

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, April 8, 2026, beginning at 5:30 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: Chris Blanton, Lauren Mahaney, Brandon Joy, John Brown and Jason Smith, Dr. Brandon Bates arrived at 6:08 p.m. and Kristina Pettus arrived at 6:22 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Mary Johnston, Gary Browning, Dr. Janel Madeley, Robert Loomis, Joe Gordy, Adam Anderson, Audra Barrett, Jamie West, Misti Thompson, Donna Gatlin

VISITORS: Amanda Mullens, Samantha Purdy, Tobi and Ryan McCain, BreAnna Bronfield, Lori Brown.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Audra Barrett: Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association: Region 9 Board
Josh Kidd: Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) State Board: Region 7
Coordinator
Mike Carroll: National Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame
Tobi McCain: (TEA Reading Grade 6 Passage Review Committee)

STUDENT RECOGNITION

DECA-District Award Winners and State Qualifiers

Porter Caddell- Top Tester for Business Administration & 1st Principles of Finance
Mallori Buschmann- 3rd Hotel Lodging
Paisley Bailey-4th Hotel Lodging
Aaron Minyard- 3rd Principles of Marketing

Hannah Parker- 3rd Principles of Finance
Kelstin Dalton- 1st Principles of Hospitality and Tourism
Teren Yowell- 2nd Principles of Hospitality and Tourism
Mike Garcia- 4th Principles of Business Management
Preslee Carr- 1st Financial Services Team Decision Making
Haley Escalante- 1st Financial Services Team Decision Making

VASE-Regional Medalist & State Qualifiers

Parker Condor- Regional Medalist White Art 1 Division
Kate Hufstedler- Regional Medalist & State Qualifier White Art 1 Division
Finley Nevarez- Regional Medalist White Art 1 Division
Kali Grubbs- Regional Medalist Red Art 2 Division
Sophia Purdy- Regional Medalist & State Qualifier Red Art 2 Division
Abbigail Smith- Regional Medalist Red Art 2 Division
Jacie Trice- Regional Medalist Red Art 2 Division
Rylee Welsh- Regional Medalist Red Art 2 Division
Payton Huffman- Regional Medalist Blue Art 3 Division
Brooke Parker- Regional Medalist Clue Art 3 Division
Emma Clark- Regional Medalist Yellow Art 4 Division
Jayne Franklin- Regional Medalist Yellow Art 4 Division

Powerlifting State Qualifier

McCrae Reese- 10th Place

Powerlifting Regional Qualifier

Hope Byer- Regional Qualifier
Hailey Martinez- Regional Qualifier
Rylee Welsh- Regional Qualifier
Brennen Strawbridge- Regional Qualifier

Boys Basketball All-District Awards

Cooper Corley- 1st Team All-District
Brodie Martin- 1st Team All-District & Academic All-District
Bryce Martin- 2nd Team All-District & Academic All-District
Thomason Burkett- 2nd Team All-District & Academic All-District

Jagger Nees- 2nd Team All-District & Academic All-District
Walker Bennett- Academic All-District
Obed Trejo- Academic All-District
Cooper Wilde- Academic All-District
Mia Ramirez- Academic All-District (Student Athletic Trainer)
Piper O'Brien- Academic All-District (Student Athletic Trainer)

GHS UIL Solo and Ensemble

Jordan Wells- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Flute Solo, Superior Rating
Sophie Rodgers- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Flute Solo, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)
DeAndre Bronfield- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)
Ben Collins- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)
Daven Green- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)
Esther Hernandez- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)
Brodey Mills- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)
Gloria Silveria- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)
Gavin Howard- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)
Alison Mullens- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)
Christopher Stroud- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)
Cale Thomas- UIL Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating (State Qualifier)

GJHS UIL Solo and Ensemble

Carson Kidd- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Piano Solo (Superior Rating), Snare Drum Solo (Superior Rating), Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)
Alaya Back- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)
Landon Freeze- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)
Kameron Haggart- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)
Johan Huerta- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)
Nicholas Hull- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)
Isabella Irby- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)
Christopher Post- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)

Rating)

Ayden Robinson- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)

Eliza Rodgers- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)

Caitlyn Sams- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)

Hadley Trammell- UIL Middle School Solo and Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble (Superior Rating)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Facility Planning Update
- Board Member Continuing Hours
 - Dr. Brandon Bates-10 hours
 - Brandon Joy-10 hours
 - Chris Blanton- 9 hours
 - Jason Smith 22 hours
 - John Brown 19 hours
 - Kristina Pettus 16 hours
 - Lauren Mahaney 10 hours

ACADEMICS

I. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SPRING CAMPUS LIBRARY MATERIALS PURCHASE

A motion by John Brown , seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 for the approval of spring campus library materials purchase. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, voting in favor.

STUDENT SERVICES

I. Special Programs Update

Joe Gordy, Chief of Student Services and Dr. Kristina Martin Secondary Educational Diagnostician, Transition Coordinator, District Lead Evaluator provided the Board of Trustees and updated on the Graham ISD Community Resources Expo and Career Fair and on Special Olympics. Graham ISD held the Graham ISD Community Resources Expo & Career Fair in the GHS Gym on Wednesday, March 25th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event was coordinated by Dr. Kristina Martin, Graham ISD Special

Education Coordinator & Transition and Employment Designee. This year's event saw impressive attendance, with 468 GHS students, 35 agencies, and one community visitor participating. Many students shared positive feedback, highlighting the valuable knowledge they gained. Additionally, several agencies praised the students from GHS for their involvement.

Special Olympics Basketball was held on Saturday, March 7th and trustees will hear a recap of this well-attended event. We are looking forward to attending Special Olympics Track and Field in City View on April 18th.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Minutes of Special Session held on February 25, 2026
- II. Minutes of Regular Session held on March 4, 2026
- III. Financial Information
 - A. Cash & Investment Report
 - B. Enrollment Report
 - C. District Financial Summary Report

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. under the Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Closed Session at 7:23 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

- 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, including mid-contract termination of probationary contract 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)

HUMAN RESOURCES

- I. Consider Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation for the Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Personnel
- II. Personnel Report

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

ACTION ITEM OPEN SESSION

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of the Superintendent's recommendation for the employment of teachers and other professional personnel. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates,

Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

APPROVED

Chris Blanton, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

Dr. Brandon Bates, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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