

Minutes of JULY 20, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Gainesville Independent School District met **Monday, July 20, 2009** at **6:00 P.M.** at the Administration Building at 800 South Morris. The following members were present: Will Presson, Mary Hunter, Roy Brewer, Phil Adams, Mike Schmitz, Tommy Moore and David Moore. Also present were Cindy Tatum, Alisha Jordon, Tammy Fuhrmann, Rhett King, Gene & Lisa Suttle, Patti Mercer, Jim Watson, David Glance, Shane Nichols, Kent Sharp, Darin Allred, Jennifer Presson, Dakota Nichols, Karen Simpson, Glenn Smith, Kim Ralston, Leslie Nichols, Paula Moore, Stephen Monahan & Eunice Hamrick.

Phil Adams called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation was given by Roy Brewer

Audience items: Shane Nichols spoke to the board about the positive response to the Athletic Facilities. "It's all about the kids and pride in the school." "It would make the facilities at the High School complete."

Superintendent Report: Mr. Gravitt reported that the move to the Middle School is completed. A tour of the Middle School was successful after the musical "The Music Man". The class of 1989 took a tour and was quite impressed with the new look.

Board President Report: Nothing to update at this time.

INFORMATION ITEMS: Committee Report: Mike Schmitz reported that the Facilities committee met on Thursday, July 2nd and discussed with contractors what needed to be done about restrooms and concession stands. Fence and sidewalks were also discussed and that bids will be taken.

GISD Magnet Program: Further discussion on offering a type of Magnet Program and checking into what we might offer in the future, to keep students interested. Chairperson Karen Simpson & Kim Ralston, talked about what courses might be put in place to offer. Meetings with the committee will be scheduled.

Delinquent Tax Information: Glenn Smith from Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, and LLP discussed with Mr. Gravitt that the properties are worth more money than you might get at a Sheriff sale, and Mr. Smith gave the board information to discuss in executive session.

Leeper Stadium renovation: Mr. Gravitt was told to put down water and fertilizer.

Budget Calendar: Phil Adams gave a copy of the budget calendar he received at the TASBO conference to Mr. Gravitt for Cindy and Committee to look over.

Budget Update: Projected budget was presented by Cindy Tatum to the Budget Committee and other enrollment figures will be put in place and discussed with committee at a later date.

Old Junior High Building: Mr. Gravitt will take any suggestions from the committee and board on what they feel needs to be done with the old Junior High School on Denton Street. Right now we will house the DAEP and Alternative Program in the newer part of the building. Mr. Gravitt is concerned because he does not want it to end up abandon like JM Lindsay, where it hurts the community.

Federal Programs: Paula Moore gave a hand out of the current federal grants that GISD has in place. Some federal money has been cut in some areas but increase in others.

Maintenance Facilities: Mr. Gravitt suggested a study to be done on improvement on the Franklin building to provide a place to work on Buses, or checking into a building to house buses and shop - whichever is cheaper.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Adopt new graduation requirements set by TEA:** House bill #3 was passed this summer by the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas new graduation requirements. They will take effect on September 1, 2009. Recommended required elective are 1/2 credit for P.E. (additional), 1/2 Health and 1 credit of Technology applications. Mr. Gravitt recommended accepting the changes required by TEA.
Motion was made by Mike Schmitz and seconded by Mary Hunter. Motion carried.
- B. Approval of Course Guide for High School & Junior High:** Board members were given a copy of the course guides. Mr. Gravitt recommended accepting the course guides as presented.
Motion was made by Tommy Moore and seconded by Mary Hunter. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of PEIMS Handbook 2009-2010:** The purpose of this handbook is to make sure that all campus personnel follow the same instructions at each campus of information on each student enrolled. Mr. Gravitt recommended accepting the PEIMS handbook as presented.
Motion was made by Will Presson and seconded by Mike Schmitz. Motion carried.
- D. Capital Improvement/ Budget Amendment:** Mr. Gravitt recommended tabling this amendment at this time for August meeting.
Motion was made by Roy Brewer and seconded by Mike Schmitz. Motion carried.
- E. Appraisal Calendar 2009-2010-** Mr. Gravitt explained that the calendar presented were the dates and personnel that would be doing the appraisals at each campus for 2009-2010. Motion was made by Tommy Moore and seconded by Roy Brewer. Motion carried.
- F. Tex Star Funds-** Mary Ann Dunda explained to the board of the funds that GISD has and the interested and the security of the funds. The board tabled in doing anything with these funds until further information is gathered. Motion was tabled by Roy Brewer and seconded by Tommy Moore. Motion carried.

G. Maintenance Tax Notes: Recommended to table is item until further notice. Motion was made by Will Presson and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried.

H. Capital Improvement: Mr. Gravitt made a recommendation to complete the Athletic Facilities with stand, lighting, restroom, concession stands, and ticket booths. The board honored 1.5 Million to complete this project. Motion was made by Will Presson and seconded by Roy Brewer. Motion carried 5 to 2. Mike Schmitz and Mary Hunter voting against.

Consent items:

- A. Minutes of June 15, and July 6 meeting
- B. Monthly bill list
- C. Cash Flow Statement
- D. Delinquent tax collection report
- E. Investment Management Report
- F. Financial Statement

Mr. Gravitt recommended to except consent items as presented. Motion was made by Tommy Moore and seconded by Roy Brewer. Motion carried.

Executive session was taken @ 8:03 p.m.

Discussion on personnel consideration.

Reconvene Open Session @ 9:17 p.m.

Mr. Gravitt recommended the following to be hired for the 2009-2010 school year.

Garry Couchman	Agriculture	High School
Jodie Henderson	Pre- Kindergarten	Edison Elem.
Patrick Navin	Physics/Chemistry	High School

Motion was made by Tommy Moore to except the following for employment. Seconded by Mike Schmitz. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn @ 9:28 p.m.