Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Grand Prairie Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Grand Prairie Independent School District will be held Thursday, September 17, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Board Room at the Education Center, 2602 South Belt Line Road, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E, or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

1. **5:30 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER**
2. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**
   A. Personnel Matters (§ 551.074)
   Appointments, Discipline, Dismissals, Duties, Employment, Employment Contracts, Evaluations, Extensions, Leaves of Absence, Nonrenewals, Proposals for Nonrenewals, Renewals, Reassignments, Retirements, Job Abandonment, Terminations, Proposed Terminations, Requests for Leave of Absence, Requests for Extended Leave Without Pay, Proposed Suspension Without Pay, Resignations, and Settlements, for Administrators, Principals, Teachers and/or other Employees.
      1. GF (LOCAL) Grievance(s)
      2. Chapter 21 Contract Recommendations for 2026-2027
      3. The evaluation, duties, and discipline of a public officer
   B. Deliberation Regarding Real Property (§ 551.072).
      1. Long Range Facility Planning
   C. School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint (§ 551.082).
   D. Consultation with Attorney (§ 551.071)
   Consultation with the attorney with respect to pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and matters where the attorney's duty to the district, pursuant to the code of professional responsibility of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, or on a matter which the attorney determines should be confidential, including, but not limited to, contract negotiations in accordance with the Texas Government Code §§ 551.071, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.087.
   E. Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits (§§ 551.076; .089).
   The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.

    1. Intruder Detection Audit

3. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.**
4. **INVOCATION**
5. **PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND TEXAS FLAG**
6. **RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**
   Presenter: Sam Buchmeyer, Public Information Officer
7. **OPEN FORUM FOR AGENDA ITEMS**
   A. Persons attending the meeting may request an Open Forum Sign-Up Card. The card must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the Board President or designee by 7:00 p.m. The first Open Forum is limited to: (a) agenda items other than personnel, public officers, and individual/specific students and (b) parents/guardians of a student who currently attends a GPISD school. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. When more than one individual wishes to address the same agenda item, the President may ask the group to appoint one spokesperson.
8. **ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**
9. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICIAL**
10. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
    A. Minutes
        1. 8.4.26 — Budget Workshop
        2. 8.13.26
        3. 8.25.26 — Special Meeting
        4. 8.25.26 — Adopt Budget/Set Tax Rate
    B. Personnel: Routine Action
        1. Employment, Retirement(s), Termination(s)/Proposed Termination(s), Proposed Nonrenewal(s), Request(s) for Leave of Absence, Request(s) for Extended Leave Without Pay, Resignation(s), Reassignment(s), Request(s) for Temporary Disability, Job Abandonment, Proposed Extension of Probationary Contract(s), Proposed Suspension Without Pay, Administrator Contract Recommendations, Non-Administrator Contract Recommendations
        2. Personnel Report
    C. Regular Reports of the Superintendent
       Presenter: Kristin Byrd, Chief Financial Officer
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       Presenter: Larry Jones, Executive Director of Career & Technical Education
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       Presenter: Kristin Byrd, Chief Financial Officer

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Presenter: Dr. Melissa Kates, General Counsel

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Presenter: Dr. Melissa Steger, Chief Data, and Information Systems Officer

C. 2026-2027 Target Improvement Plans (TIPs) for Marshall Elementary and Adams Middle School; Turnaround Plans (TAPs) for Fannin Middle School, Arnold Middle School, Florence Hill Elementary, and Garcia Elementary; Local Improvement Plans (LIPs) for Bush Elementary and Dickinson Elementary 20
Presenter: Dr. Gabriel Trujillo, Superintendent of Schools

13. **OPEN FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Persons attending the meeting may request an Open Forum Sign-Up Card. The card must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the Board President or designee by 7:00 p.m. This second Open Forum allows individuals to address the Board on any subject, except personnel and individual/specific students. Any personnel concern should be brought directly to the attention of the Superintendent prior to the meeting. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. When more than one individual wishes to address the same topic, the Board President may ask the group to appoint one spokesperson.

