

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 September 10, 2025, beginning at 5:31 p.m. in the GRAHAM LEARNING CENTER, 701 TENNESSEE 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: John Brown, Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Lauren Mahaney, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus, Jason Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Mary Johnston, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning, Adam Anderson, Audra Barrett, Jamie West, Misti Thompson, Donna Gatlin, Mary Roberts, Josh Kidd

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Lori Brown, Tessa Boenisch, Donald Bates, Rachel Lauster, Brian Lauster, Taylor Lauster, Erika Schmidt, Allen McGee, Amber Lunger, Kerri Bates, Alexia Sweedler, Cy Sweedler, Kyson Bates, Hunter Walls, and a multitude of family and friends of the students receiving awards.

OPEN FORUM: No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum

RECOGNITIONS

1. Teacher Recognition

- Jimi Bates and Brooklyn Walls: 2025 Workforce Solutions North Texas Externship Update

2. Student Recognition

- College Board National Recognition Program

Kyson Bates- School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Thomason Burkett-School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Ryder Calhoun- School Recognition Award

Alejandra Castillo- First-Generation Recognition Award

Jacob Collins- First-Generation Recognition Award

Jade Dospapas- First-Generation Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award

Dax Elder- First-Generation Recognition Award

Isaiah Flores- First-Generation Recognition Award

Victoria Jimenez- First-Generation Recognition Award, School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Caden Joy- School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Kenzie Kline- First-Generation Recognition Award, School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Taylor Lauster- School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Bayleigh McGee- School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Matthew Monrreal- Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award

Kelton Parker- Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award

Kimber Pratt- First-Generation Recognition Award

Chris Reyes- School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Daniel Rincon- First-Generation Recognition Award

Lisa Rodriguez- First-Generation Recognition Award

Cy Sweedler- School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Jack Van Winkle- School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Larissa Warren- First-Generation Recognition Award

Elijah Yoder- First-Generation Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Enrollment report
 - 2146 students as of today
 - Finished with 2112 students in May
 - Increase of 34 students
 - We have snapshot at the end of October
- PTO & Class Representatives Meetings Monthly- Thursdays after board meetings
- First Pep Rally
- Hype Videos- Thank you to Mr. Kintz and his students for creating the hype videos.
- Upcoming Community Collaboration
 - Silver Steers & Lady Blues Club: for Community Members 65+: First Meeting is Thursday, October 16 at 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Bonus Check Delivery
- Fist Bump Friday

ACADEMICS

1. Academics Update
Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Janel Madeley presented an update to the Board on Academics including topics such as: Curriculum Nights, Instructional Technology, Curriculum Design Teams, and Accountability and Assessment.

STUDENT SERVICES

1. **CONSIDER APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE 2025-2026 REMOTE
CONFERENCING AND REMOTE HOMEBOUND WAIVER**

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval to Apply for the 2025-2026 Remote Conferencing and Remote Homebound Waiver.

FINANCE

1. Update on State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) Grant

Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Browning shared the amount of this \$200,000 grant from the State Energy Conservation Office will allow districts to replace interior and exterior overhead lighting, wall packs, and all other qualified lighting with high- efficiency LED lighting systems. Excel Energy Group has performed an energy audit within GISD facilities that will lead to a proposal including scope of work to consider.

2. Facility Use Committee Update

Athletic Trainer, Mike Carroll shared information over the Facility Use Committee. GKD (LOCAL) permits nonschool use of designated District facilities for educational, recreational, civic, or social activities when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy. In the spring of 2025, Graham ISD, under the direction of Mike Carroll convened a group of stakeholders to improve GISD procedures for managing facility usage. The goal of this committee was to develop guidelines that clarify district procedures and expectations regarding the use of facilities.

3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO REPLACE STAFF LAPTOPS**

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy , carried 7 to 0 to Approve the Budget Amendment of up to \$238,000.00 to Replace ALL Staff Laptops.

4. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW GISD SCHOOL BUS**

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Purchase of a New GISD School Bus. The amount of this purchase will be \$156, 957.00

5. **CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT (SERIES 2013B)**

A motion by Brandon Joy, seconded by Jason Smith , carried 7 to 0 to Adopt an Order Authorizing the Defeasance and Redemption of Certain Outstanding Debt Obligations of the District (Series 2013B)

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Review Random Drug Testing Program

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Robert Loomis shared the information of the Random Drug Testing Program for 2024-2025.

2. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CLASS SIZE WAIVER FOR GRAHAM ELEMENTARY**

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to Approve the Class Size Waiver for Graham Elementary.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Session held on August 12, 2025
2. Minutes of Special Session held on August 27, 2025
3. Anonymous Donation for Specified Purpose
4. Financial Information
 - Cash & Investment Report
 - Enrollment Report
 - District Financial Summary Report

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Brandon Joy , carried 7 to 0 to Approve the Consent Agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:59 p.m. under the Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.

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

1. Personnel Report

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Lauren Mahaney carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED

Chris Blanton, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

Dr. Brandon Bates, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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