

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Graham ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday, June 4, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the GRAHAM LEARNING CENTER, 701 TENNESSE STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450. President, Chris Blanton, called the meeting to order, announced the meeting had been duly called, and posted in the time and manner as required by law, and announced a quorum of Board Members.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Blanton, Kristina Pettus, Brandon Joy, Jason Smith, Brandon Bates, John Brown, Lauren Mahaney

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Mary Johnston, Gary Browning, Robert Loomis, Joe Gordy, Misti Thompson, Natalie Husen, Joe Gordy, Audra Barrett, Donna Gatlin, Necia Marin, Clay McChristian, Josh Kidd, Mary Roberts, Katy Morris

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Ellen Morris, Marci Faulk, LaSonja Coleman, Tracy Pippins, Lisa McCool, Lacey Baxley, Michelle Lowrey, Erika Schmidt

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- GISD-Summer Meals
Children ages 2-18 withing the community are welcome this Monday-Thursday for free breakfast and lunch. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8a.m. and lunch will be served from 11a.m.-Noon at Pioneer Elementary School
- End of Year Employee Awards Ceremony
- Reverse Parade
- Graduation Walk
- Graduation
- GISD Strategic Plan
Dr. Johnston thanked our Strategic Planning Committee.
- N2 Learning Presentation on Strategic Planning Committee
Sheri Sides and Ken Helvey with N2 Learning shared the Strategic Plan presentation with the board.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. SHAC Report Annual Update

Mr. Loomis presented the SHAC report to the board. The SHAC Committee met four times during the 24-25 school year. The committee consisted of 11 members: GISD Administration, GHS Administration, GISD Director of Food Service, GHS Counselor, GISD Lead Nurse, GHS Physical Education Teacher, GISD SRO, Young County Ag Extension Agent, Parent Rep and Student Representative. The committee hosted guest speakers for the following informative Topics: Health & Wellness (Terry Qualls, Lead Nurse), Nutrition (Jodi Arispe), Safety (Blake Davis), Substance Usage (Sheriff Babcock/Blake Davis), Substance Awareness (Kaci Bosley), Region 9, Crisis Go App (Tom Lewis, GISD School Marshall), Elementary Counseling Program updates (Courtney Wood, Jammie Brewer), Healthy Schools (Penny Berend, YC Ag Extension Agent), Texas Dept. of State Health Service (Laura Neal), GISD Athletics: Sports Injuries and treatment options (Mike Carroll), Summer Strength & Conditioning (Hagen Little), GISD Guardian Program (Blake Davis) and GISD Wellness Policy (Jodi Arispe).

STUDENT SERVICES

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY UPDATE 124

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to approve the TASB Policy Update 124.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING CALENDAR 2025-2026

A motion by Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to approve the 2025-2026 board meeting calendar.

FINANCE

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH CIERA BANK

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to table the approval of the two-year extension of the depository contract with Ciera Bank until the next board meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Special Session held on May 12, 2025-Meeting Canceled due to no Quorum
2. Minutes of Regular Session held on May 14, 2025
3. Financial Information
 - Cash and Investment Report
 - Enrollment Report
 - District Financial Summary Report

A motion made by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 to approve the consent agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:03 pm under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, 551.074, and 551.071. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:05pm.

Closed Session: Under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, the Board will enter into closed or Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property Gov't Code 555.072, Deployment or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices Gov't Code 551.076, and Employment, Retirement, Resignation & Discussion of Personnel, Gov't Code 551.074, Consultation with Attorney Gov't Code 551.071.

Reconvene in Open Session to take any necessary action on items discussed in Closed Session to discuss Employment, Retirement, Resignation & Discussion of Personnel, Gov't Code 551.074 and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, Gov't Code 555.072 or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, Gov't Code 551.076, Consultation with Attorney Gov't Code 551.071

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Personnel Report
- **CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum
Budget workshop began at 7:06 pm.
2. Legislative School Funding Update/Report of 24-25 Budget Year Analysis

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Gary Browning presented a summary of the 2024-2025 budget analysis and an update regarding legislation affecting school funding.

ADOURJNMENT

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by John Brown , carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the budget workshop meeting.

APPROVED

Chris Blanton, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

Dr. Brandon Bates, Secretary
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