

# **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, March 12, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the GRAHAM LEARNING CENTER, 701 TENNESSEE STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Dr. Mary Johnston, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning, Natalie Husen, Sam Perry, Audra Barrett, Misti Thompson

**VISITORS:** Jerrod, Amanda, and Ali Mullens, Dana Joy, Samantha Purdy, Christie Andrews, Donald Denman, Ellen Morris, and a multitude of family and friends for student recognitions.

### **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Barrett, Principal at Woodland Elementary presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following students:

Red River Science Fair Participants

Student participant-Connor Dooley

Student participant-Frankie Gage

Student Participant- Hayden Cox

Ricoh, USA Award - Marcus Monrreal

3rd Place Elementary Physical Science - Cooper Epperson & Jack Armstrong

2nd Place Elementary Physical Science - Bastian Edwards

2nd Place Elementary Physical Science - Gemma Kennedy

1st Place Elementary Physical Science - Marcus Monrreal

3rd Place Overall Elementary - Bastian Edwards

3rd Place Overall Elementary - Gemma Kennedy

2nd Place Overall Elementary - Marcus Monrreal

Mr. Kidd, Band Director at Graham High School presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following students:

Bella Blues Contest Awards

Andrews	Jaci	Junior
Bronfield	Makyla	Freshman
Carroll	Alyson	Junior
Edwards	Brooklyn	Senior
Faulkner	Meredith	Senior
Gresham	Calecen	Junior
Kunkel	Sarah	Junior
Martinez	Emahlynn	Freshman
Stansell	Lena	Junior
Wright	Ireland	Senior

Whole Team Awards:

- 3rd Runner Up Jazz
- 1st Runner Up Lyrical
- 4th Runner Up Pom
- 5th Overall Team in our division

Officers:

Ireland Wright  
Sarah Kunkel

Officer Awards:

- 2nd Runner Up Jazz
- 1st Runner Up Lyrical
- 1st Place Novelty
- 2nd Overall Officers in our division

Ireland Wright- High Gold  
Sarah Kunkel- Platinum  
Calecen Gresham- Platinum

Mr. Perry, Principal at Graham Junior High School presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following students:

#### Junior High District Academic UIL Winners

##### Art Appreciation

Emmarie Huffman (7)-1st place  
Claudia Hernandez (7)-2nd place  
Carlee Doss (7)-3rd Place  
Piper O'Brien (8)-1st Place  
Paizlee Evans (8)-2nd Place  
Jazlyn Kimbro (8)-4th place

##### Calculator Applications

Billy Garcia (6)-1st Place (tied)  
Micheala Hamelin (8)-2nd Place  
Bryce Tucker (8)-3rd Place  
Lottie Gage (8)-4th Place

##### Chess Puzzle

Michael Young (6)-6th Place  
Keagan Craycraft (7)-5th Place

##### Editorial Writing

Adalyn Joy (6)-1st Place (tied)  
Aubrey Mote (6)-1st Place (tied)  
Emma Espinoza (6)-3rd Place  
Jackson Budarf (7)-3rd Place  
Carlee Doss (7)-6th Place  
Romina Alejo (8)-3rd Place  
Abigail Koscheski (8)-6th Place

##### Impromptu Speaking

Layla Irby (6-competed 7th)-2nd Place  
Brylee Jones (7)-6th Place

##### Maps, Graphs, and Charts

Eric Ramirez (7)-3rd Place  
Cody Hutson (7)-6th Place

##### Mathematics

Eduardo Baizabal (6)-2nd Place  
Brock Teague (7)-3rd Place  
Aislee Everett (8)-4th Place

#### Modern Oratory

Hadley Trammell (7)-2nd Place

Eliza Rogers (7)-4th Place

#### Music Memory

Carson Kidd (6)-1st Place

#### Number Sense

Kameron Haggart (6)-2nd Place

Jaxon McGee (6)-5th Place

Bryce Walker (8)-4th Place

#### Oral Reading

Meryl Blanton (6)-6th Place

Brylee Jones (7)-1st Place

Casen Rogers (7)-6th Place

Adacyn Pleasant (8)-1st Place

#### Ready Writing

Adalyn Joy (6)-4th Place

Caroline Armstrong (7)- 1st Place

Hadley Trammell (7)-2nd Place

Maria Meeks (8)- 5th Place

#### Social Studies

Aubrey Mote (6)-3rd place

Hailey Strider (6)-6th Place

Hadyn Langlois (7)-6th Place

Bryce Walker (8)-1st Place

Reno Mahaney (8)-2nd Place

Camren Martin (8)-3rd Place

#### Spelling

Kaylynn Downs (6)-4th Place

Jonathan Trejo (6)-5th Place

Scout May (6)-6th Place

Emma Espinoza (6-competed 7th)-3rd Place

Addison Craig (6-competed 7th)-5th Place

Gloria Silveria (8)-1st Place

Romina Alejo (8)-2nd Place

Mr. Kidd, Band Director at Graham High School presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following students:

