

Board Notes

May 9, 2016



Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the GRISD Administration Building.

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

Board Members absent: Kevin Taylor

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

Invocation: Andy Snow

Pledge of Allegiance: GRHS Choir

Presentations & Recognition

GRHS Choir Performance & Sweepstakes Recognition

Choir Director Samuel Teal directed the choir as they sang *Follow the River* by Julie Wheeler. Following their performance, Mr. Teal informed board members that the choir earned a sweepstakes at the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest on April 13. All six judges gave the choir a rating of Superior (1), which is the highest rating a choir can earn. Board members presented certificates to Mr. Teal for his leadership and to the following students:

Leigha Calvert
Mary Claunch
Emily Darby
Joe Darden
Ariel Easter
Addison Fenner (Not in attendance)
Kennedy Grenier
Dayne Grubb
Freedom Hulsey (Not in attendance)
Morgan Kirby
Ashley Mena
Jacy Moss
Karli Nobles
Anna Quinlan
Emma Sheffield
Joel Sims
Hunter Smith
Jordan Stone
Caden White

State Powerlifting Champion

Coach Terry Harlin introduced Cesar Herrera who won the Class 3A state Powerlifting Championship in the 148 lb. weight class. Board members presented Cesar with a certificate for his achievement.

State FFA Qualifiers

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

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Horse Judging Team

Katy Davis
Adrian Barraza
Michaela Johnson
Cashion Klipfel
Koda Duren

Wildlife Management Team

Cayden Miller
Landen Ibarra
Gage Costello
Stone Costello
Layne McAnear

Environmental Natural Resources

Cayden Miller
Landen Ibarra
Ty Campbell

Nursery Landscape Team

Dakota Stroud
Dristan Cathey
Daisy Pena
Madison Wooten

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

State Track & Field Qualifier

Coach Sandy Langford introduced Allyson Andress who has advanced to the state meet in High Jump (Competes at state Track Meet on Thursday, May 12 @ 5 p.m. in Austin)

State UIL Academic Qualifiers

The following students were recognized for qualifying for the UIL Academic State Meet:

Chance Page – Computer Science (ranked 5th in the state)
Jadon Morris – Science (alternate)

Board members presented these students with a certificate, as well as sponsor Shayla Hoffman for her outstanding leadership in mentoring these students to state competition.

Leaders for 21st Century Learners

Board members recognized Intermediate teachers Shelley Statler and Evelyn Rolon for their integration of technology in instruction to students. These teachers implemented a Robotics Club. A team of four students worked weekly to build and program robots that could complete an assigned challenge. The team has competed in the TCEA Area Robotics contest in January against other 4th-8th graders. Ms. Statler and Ms. Rolon plan on expanding the robotics program.

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Reports/Presentations

Student Health Advisory Committee Report – Janan Stephenson

Ms. Stephenson reported that the SHAC committee met four times during the 2015-2016 school year; October 29, December 3, January 28, and February 25.

Topics of discussion included:

- The Safety Class on Technology was great for our students at the JH & HS. SHAC members would like to see more classes for the Elementary and Intermediate students with more content including video games and online playing.
- New Human Growth and Development videos were viewed by the SHAC and 6 videos were approved; a total of 4 for GRIS (2 for boys and 2 for girls), and 2 for 6th grade at GRJH (1 each for boys and girls) The focus of these videos is human growth and development, body changes, personal hygiene, nutrition, exercise and self-esteem.
- A representative from the Brazos Pregnancy Center presented their abstinence program to SHAC members. The program is designed for JH and HS age students. The program had been approved by SHAC in years past, however members did not approve its use this school year based on the new presentation. They will look for other abstinence programs to offer students.

Intermediate School Principal Report

Principal Lauri Mapes informed board members of the following:

- Current enrollment is 414
- Science night was held in February
- A Wild Animal Adventure Show was held at the end of February
- Competed in Math Pentathlon; 80 students participated. 3rd graders competed in Mansfield and 4th and 5th graders competed in Glen Rose.
- Currently in the 2nd round of STAAR testing
- Campus cookout was held last Friday
- Field Day will be held Monday, May 16
- Intermediate Idol will be held on Wednesday, May 18
- Students will travel to Splash Station in Cleburne on May 26
- Their “Clap Out” will be held at 8:15 on the last day of school
- Staff Development
- Destination Imagination Team advanced to the Global Tournament to be held in Knoxville, TN the last week of school.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Rotan reported the following:

Enrollment

As of May 6, 2016, district enrollment totaled 1,732, which is an increase of 51 students or 3% from the same date last year.

District Activities

- 1st Round of STAAR testing yielded the following results:
 - 8th Reading-96%
 - 8th Math-92%
 - 5th Reading-81%
 - 5th Math-81%

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- HS End of Course testing was held last week
- STAAR testing this week on
 - May 9-Grades 3,4,6,& 7 Math; Gr. 5 & 8 Math Retest
 - May 10-Grades 3,4,6,&7 Reading; English III, Gr. 5 & * Reading Retest
 - May 11-Grades 5 & 8 Science; Algebra II
 - May 12-Gr. 8 Social Studies
 - May 13-All make-up sessions for STAAR
- Academic UIL – Chance Page advanced to state in Computer Science; Jadon Morris was an alternate in Science
- Track – Ally Andress advanced to state in High Jump. Will compete at state Thursday, May 12 at 5 p.m. in Austin
- Pre-K Grant – GRISD applied for the PK grant and will receive approximately \$36,000 over the next 2 years. Thanks to Debbie Morris, PK teachers and Ellen Blair for their efforts.
- Upcoming Events –
 - Friday, May 13 Band Banquet
 - Monday, May 16 NHS Inductions
 - Tuesday, May 17 FFA Banquet
 - Friday, May 20 4-5:30 Retirement Reception honoring GRISD retirees to be held in Rm. 102 of Technology Center
 - Sunday, May 22 2:00 Baccalaureate @ GRHS Auditorium
 - Friday, May 27 7:00 Graduation

Public Comments/Audience Participation

None

Board members took the following action:

APPROVED the consent agenda including:

- a. Minutes of March 28, 2016 Regular Meeting
- b. District Monthly Investment Report
- c. March 2016 Financial Report
- d. Budget Amendments

APPROVED Student Out-of-State Travel to 2016 FCCLA National Leadership Conference

The national conference will be held in San Diego, CA July 3-7. Sponsor Jill Lawson will accompany student Bari Douglas, who is a state officer. Expenses will be paid from budgeted student travel funds set aside for competitions beyond the district level.

APPROVED Out-of-State Travel for Intermediate Destination Imagination team to travel to Global Tournament

The Intermediate team “On the Bark Side” advanced to the Global Destination Imagination Tournament to be held May 25-28 in Knoxville, TN. Board members approved out-of-state travel for the sponsor and team members.

ADJOURNED

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

Time 6:48 p.m.