

May 17, 2011

The Graham Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at Graham School Business Office, 400 Third St. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by President Sonnenberg and it was noted that the meeting was held in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

PRESENT Peggy Sonnenberg, Shannon Plowman, Meredith Lucas, David McClendon, Dori Cawley, Edwin Graham IV, Superintendent Beau Rees, Assistant Superintendent Don Davis and Curriculum Director Ashley Stewart.

ABSENT Terry Bishop

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered Closed Session at 5:52 p.m. pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074. The board returned from Closed Session at 6:29 p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion by Mrs. Plowman, seconded by Mrs. Cawley, carried 6-0 to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding personnel. They are as follows:

RESIGNATIONS

Nick Gay
Christian Sanders
Julie Howell
Christi Markum

RETIRING

Nancy Wilbanks
Tonya Caulder

One Year Probationary Contracts were offered to the following:
Olivia Gardiner, Alyson Orsak, Philip Robertson, Cameron Cartwright and Ashlee Hobson.

Josh Hopkins was offered a one year term contract.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Rees recognized the Graham ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year, Sally Stacy and the Secondary Teacher of the Year, Tracy Pippins. Ande Wright, GJHS Science Teacher, was recognized for being named Region 9 Outstanding GT Teacher of the Year.

Also recognized were members of the media that were on the 2011 Media Honor Roll. Those recognized were Cherry Rushin and David Rupkalvis representing the Graham Leader and Rick Edward representing KSWA-KWKQ Radio.

BOARD BUSINESS

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to Meredith Lucas.

BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012

A motion by Mrs. Plowman, seconded by Mrs. Cawley, carried 5-0 to keep the slate of officers that served during the 2010-2011 school year. President, Peggy Sonnenberg; Vice-President, Dori Cawley; and Secretary, Meredith Lucas.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Cawley, carried 5-0 to approve the consent agenda consisting of Previous Meeting Minutes, District Financial Summary, April Tax Collections, Enrollment Report, Interest Report, and Investment Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAM

The New Benefits Plan for Employees was discussed.

CAFETERIA PRICE INCREASE

An increase in cafeteria prices was discussed. It would be a 4% increase
Elementary lunch current price - \$2.25; projected price \$2.35
Secondary lunch current price - \$2.50; projected price \$2.60

STAAR PROGRAM INFORMATION

The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness Program Information (STAAR) was presented to the board by Curriculum Director Ashley Stewart. This test replaces the TAKS test.

GISD EARLY LITERACY EVALUATION

Mrs. Stewart presented the GISD Early Literacy Program.

CRESTVIEW CHALLENGE LAB PILOT PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Mrs. Shawn Turpin, Crestview teacher, presented the steps that will be followed in the institution of the Challenge Lab Program at Crestview.

REFUNDING
1998 & 2002
BONDS

Jeff Roberts, representing First Southwest, spoke to the Board regarding the possibility of Refunding the 1998 & 2002 School Bonds.

ACTION ITEMS

BOARD
RESOLUTION
457(b) & 403(b)
EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT
PLANS &
INSURANCE &
BENEFITS
INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT WITH
REGION 4

A motion by Mrs. Plowman, seconded by Mr. McClendon, carried to adopt Board Resolutions approving: 457(b), 403(b) Employee Retirement Plans with Region 10 and Insurance and Benefits Interlocal Agreement with Region 4.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Plowman, seconded by Mrs. Sonnenberg, carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.