

# Board Notes

## February 26, 2018

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### **Regular Meeting**

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the GRISD Administration Building.

Board Members present: Kelley Snodgrass, Tom Lounsberry, Andy Snow, Wade Busch, and Brady Brown

Board Members absent: Kevin Taylor and Jason Dillard

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

### **Invocation**

Frank Eschbach, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Asst. Supt. of Operations Tommy Corcoran led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Recognition**

Board members recognized the following:

Westen Halcom – Honorable Mention, Running Back named to All-State Football Team by Texas Sportswriters Assoc. & Assoc. Press Sports Editors

Tanner Stroud – Honorable Mention, Defensive Lineman named to All-State Football Team by Texas Sportswriters Assoc. & Assoc. Press Sports Editors

### **School Counselors**

Asst. Supt. Susan Wright acknowledged the GRISD campus counselors for their commitment to our students and partnership with parents and educators. Board members presented certificates to the following counselors:

Candy McClure – High School

Linda Nance – High School

Stephanie Rotan – Junior High (Not in attendance)

Courtney Cordova – Junior High (Not in attendance)

Robbie Gibson – Intermediate (Not in attendance)

Teresa Morris – Elementary (Not in attendance)

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### **REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Junior High Principal's Report**

Principal Vicki Goebel reported on the following:

- **Destination Imagination** – The GRJH team competed Saturday at the Greater Fort Worth Destination Imagination Regional Meet at McMurray University in Abilene placing 4<sup>th</sup> out of 9 teams. The team had to complete an Instant Challenge component (given a short amount of time to solve a task) using team work and creative thinking skills. Their Team Challenge was a theatrical presentation of their ongoing community service project of growing vegetables to supplement the food at Papa's Pantry. Team members included Walker Andrews (7<sup>th</sup>), Brenna Bulat (6<sup>th</sup>), Monce Calzada (7<sup>th</sup>), Avery Gray (6<sup>th</sup>), Ali Moss (6<sup>th</sup>), and Ethan Treadaway (6<sup>th</sup>). Sponsors were Courtney Cordova and Patty Snodgrass.
- **SMU Visioneering Day** – On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, GRJH sponsors Patty Snodgrass and Judy May took 10 students to SMU's Visioneering Event, which focuses on helping students learn how to be problem solvers and to encourage an engineering mindset. Their SMU team coach observed their work and problem solving skills complimenting and providing guidance as appropriate.
- **Tarleton State University Campus Visit** – Sponsors Connie McCormick and Stephanie Rotan took thirty 8<sup>th</sup> graders to visit the Tarleton Campus on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Upcoming Track Events:**
  - at Waxahachie tonight
  - next Monday @ Kennedale
  - Glen Rose will host a meet on March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - The District Track Meet will be held in Alvarado on April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Concert Season**
  - JH Pre-UIL Concert will be held at 7 p.m. on 2/27 at the HS Auditorium
  - JH UIL Concert @ Aledo on March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - JH UIL Concert Band will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>
- **STAAR Tests**
  - April 10<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Writing and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math tests
  - April 11<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-Algebra students take 8<sup>th</sup> grade test/8<sup>th</sup> gr. Reading
- **Spring Dance**
  - PTA sponsored dance will be held April 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Enrollment**
  - Current enrollment is 420 students; 132-6<sup>th</sup> graders, 152-7<sup>th</sup> graders, and 136-8<sup>th</sup> graders

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Asst. Supt. Corcoran reported the following:

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### **Enrollment**

Mr. Corcoran noted that enrollment as of February 23, 2018 was 1,796, which is a 38-student increase over the same time last year.