14. **COMMENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

A. Board of Trustees' expressions of thanks, congratulations, and condolences.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

GRAND PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2026

MAINTENANCE & OPERATION (M&O)

Description	2025-2026 Original Budget	2025-2026 Revised Budget	JULY 2025-2026 Monthly Activity	2025-2026 FYTD Activity
LOCAL TAXES-CURRENT	$ 99,156,302.00	$ 99,156,302.00	$ (144,562.69)	$ 103,737,623.25
LOCAL TAXES-PRIOR YR	-	(2,300,000.00)	(66,138.89)	(1,075,728.33)
PENALTY/INTEREST	500,000.00	500,000.00	55,505.62	627,199.14
TOTAL	**$ 99,656,302.00**	**$ 97,356,302.00**	**$ (155,195.96)**	**$ 103,289,094.06**

INTEREST & SINKING (I&S)

Description	2025-2026 Original Budget	2025-2026 Revised Budget	JULY 2025-2026 Monthly Activity	2025-2026 FYTD Activity
LOCAL TAXES - CUR YR	$ 34,750,000.00	$ 34,750,000.00	$ (50,664.95)	$ 36,357,210.92
LOCAL TAXES - PRIOR YEAR	-	(600,000.00)	(26,147.44)	(427,111.61)
PENALTY/INTEREST/DEL	100,000.00	100,000.00	20,920.13	239,633.25
TOTAL	**$ 34,850,000.00**	**$ 34,250,000.00**	**$ (55,892.26)**	**$ 36,169,732.56**

This report is prepared for the Board of Trustees meeting held September 17, 2026.

2025-2026 GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JULY 31, 2026

	General Fund Original Budget	July 31, 2026 Amended Budget	07/31/26 Revenue, Expenditures, and Change in FB	% of Budget
REVENUES:				
5700 Local revenues	$ 109,649,888	$ 110,649,888	$ 121,835,969	110%
5800 State revenues	186,986,474	186,786,474	157,982,659	85%
5900 Federal revenues	1,940,000	1,140,000	783,796	69%
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 298,576,362**	**$ 298,576,362**	**$ 280,602,424**	**94%**
EXPENDITURES:				
11 Instruction	$ 184,213,250	$ 184,382,817	$ 141,829,784	77%
12 Inst. Resources/Media	3,419,418	3,394,278	2,793,705	82%
13 Curr & Staff Develop	3,422,462	3,180,916	2,419,609	76%
21 Inst Leadership	6,084,043	6,707,987	6,013,198	90%
23 School Leadership	20,779,472	21,091,234	18,630,558	88%
31 Guidance/Counseling	13,381,182	13,059,837	11,227,839	86%
32 Social Services	1,045,448	1,046,363	828,269	79%
33 Health Services	4,049,305	4,018,568	3,022,572	75%
34 Transportation	8,512,559	9,145,633	8,583,244	94%
35 Food Service	803,176	824,320	762,792	93%
36 Extra-Curricular	6,259,034	6,430,062	5,622,631	87%
41 General Admin.	8,156,208	7,928,404	6,903,936	87%
51 Maint & Operations	34,588,228	36,799,139	29,624,218	81%
52 Security	6,825,710	7,255,837	6,110,515	84%
53 Data Processing	8,129,683	8,213,577	7,521,864	92%
61 Community Services	4,290,158	4,140,081	3,264,979	79%
71 Debt Service	1,198,700	1,198,700	1,091,800	91%
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	171,627	15,467,925	5,231,079	34%
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	16,000	16,000	8,130	51%
97 Payments to TIF	-	-	-	0%
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	496,703	496,703	496,703	100%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 315,842,366**	**$ 334,798,381**	**$ 261,987,425**	**78%**
OTHER SOURCES:				
7912 Sale of Property	$ -	$ -	$ 151,906	
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases		-	-	
7915 Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 151,906**	
OTHER USES:				
8911 Operating Transfer Out	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTAL OTHER USES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ (17,266,004)**	**$ (36,222,019)**	**$ 18,766,905**	

2025-2026 GENERAL FUND - MACKENZIE SCOTT DONATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JULY 31, 2026

