

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, December 11, 2024, beginning at 5:04 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, Brandon Bates, John Brown, Lauren Mahaney, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus and Jason Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Mary Johnston, Don Davis, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning, Natalie Husen, Joe Gordy, Sam Perry, Audra Barrett, Misti Thompson and Donna Gatlin

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Michael Hamby, Ellen Morris, Josh Kidd,

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No one requested to address the Board during Public Comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Update

Dr. Johnston shared a Google slide presentation of the following:

- Dr. Johnston visited all campuses and had a Lunch and Listen with the staff.
- Brailey Brooks competed at state in CREED Speaking.
- The following students were recognized by the Texas High School Coaches Association for their academics:
 - Ty Thompson-ELITE
 - Thomas Gage-ELITE
 - Steven Vaughn-1st Team
 - Mason Milton-2nd Team
 - Harrison Brockway-2nd Team
 - Colter Johnson 2nd Team
 - Scout Smith- 2nd Team
 - Ryder Taylor- Honorable Mention
 - Ozzy Trejo- Honorable Mention
 - Bruin Wright-Honorable Mention

Brayden Riggins-Honorable Mention
Mateo Rodriguez- Honorable Mention
Lauren Delacruz-Honorable Mention

- Dr. Johnston visited the GHS Junk show and Fine Arts Showcase.
- Campus updates
 - GHS will be having Adopt-A-Child December 12.
 - GJHS band hall is on track for completion before spring break.

ACADEMICS

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE GRAHAM INCENTIVE FOR TEACHERS (GIFT) PROGRAM

A motion by Lauren Mahaney, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$30,000 to fund the Graham Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Program.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Mr. Michael Hamby with Merritt, McLane, and Hamby presented the annual school audit report to the Board.

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING August 31, 2024

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024 as presented by Michael Hamby of Merritt, McLane & Hamby.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Financial Information

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:22 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.

1. Employment Recommendations for Teachers and Other Professional Personnel

The Board Moved into Open Session:

Action Items following Closed Session

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 to approve the recommendation for Teachers and Other Professional Personnel.

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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