

Board Notes

September 24, 2012



The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 24, 2012 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, Andy Snow, and Brady Brown.

Board Members Absent included Tom Lounsberry

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

Brady Brown led the invocation and Mr. Rotan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition

Leaders for 21st Century Learning

Dianne Habluetzel introduced the following teachers for assisting 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.

Susan Watkins – 1st Grade Teacher
Amy Turner – 4th Grade Teacher
Marsha Wiseman – 6th Grade Teacher
Keith Wheeler – HS Math Teacher
Susie Dahl – HS Life Skills Teacher

Public Comments/Audience Participation

None

Reports and Presentations

Curriculum Director's Report

Dianne Habluetzel reported on the following:

1. Highly Qualified Teacher Report – 100% of teachers at every campus have met the required Highly Qualified status.
2. TELPAS Report – measures the progress of English Language Learners (ELL)
3. 2012 Accountability Standards/Adequate Yearly Progress
4. Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra programs supported by Mrs. Fran Wasilchak
5. Parent English and Spanish Language Programs are being provided free to Somervell County residents beginning October 1, 2012 Mondays thru Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at the High School campus. Spanish speaking employees will be on hand to assist people. High School service organization students will provide free babysitting services.
6. Texas Lending Program Grant (TLPG) – Grant funds will be used to make technology available for at home use by students. The district will provide wireless cards for

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MacBooks to provide internet access at home. Ipads will be purchased for Elementary and Intermediate students to take home.

High School Campus Report

Mr. Corcoran discussed the following with board members:

- Teachers and students began the year with new MacBooks. Everything seems to be working smoothly so far.
- The new Blackboard program is being used by teachers and students.
- Dual Credit program - this year, the High School has the capacity of offering 2055 hours of college credit.
- Culinary Arts Program was implemented this year. Students prepared appetizers for tonight's board members.
- Campus Activities include:
 - Volleyball team will play Stephenville tomorrow night in district play
 - Football team will play West on Friday @ West
 - Band will participate in a marching contest @ Midlothian October 6th and will hold an invitational contest in Glen Rose on the 13th.
 - The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra will hold two student concerts this Friday.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Rotan presented the following information to board members:

1. Enrollment – 1,704 as of 9/21/12. That number is up 16 from the 1st day of school and up 47 from the last day of school of last school year, up 62 from where we ended in 2010-11 and up 74 from where we started in 2010-2011.
2. Campus Activities –
 - Volleyball vs. Stephenville @ home tonight in District competition
 - Cross Country @ Whitney on Wednesday
 - Thursday the JV Freshman vs. West @ Glen Rose & JH @ West
 - Friday – The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra will hold two performances at the auditorium. Morning concert for 6-12 grades and afternoon concert for PK-5 grades.
 - Saturday – FLO (Future Leaders Organization) will participate in a Ropes Course for Leadership training at Tarleton
 - October 13 – Paluxy Marching Band Contest @ Glen Rose
 - Team of 8 Board Training will be held on Monday, October 29 @ 6 p.m. Connected Consulting from ACU will facilitate the training
 - School Finance Update – There are 5 pending lawsuits against the state of Texas. The first one is set to go to trial on October 22.
 - High Performance Schools Consortium – GRISD was one of 23 districts from the state of Texas chosen by TEA to participate in the Consortium. The first meeting will be held on October 23rd and the second one will be held in November. The Consortium will make their recommendation to TEA.
 - Effective Schools Project – The Elementary Campus has been recognized by the Effective Schools Project for work with parents. The Elementary Campus was featured in their latest publication on the front cover and inside on pages 26-29.

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Board members took the following action:

Approved the consent agenda, which included

- a. Minutes of the August 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
- b. August 2012 Financial Report
- c. District Monthly Investment Report
- d. Quarterly Investment Report
- e. Budget Amendments
- f. FFA out-of-state trip to National Convention
- g. School Health Advisory Council members made up of parents Rachele Simons, Nana Vaughn, Cindy Daniels, Regina Harrison, Sonja Mauser, Gina Tubbs, Danielle Elliott and Brad Reedy and Staff members Dawn Foos, Dianne Habluetzel, Janan Stephenson, Debbie Morris, Karla Swearengin, Mike Reynolds, and Kenny Toney for the 2012-2013 school year.
- h. Agreement for the 2012-2013 & 2013-2014 school years with Valley View Consulting, LLC for financial advisor services
- i. Annual Review and Resolution of investment policies, strategies, and qualified brokers.
- j. Renewal of the Somervell Central Appraisal District contract for the collection of school district taxes
- k. The purchase of 133 ipad 2's with Wi-Fi capacity at \$72,419, ipad protective covers for GRES & GRIS campuses at \$4,000, and 50 WI-FI unlimited 4G data cards for students to check out from library for at-home use to provide internet access for JH and HS students at \$23,933.70 with grant funds from the TLPG grant monies and a budget amendment to cover the purchase.

Approved field turf installation at the baseball and softball fields by Carter Construction and procured through the TASB Buy Board (a cooperative purchase program) and a budget amendment for the total cost to come from Capital Project Designated funds. (Currently, maintenance and utilities cost the district approximately \$53,000 per year on these two fields. This year the district was required by the state to meter two water wells and pay for underground water usage. The installation of the field turf will eliminate the need for maintenance and utilities, preparation time prior to games, and no lost time due to rain. The total cost of installation, excavation, turf, etc. per the Buy Board bid was \$1,112,500)

Approved the required letter to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reaffirming GRISD's eminent domain authority in compliance with SB 18. (Per Senate Bill 18, schools districts were required to reaffirm the district's authority to exercise eminent domain. A letter approved by the Board must be submitted to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts no later than December 31, 2012 that the district wants to retain their right of eminent domain. If the deadline is not met, the district loses the right to use it after that date.)

Adjourned – 7:22 p.m.