	MacKenzie Scott Donation Original Budget	July 31, 2026 Amended Budget	07/31/26 Revenue, Expenditures, and Change in FB	% of Budget
REVENUES:				
5700 Local revenues	$ 250,000	$ 250,000	$ 228,044	91%
5800 State revenues	-	-	-	0%
5900 Federal revenues	-	-	-	0%
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 250,000**	**$ 250,000**	**$ 228,044**	**91%**
EXPENDITURES:				
11 Instruction	$ 3,651,368	$ 1,197,377	$ 120,318	10%
12 Inst. Resources/Media	-	-	-	0%
13 Curr & Staff Develop	-	-	-	0%
21 Inst Leadership	-	-	-	0%
23 School Leadership	-	-	-	0%
31 Guidance/Counseling	3,835	2,285,835	1,140,999	50%
32 Social Services	-	-	-	0%
33 Health Services	-	-	-	0%
34 Transportation	-	-	-	0%
35 Food Service	-	-	-	0%
36 Extra-Curricular	-	-	-	0%
41 General Admin.	-	375,000	164,253	44%
51 Maint & Operations	-	1,300,000	-	0%
52 Security	-	-	-	0%
53 Data Processing	-	-	-	0%
61 Community Services	-	-	-	0%
71 Debt Service	-	-	-	0%
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	3,737,892	2,214,096	(52,059)	-2%
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	-	-	-	0%
97 Payments to TIF	-	-	-	0%
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	-	-	-	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 7,393,095**	**$ 7,372,308**	**$ 1,373,511**	**19%**
OTHER SOURCES:				
7912 Sale of Property	$ -	$ -	$ -	
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases		-	-	
7915 Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	
OTHER USES:				
8911 Operating Transfer Out	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTAL OTHER USES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ (7,143,095)**	**$ (7,122,308)**	**$ (1,145,467)**	

8/31/25 FUND BALANCE	**$**	**7,182,608**
2025-2026 Revenue (Interest Earnings) as of 07/31/26	**$**	**228,044**
2025-2026 Expenditures as of 07/31/26	**$**	**(1,373,511)**
07/31/26 FUND BALANCE	**$**	**6,037,141**

2025-2026 LOCALLY DEFINED CAPITAL PROJECT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JULY 31, 2026

	Locally Defined Capital Project Fund Original Budget	July 31, 2026 Amended Budget	07/31/26 Revenue, Expenditures, and Change in FB	% of Budget
REVENUES:				
5700 Local revenues	$ -	$ -	$ 263,501	0%
5800 State revenues	-	-	-	0%
5900 Federal revenues	-	-	-	0%
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 263,501**	**0%**
EXPENDITURES:				
11 Instruction	$ -	$ -	$ -	0%
12 Inst. Resources/Media	-	-	-	0%
13 Curr & Staff Develop	-	-	-	0%
21 Inst Leadership	-	-	-	0%
23 School Leadership	-	-	-	0%
31 Guidance/Counseling	-	-	-	0%
32 Social Services	-	-	-	0%
33 Health Services	-	-	-	0%
34 Transportation	-	-	-	0%
35 Food Service	-	-	-	0%
36 Extra-Curricular	-	-	-	0%
41 General Admin.	-	-	-	0%
51 Maint & Operations	-	-	-	0%
52 Security	-	-	-	0%
53 Data Processing	-	1,811,384	830,536	46%
61 Community Services	-	-	-	0%
71 Debt Service	-	-	-	0%
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	-	3,946,173	699,379	18%
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	-	-	-	0%
97 Payments to TIF	-	-	-	0%
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	-	-	-	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ -**	**$ 5,757,557**	**$ 1,529,915**	**27%**
OTHER SOURCES:				
7912 Sale of Property	$ -	$ -	$ -	
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases		-	-	
7915 Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	
OTHER USES:				
8911 Operating Transfer Out	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTAL OTHER USES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ -**	**$ (5,757,557)**	**$ (1,266,414)**	

08/31/25 FUND BALANCE	**$ 7,399,926**
2025-2026 Revenue (Interest Earnings) as of 07/31/26	**$ 263,501**
2025-2026 Transfer In from General Fund as of 07/31/26	**$ -**
2025-2026 Expenditures as of 07/31/26	**$ (1,529,915)**
07/31/26 FUND BALANCE	**$ 6,133,512**

2026-2027 General Fund
Summary of Proposed Budget Transfers/Amendments
9/17/2026 Regular Board Meeting

