

# 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, February 11, 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:** Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Lauren Mahaney, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus, John Brown and Jason Smith

**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:** Thomas Wallner, Tonya Weatherman, Ellie Weatherman, Brendan Weatherman, Norman Stovall and Carli Stovall

### STUDENT RECOGNITION

Cross Country Honors:

Cross Country Coach, Quinton Fossett presented the following honors:

THSCA First Team Academic All-State and TGCA Academic All-State Ellie Weatherman

THSCA Honorable Mention Academic All-State and TGCA Academic All-State Zoe Stovall

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

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- February Professional Development Update: Teachers across the district met in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to intentionally plan curriculum with Middle of Year (MOY) data in mind.
- Calendar Committee: Next Meeting February 17
- Enrollment Update: Currently at 2,132

- Upcoming Events:
  - Silver Club-next meeting March 26
  - Graham Leadership Academy:
 

A year-round academy aimed at fostering transparency, promoting stronger collaboration and encouraging greater community engagement by increasing understanding of Graham ISD’s mission and strategic plan among local parents, business leaders and taxpayers.

    - **Listen:** featuring education-related topics and interactive learning experiences that encourage dialogue and greater understanding of GISD programs and services
    - **Empower:** providing participants with information and advocacy skills to serve as active ambassadors for educational success
    - **Advocate:** building a well-informed, more engaged community in support of student learning
    - **Design:** working together to create bright futures for all
  - Our next update on the FPC’s work will be in April. While we still have a lot of work ahead of us, we hope to bring you a recommendation at the June 3rd School Board meeting.

## FINANCE

### I. Review of Graham ISD Demographic Study

Stuart Keogh, Demographer from Zondahome, will provide an overview of the Demographic Study Report conducted in the Fall of 2025. The data provided in the Demographic Study will inform the development of the Long Range Facility Plan and was presented to the Facility Planning Committee on February 4, 2026.

### II. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYEE PAY DURING EMERGENCY CLOSURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRAHAM ISD BOARD POLICY DEA (Local)**

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates ,carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of Recommendation for Employee Pay During Emergency Closure in Accordance with Graham ISD Board Policy DEA (Local.) The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

III. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO BOARD POLICY CH LOCAL FOR PURCHASE IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 TO REPLACE THE GYM FLOOR AT GRAHAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates , seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to for the Approval of an Expenditure Pursuant to Board Policy CH Local for Purchase in Excess of \$50,000 to Replace the Gym Floor at Graham Junior High School. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

IV. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO BOARD POLICY CH LOCAL FOR PURCHASE IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 FOR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL BUSES**

A motion by Brandon Joy, seconded by Jason Smith , carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of an Expenditure Pursuant to Board Policy CH Local for Purchase in excess of \$50,000 for Replacement of School Buses. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

**STUDENT SERVICES**

I. **CONSIDER SENATE BILL 11 RESOLUTION**

No action was taken, administration will continue to review.

A motion by Lauren Mahaney, seconded by Kristina Pettus , carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting into Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing: 2024-2025 Texas Assessment Performance Report (TAPR)**

A Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) was held Wednesday, February 11, 2026 beginning at 6:14 p.m. in the Graham Learning Center, 701 Tennessee Street, Graham, TX.

Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Janel Madeley provided an overview of the district performance on indicators set forth in law. The report includes state, region, district, and campus data, as well as campus performance objectives.

There were no public comments.

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

President Chris Blanton opened the regular meeting at 6:23 p.m.

## **ACADEMICS**

### **I. Review of Middle of the Year Campus Data**

Principals from each campus provided a brief synopsis of what they are doing on their campuses.

## **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- I. Minutes of Regular Session held on January 14, 2026
- II. Financial Information
  - A. Cash & Investment Report
  - B. Enrollment Report
  - C. District Financial Summary Report
  - D. Budget Amendments

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 7:00 p.m. under the Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:12 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)

**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 ACTION ON ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074**

No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, 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**

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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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