#### Band Members Recognition

Aben, Brihanna-ATSSB Region 7 Honor Band, AREA Qualifier, Flute Solo (Superior Rating), UIL State Solo Qualifier, Flute Trio (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Bailey, Liam-Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating), State Ensemble Qualifier

Bronfield, Deandre-Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Collins, Ben- Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Gage, James- Saxophone Quintet (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Gage, Thomas-ATSSB Region Jazz Ensemble, AREA Jazz Qualifier (1<sup>st</sup> Chair), ATTSB Region 7 Honor Band, AREA Band Qualifier, Brass Quartet (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Gonzalez, Michael- Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Howard, Gavin- ATSSB Region Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Hunter, Mia-Katherine-ATSSB Region 7 Symphonic Band, AREA Qualifier,

Hunter, Natalie- French Horn Solo (Superior Rating)

Hunter, Peter- Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Kidd, Jackson- ATSSB Region 7 Honor Band, AREA Qualifier (1<sup>st</sup> Chair), Piano Solo (Superior Rating), UIL State Solo Qualifier, Saxophone Quintet (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Martin, Richard- Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

McCall, Devin- ATSSB Region 7 Honor Band, AREA Qualifier (1<sup>st</sup> Chair), Saxophone Quintet (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Montano, Eric- ATSSB Region 7 Symphonic Band, AREA Qualifier, Brass Quartet (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Mullens, Alison- Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Parker, Kelton- Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Ribble, Harrison- ATSSB Region 7 Symphonic Band, AREA Qualifier, Brass Quartet (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Roberts, Jeremiah- ATSSB Region 7 Honor Band, AREA Qualifier, Saxophone Quintet (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Rodgers, Sophie- Flute Trio (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Thomas, Cale- Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

White, Lauren-Flute Trio (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Wright, Heather- ATSSB Region 7 Honor Band, AREA Qualifier, Brass Quartet (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Yoder, Elijah- Saxophone Quintet (Superior Rating), UIL State Ensemble Qualifier

Mrs. Andrews, Art Teacher at Graham High School presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following students:

Heart of the Book Short Story and Art Competition Winners

Sophia Purdy

Jacie Trice

## **STAFF RECOGNITION**

Dr. Johnston presented the 2024-2025 PCAT Bus Driver of the Year Certificate to Mr. Donald Denman.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **GJHS Band Hall Update**

We have installed the remainder of the flooring, stained the cabinets, and finished the ceiling tile in the office area. We expect to be substantially complete over the weekend of 3/7.

### **Campus Walks**

Dr. Johnston has visited campuses and seen our educators in action.

### **Superintendent Student Leadership Council: SSLC**

Dr. Johnston has visited with our Student Leadership Council and been getting to know our student's needs.

### **Recruiting Flyer**

We are busy in the hiring season and have updated our marketing.

### **teleGRAHAM**

teleGRAHAM goes out once a month, goes out the next day following the board meeting.

### **Board of Trustees Election**

Election day will take place Saturday, May 3, 2025.

### **Graham ISD Gazette**

Monthly Employee newsletter goes out once a month to our employees.

## **ACADEMICS**

### **Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Update**

Lauren Holland and Anne Routon presented an update on the Teacher Incentive Allotment Program in Graham ISD. In February we received our preliminary notification of designations.

### **CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATION OF PROVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion by Brandon Joy, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials for the 25-26 school year.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WAIVER FOR REMOTE HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Submission of a Waiver for Remote Homebound Instruction.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **CONSIDER EDIT TO 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR REGARDING SPRING BREAK**

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Kristina Pettus, carried 7 to 0 to approve the updated GISD School Calendar for 2025-2026.

### **CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD TO GRANT THE SUPERINTENDENT THE AUTHORITY TO HIRE AND ISSUE CONTRACTS TO ALL CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL FROM MARCH 13 TO AUGUST 14, 2025**

A motion by Lauren Mahaney, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 to grant the Superintendent the authority to hire and issue contracts to all contractual personnel from March 13, 2025 to August 14, 2025.

## **FINANCE**

### **BUDGET PLANNING CALENDAR 2025-2026 UPDATE**

Mr. Browning shared this report that will provide an overview of the Draft GISD Budget Planning Calendar. This report will drive the budget planning process.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### **Financial Information**

- Cash and Investment Report
- Enrollment Report
- District Financial Summary Report

A motion made by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 to approve the consent agenda.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:18 pm under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:23 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**



**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**

**ADJOURN**

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

**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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