	General Fund Original Budget	September, 2026 Proposed Budget Transfers	September, 2026 Proposed Budget Amendment	September, 2026 Proposed Amended Budget
REVENUES:				
5700 Local revenues	$ 111,489,730	$ -	$ -	$ 111,489,730
5800 State revenues	175,897,500	-	-	175,897,500
5900 Federal revenues	1,240,000	-	-	1,240,000
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 288,627,230**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 288,627,230**
EXPENDITURES:				
11 Instruction	$ 186,932,566	$ (35,141)	$ -	$ 186,897,425
12 Inst. Resources/Media	3,264,657	-	-	3,264,657
13 Curr & Staff Develop	2,628,446	(7,225)	-	2,621,221
21 Inst Leadership	7,003,293	20,521	-	7,023,814
23 School Leadership	19,573,328	-	-	19,573,328
31 Guidance/Counseling	12,442,350	18,360	-	12,460,710
32 Social Services	961,063	2,300	-	963,363
33 Health Services	3,686,322	-	-	3,686,322
34 Transportation	7,371,226	-	-	7,371,226
35 Food Service	28,001	-	-	28,001
36 Extra-Curricular	5,678,612	7,000	-	5,685,612
41 General Admin.	7,632,753	(2,500)	-	7,630,253
51 Maint & Operations	32,381,862	(500)	-	32,381,362
52 Security	5,780,961	-	-	5,780,961
53 Data Processing	8,201,149	-	-	8,201,149
61 Community Services	3,804,187	(2,815)	-	3,801,372
71 Debt Service	1,199,350	-	-	1,199,350
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	47,180	-	-	47,180
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	17,736	-	-	17,736
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	498,617	-	-	498,617
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 309,133,659**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 309,133,659**
OTHER SOURCES:				
7912 Sale of Property	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	-	-
7915 Operating Transfer In	2,204,220	-	-	2,204,220
7917 SBITA	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	**$ 2,204,220**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 2,204,220**
OTHER USES:				
8911 Operating Transfer Out	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL OTHER USES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ (18,302,209)**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ (18,302,209)**

2026-2027 Child Nutrition Fund
Summary of Proposed Budget Transfers/Amendments
9/17/2026 Regular Board Meeting

REVENUES:	Child Nutrition Fund Original Budget	September, 2026 Proposed Budget Transfers	September, 2026 Proposed Budget Amendment	September, 2026 Proposed Amended Budget
5700 Local revenues	$ 2,415,402	$ -	$ -	$ 2,415,402
5800 State revenues	72,197	-	-	72,197
5900 Federal revenues	16,055,638	-	1,025,000	17,080,638
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 18,543,237**	**$ -**	**$ 1,025,000**	**$ 19,568,237**
EXPENDITURES:				
11 Instruction	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
12 Inst. Resources/Media	-	-	-	-
13 Curr & Staff Develop	-	-	-	-
21 Inst Leadership	-	-	-	-
23 School Leadership	-	-	-	-
31 Guidance/Counseling	-	-	-	-
32 Social Services	-	-	-	-
33 Health Services	-	-	-	-
34 Transportation	-	-	-	-
35 Food Service	17,121,169	-	1,025,000	18,146,169
36 Extra-Curricular	-	-	-	-
41 General Admin.	-	-	-	-
51 Maint & Operations	-	-	-	-
52 Security	-	-	-	-
53 Data Processing	-	-	-	-
61 Community Services	-	-	-	-
71 Debt Service	-	-	-	-
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	-	-	-	-
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	-	-	-	-
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 17,121,169**	**$ -**	**$ 1,025,000**	**$ 18,146,169**
OTHER SOURCES:				
7912 Sale of Property	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	-	-
7915 Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	-
7917 SBITA	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
OTHER USES:				
8911 Operating Transfer Out	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL OTHER USES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ 1,422,068**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 1,422,068**

2026-2027 MacKenzie Scott Donation Fund
Summary of Proposed Budget Transfers/Amendments
9/17/2026 Regular Board Meeting

