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, October 14, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the GRAHAM LEARNING CENTER, 701 TENNESSEE STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Mary Johnston, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning, Joe Gordy, Donna Gatlin, Audra Barrett, Jamie West,

VISITORS: Patsy Weatherbee, Jessica Gibson, Adam and Jenny Anderle, Ryan and Kelsey Easterling, Erika Schmidt, Lori Brown, Dwayne and Ronda Craig

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one requested to speak during Public Comments.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Graham High School Art Student Honor
Diego Camacho- Artsonia Artist of the Week

KC Dumpsters Team Graham Art Contest Winners
Harry Brown
Titus Lipsey
Layla Easterling
Indie Kramer
Alexandra Garcia

FFA Leadership Development Event Team Presentation- Public Relations Team:
Adalyn Joy
Lillian Ford
Hadley Trammell

Maddy Erwin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Safety & Security Committee Update
b. TX Ed Conference (TASA/TASB Conference) Update

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Celebrations:
    - October is National Principals Month
    - Instructional Coaches' Day-Oct. 6
    - Custodian Appreciation Day
    - September Employee Recognition
        - September Teacher of the Month: Jennifer Patrick
        - September Paraprofessional of the Month: Stacy Urban
        - September Substitute of the Month: Julie Harber
- TXEd Conference TASA/TASB
- Bond Update
    - 24 presentations have been delivered so far
    - Comprehensive Information Sharing
    - Addressing Community Questions
    - Continue Transparency
- Next Steps
    - Website Upgrade
    - Graham Leadership Academy
    - Branding, Marketing and Fundraising
    - Trust Building
- Upcoming Events
    - Dyslexia Parent Engagement Opportunity
      Monday, October 19
      Presentation: 12:15-12:45 pm
      Q&A: 12:45-1pm
      Crestview Elementary Cafeteria
    - Graham ISD Veteran's Day Ceremony
      9:30 am November 11
      GHS Competition Gym
- Enrollment Update
    - Current enrollment: 2079

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:10 pm under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session 7:10 pm.

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

A. Real Property
   To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person (Texas Government Code 551.072)
B. Personnel
   To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including Board members, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee (Texas Government Code 551.074)
C. Consultation with Attorney
   To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including Board Members, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, (Texas Government Code 551.074)
D. Security Devices or Security Audits
   To deliberate the development, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel devices or a security audit (Texas Government Code 551.076)

The Board Moved into Open Session:

The Board returned from executive session with no action taken.

ACADEMICS

Academics Update

The Academics Team provided an update for the Board of Trustees regarding:

- Advanced Academics Planning- Key Tasks & Responsibilities

    - Performance Review
    - Grading Policy
    - Academic Planning
    - GPA Study
    - NCTC Course Requests
- Collaboration with NCTC
    - Program Addition: Dual Credit HVAC for 2026-2027
    - Upcoming Partnership Meeting- Meeting with the Director of Dual Credit
    - Topics Requested for Assistance
      US History & TEKS
      Healthcare Pathways
      Dual Credit Welding
      In-Person Academics
- Recap of District Professional Learning Day (Oct. 9)
    - Lowman Products Training-Alan Lowman trained Secondary Science on Math Teachers on Lowman Products.
    - GISD teachers participated in Data Digs and a TEKS Breakdown during Professional Learning on Oct. 9
    - GCU Information Session for our Paraprofessionals interested in Grow Your Own
- Mathematics
    - Building Confident Problem Solvers and Critical Thinkers
    - Math Curriculum Hub
    - Instructional Resources and Practices

FINANCE

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2026-2027 GENERAL OPERATING AND DEBT SERVICE BUDGETS TO REFLECT CERTIFIED PROPERTY VALUES AND FINAL ADOPTED TAX RATES

There was no action taken at this time.

HUMAN RESOURCES

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHAC) MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026-2027

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates, carried 7 to 0 to approve the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Membership for 2026-2027. This was approved by vote of the Board of Trustees as follows:

Trustee	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Chris Blanton	X			
Kristina Pettus	X			
Lauren Mahaney	X			
Brandon Joy	X			
Jason Smith	X			
John Brown	X			
Brandon Bates	X			

Personnel Report

Reviewed in Closed Session

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Regular Session held on September 9, 2026

Financial Information

- Enrollment Report
- District Financial Summary Report

A motion by John Brown seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Consent Agenda. This was approved by vote of the Board of Trustees as follows:

Trustee	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Chris Blanton	X			
Kristina Pettus	X			
Lauren Mahaney	X			
Brandon Joy	X			
Jason Smith	X			
John Brown	X			
Brandon Bates	X			

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. This was approved by vote of the Board of Trustees as follows:

Trustee	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Chris Blanton	X			
Kristina Pettus	X			
Lauren Mahaney	X			
Brandon Joy	X			
Jason Smith	X			
John Brown	X			
Brandon Bates	X			

APPROVED

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Chris Blanton, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

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Dr. Brandon Bates, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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