### **Campus Activities**

- Lady Tigers lost in the Regional Semi-Finals and finished the year with a 34-2 record. We are very proud of our Lady Tigers.; Combine their record with the volleyball team and our girls are 83-4 on the year.
- Lady Tigers softball team starts district play this Tuesday against Godley at home. They are 2-1 on the year. This past weekend's tournament was rained out. They will be in the Clifton Tournament this weekend.
- Baseball is 2-0 on the year and will play Keene tonight and will host the Harley Hogg Tournament this weekend.
- GRHS UIL Invitational Meet will be held this Friday and Saturday (March 2-3)
- Tiger Pride Band competed in Area Solo and Ensemble Contest this past weekend. 26 members advanced to state in May.
- Robotics Team will be competing in Irving this week.
- Spring Break is two weeks away. (March 12-16)

### **DISTRICT AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

Assistant Supt. Susan Wright presented the District and Campus Improvement Plans

### **Public Comments/Audience Participation**

None

### **Board members took the following action:**

**APPROVED** the consent agenda including:

- a. Minutes of January 22, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- b. District Monthly Investment Report
- c. January 2018 Financial Report
- d. Budget Amendments
- e. Appointment of Judy Shipman to serve at Early Voting Clerk and Denise Adams, Kayla O'Quinn, Lisa Villa, and Dana Rigano as Deputy Early Voting Clerks for the May 5, 2018 Trustee Election
- f. Snow Garrett Williams as district auditor for FY 2017-18
- g. District and Campus Improvement Plans
- h. Region 10 ESC 2018-19 Multi-Region Purchasing Co-Op Inter-Local Agreement
- i. Out-of-State Travel for volleyball team
- j. Inter-Local Agreement with Harris County Dept. of Ed. Choice Partners Purchasing Co-Op

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**APPROVED** a District of Innovation Plan, which allows the district to opt out of certain TX Ed. Code requirements. GRISD's District of Innovation Plan was developed by a District of Innovation Leadership Committee appointed by the Board on October 23, 2017. The committee held a public hearing on Monday, February 19, 2018 and voted unanimously to approve the final version of the District of Innovation Plan. GRISD's DOI Plan opts our district out of the following sections of the Texas Education Code:

- 25.0811 First Day of Instruction
- 25.112 Class Size/Student Ratio
- 21.003 Teacher Certification
- 11.253 Site-Based Decision-Making Process

The District of Innovation Plan is effective for a five-year term including school years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

**APPROVED** the 2018-19 School Calendar.

Asst. Supt. of Operations Tommy Corcoran informed board members that the calendar committee had developed two calendar options and posted them on the district website and requested employee and community members participate in a survey and provide comments regarding the calendar options. Both calendars had the third week of March for a proposed Spring Break, however calls and comments reflected a desire to have Spring Break the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March instead. After gathering more input from surrounding districts and staff, it was determined to change the dates of Spring Break to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March. At the close of voting on the two calendar options, Option 1 2018-19 School Calendar received the most votes.

***Calendar Option 1 Includes the Following:***

**First Day of School:** August 16, 2018

**School Holiday:** September 3, 2018

**Student Holiday/Staff Development Day:** October 8, 2018

**Thanksgiving Break:** November 19-23, 2018

**Student Early Release:** December 21, 2018

**Winter Break:** December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019

**Student Holiday/Staff Workday:** January 7, 2019

**School Holiday:** January 11, 2019

**Student Holiday/Staff Development Day:** January 21, 2019

**Student Holiday/Staff Development Day:** February 18, 2019

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**Bad Weather/Illness/Student Holiday:** March 8, 2019

**Spring Break:** March 11-15, 2019

**School Holiday:** April 19, 2019

**Bad Weather/Illness/Student Holiday:** April 22, 2019

**Last Day of School/Student Early Release/Graduation:** May 24, 2019

**Staff Workday:** May 25, 2019

**School Holiday for Staff:** May 27, 2019

**Teacher Comp Day:** May 28, 2019

**APPROVED** High School Auditorium Sound System Upgrade by Infinity Sound procured thru the TASB BuyBoard with a budget amendment from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$150,861 to cover.

### **ADJOURNED**

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

Time 6:31 p.m.