	MacKenzie Scott Fund Original Budget	September, 2026 Proposed Budget Transfers	September, 2026 Proposed Budget Amendment	September, 2026 Proposed Amended Budget
REVENUES:				
5700 Local revenues	$ 100,000	$ -	$ -	$ 100,000
5800 State revenues	-	-	-	-
5900 Federal revenues	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 100,000**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 100,000**
EXPENDITURES:				
11 Instruction	$ 1,062,884	$ -	$ -	$ 1,062,884
12 Inst. Resources/Media	-	-	-	-
13 Curr & Staff Develop	-	-	-	-
21 Inst Leadership	-	-	-	-
23 School Leadership	-	-	-	-
31 Guidance/Counseling	1,144,835	-	-	1,144,835
32 Social Services	-	-	-	-
33 Health Services	-	-	-	-
34 Transportation	-	-	-	-
35 Food Service	-	-	-	-
36 Extra-Curricular	-	-	-	-
41 General Admin.	109,519	-	-	109,519
51 Maint & Operations	1,300,000	-	-	1,300,000
52 Security	-	-	-	-
53 Data Processing	-	-	-	-
61 Community Services	-	-	-	-
71 Debt Service	-	-	-	-
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	1,840,038	-	426,118	2,266,156
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	-	-	-	-
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 5,457,276**	**$ -**	**$ 426,118**	**$ 5,883,394**
OTHER SOURCES:				
7912 Sale of Property	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	-	-
7915 Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	-
7917 SBITA	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
OTHER USES:				
8911 Operating Transfer Out	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL OTHER USES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ (5,357,276)**	**$ -**	**$ (426,118)**	**$ (5,783,394)**

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☐ **Information** ☐ **Action** ☒ **Consent**

Topic: Out-of-State Travel – 2026-2027 SkillsUSA National Officer Training

Submitted by: Larry Jones, Executive Director of Career & Technical Education

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

The GPISD CTE Department requests approval for out-of-state travel for the 2026-2027 SkillsUSA National Officer Training in Orlando, Florida, October 19-21, 2026; Springfield, Missouri, October 31-November 3, 2026; and Washington, DC, January 31-February 6, 2027. A student from Dubiski Career High School and Grand Prairie Collegiate Institute will attend all three trainings.

Rationale:

The students from DCHS and GPCI will attend.

Budget Information:

Local General Fund

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

EHBF(LEGAL) - SPECIAL PROGRAMS: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Board Goals:

☐ Goal 1 – Early Childhood Proficiency

☐ Goal 2 – Early Childhood Math Proficiency

☒ Goal 3 – College, Career, & Military Readiness (CCMR)

☐ Goal 4 – Middle School Ready Proficiency

☐ Other

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☐ **Information** ☐ **Action** ☒ **Consent**

Topic: Resolution for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant

Submitted by: Larry Jones, Executive Director of Career& Technical Education

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

The Administration is requesting the Board approve the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) grant to provide up to $100,000 to expand hands-on outdoor recreation, conservation, and environmental education opportunities for GPISD students from elementary through high school.

Rationale:

Funding would enhance 2027-2028 programming at the District's Natural Science Education Center, extend that learning into the Environmental Science Academies, and support middle and high school Outdoor Education classes. Activities such as fishing, archery, camping, aquatic science, environmental exploration, and grant-supported field experiences would extend learning beyond the classroom and connect students directly with Texas parks, waterways, wildlife, and natural resources. Together, these investments would strengthen existing District programs and expand access to meaningful outdoor learning experiences for GPISD students.

Budget Information:

N/A

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

CE (LOCAL), CE(LEGAL)

Board Goals:

☒ Goal 1 – Early Childhood Literacy Proficiency

☒ Goal 2 – Early Childhood Math Proficiency

☒ Goal 3 – College, Career, & Military Readiness (CCMR)

☒ Goal 4 – Middle School Reading Proficiency

☒ Other

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Topic: Cooperative Agreement between Grand Prairie Independent School District Special Education Department and Head Start of Greater Dallas, Inc.

Submitted by: Kristin Byrd, Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the Cooperative Agreement between Grand Prairie Independent School District Special Education Department and Head Start of Greater Dallas, Inc. for educational and related services for children with disabilities.

Rationale:

This cooperative agreement with Head Start of Greater Dallas, Inc., will allow Grand Prairie Independent School District Special Education Department and Head Start of Greater Dallas, Inc. to collaborate in all areas of educational and related services for children with disabilities in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and policies/procedures of both sponsoring agencies.

