose ISD would receive "Stop Loss Transition Aid" in 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, then would lose approximately $780,000 per year from 2017-2021 totaling approximately $3.2 million or 20% of current budget. It has passed the Public Ed. Committee and will go to the full House either Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

HB 1935 relates to ASATR or Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction for certain school districts. In 2006, the Legislature reduced school property taxes by 1/3 and made a promise to school districts that any lost revenue would be made up through Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction. Glen Rose ISD has approximately $3.2 million or 20% of the revenue we currently keep in ASATR. The Legislature intends to eliminate ASATR in 2017. HB 1935 allows districts to keep receiving ASATR after 2017. Mr. Rotan will be at a hearing April 28-29 in support of HB 1935.

Distict Activities/Events

- Choir earned superior achievement at their competition and band earned sweepstakes
- Tiger Pride Band Boosters is holding their annual Banquet and Award Ceremony at 6:30 tonight at the Expo.
- 4 FFA teams qualified for state
- 1 FCCLA student qualified for nationals and 1 elected as the Regional FCCLA President.
- Boys and Girls Golf Teams were District Golf Champions. The Boys Team has advanced to state and are playing today and tomorrow
- Softball team starts playoff's on Thursday. They will play Scurry Rosser in Bi-District. Game 1 will be Thursday at Saginaw HS and game 2 and 3 (if needed) will be played at Saturday at Saginaw HS

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- Boy's Baseball team qualified for the playoff's. We are currently looking for a practice game for this Friday and will start playoff's the following week.
- Regional Track Meet will be held this Friday and Saturday at Whitehouse

SHAC (Student Health Advisory Committee) **Report** by Janan Stephenson

- 4 meetings have been held this year– 2 in the fall and 2 in the spring

Committee discussion centered on the following:

- Physical Fitness
- Nutrition & Fitness
- Mental Health
- New protocols for Pediculosis (Head Lice) to be implemented. Information will be posted on the district's website upon administration's approval.

Board members took the following action:

APPROVED the consent agenda including:

a. Minutes of the March 23, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
b. District Monthly Investment Report
c. March 2015 Financial Report
d. Budget Amendments

APPROVED out-of-state student travel to FCCLA National Leadership Convention to be held in Washington, D.C. July 5-9. (Mrs. Lawson will accompany two students to the convention)

ADJOURNED

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

Time 6:53 p.m.