This agreement shall be in effect for the 2026-2027 school year and will be reviewed annually or on an as-needed basis. Either party may terminate the agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice. Both Head Start of Greater Dallas, Inc. and the Grand Prairie Independent School District Special Education Department shall follow the requirements as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Budget Information:

N/A

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

CH (Legal) and CH (Local)

Board Goals:

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☐ Other

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Topic: Education is Freedom (EIF) Contract

Submitted by: Dr. Dana Jackson, Associate Superintendent of Student Support Services

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the Services Agreement between Grand Prairie ISD and Education is Freedom (EIF) for the 2026–2027 school year. The agreement will continue school-based college and career access services at Grand Prairie High School, South Grand Prairie High School, Dubiski Career High School, Grand Prairie Early College High School, and South Grand Prairie Early College High School.

Rationale:

The renewal of this partnership supports the district's continued efforts to strengthen College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) outcomes and prepare students for successful postsecondary transitions. Education is Freedom (EIF) provides students with individualized college and career advising, college and financial aid application assistance, and postsecondary enrollment support. The partnership also provides data-informed advising and milestone tracking designed to support House Bill 3 outcomes and maximize the district's eligibility for outcomes-based funding.

Budget Information:

MacKenzie Scott Funds

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

FFEA (LEGAL)

Board Goals:

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Topic: Local Policy Update

Submitted by: Dr. Melissa Kates, General Counsel

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the deletion of board policy AE (LOCAL) to be in alignment with Senate Bill 12.

Rationale:

The attached policies are recommended for adoption by the Board to align with the changes to law.

Budget Information:

No budgetary impact.

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

BAA(LEGAL), BAA(LOCAL)

Board Goals:

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Topic: Board Operating Procedures

Submitted by: Dr. Melissa Kates, Legal Counsel

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Board Operating Procedures.

Rationale:

These procedures assist the Board of Trustees in the fulfillment of the mission of Grand Prairie ISD.

Budget Information:

N/A

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

BBA (LEGAL), BBA (LOCAL)

Board Goals:

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Topic: 2027 Graduation Ceremony Venue

Submitted by: Rich Laffey, Director of Safety Initiatives

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

The Administration is requesting Board approval to hold the 2027 graduation ceremonies at Texas Trust CU Theatre.

Rationale:

GPISD recognizes student achievement with formal graduation ceremonies for eligible students from all high school campuses.

Budget Information:

General Funds

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

EIF (LEGAL) EIF (LOCAL)

Board Goals:

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Topic: Board Goal 4 – Middle School Reading Proficiency (8th Grade Reading)

Submitted by: Mary Jane Bowman, Chief of Teaching & Learning – Literacy & Humanities

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

Teaching and Learning will provide the Board of Trustees with the annual monitoring report for Board Goal 4 – Middle School Reading Proficiency (8th Grade Reading), including current performance, analysis of district data, and the strategic actions being implemented to accelerate student achievement toward the Board's established 2030 goals.

Rationale:

In alignment with the Board's commitment to continuous improvement and accountability, this presentation provides the annual progress monitoring update for the district's Board Goal 4 – Middle School Reading Proficiency (8th Grade Reading). This monitoring report supports the Board's governance responsibility by providing transparency regarding district performance and the Administration's actions to improve student outcomes.

Budget Information:

Local and Federal Funds

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

EA(LOCAL) Instructional Goals and Objectives

Board Goals:

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☐ Goal 2 – Early Childhood Math Proficiency

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☐ Other

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Topic: 2026 STAAR Performance and Accountability Rating Update

Submitted by: Dr. Melissa Steger, Chief Data and Information Systems Officer

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

The Administration will provide an update on the 2026 STAAR performance and accountability ratings for the district.

Rationale:

Budget Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

AIA (LEGAL), EKB (LEGAL)

Board Goals:

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☒ Goal 4 – Middle School Ready Proficiency

☐ Other

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Topic: 2026-2027 Targeted Improvement Plans (TIPs) for Marshall Elementary and Adams MS; Turnaround Plans (TAPs) for Fannin MS, Arnold MS, Florence Hill Elementary, and Garcia Elementary; Local Improvement Plans (LIPs) for Bush Elementary and Dickinson Elementary.

Submitted by: Dr. Gabriel Trujillo, Superintendent

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

TEA recommends that the Administration provide information regarding effective efforts to improve identified campuses via Targeted Improvement Plans, Turnaround Plans, and Local Improvement Plans.

Rationale:

TEA requires School Board approval of campuses' Targetted Improvement Plans, Turnaround Plans, and Local Improvement Plans prior to submission to TEA.

Budget Information:

Local and Grant Funds.

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

Board Goals:

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