

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 12, 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: Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Brandon Joy, Lauren Mahaney, Kristina Pettus, John Brown, and Jason Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Tessa Boenisch, Paige Sharpe, Meagan Stephens, Amber Lunger, Dawna Gage, Gina Beauchamp, Brandi Menard, Melanie and Josh Durand, Hayley Langford and a multitude of family and friends for student recognition.

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Mr. Gordy, Principal at GHS presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following students:

Ryder Calhoun - First Generation Scholar, Rural & Small School Scholar	
Sara Dospapas - First Generation Scholar, Hispanic Scholar, Rural & Small School Scholar	
Vanessa Lucio - First Generation Scholar	

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

Art Smart 4 th Grade	Team – 3 rd Place Jesse Weaver, Ellie Hurst, Kynsliegh Blevins, Theresa Diaz
Chess Puzzle 2 nd Grade	Colton Renfro – 4 th Colton Bell – 6 th Team 2 nd Colton Renfro, Hunter Strider, Colton Bell
Chess Puzzle 3 rd Grade	Ethan Reedy – 3 rd Team – 3 rd Place Ethan Reedy, Watson Blanton, Thomas Felps, Riggan Wyatt
Chess Puzzle 4 th Grade	Cooper Epperson – 1 st Kynsliegh Blevins – 4 th Luke Hamm – 5 th Team 1 st Kynsliegh Blevins, Cooper Epperson, Luke Hamm
Chess Puzzle 5 th Grade	Elijah Dixon – 5 th Team 3 rd Elijah Dixon, Haven Coyac, Hailey Teall
Creative Writing 2 nd Grade	Olivia Sanchez – 5 th
Dictionary Skills 5 th Grade	Reagan Figg – 1 st Team 1 st Reagan Figg, Bailey Kilpatrick, Veronica Rangel
Listening 5 th Grade	Andrew Barrett – 3 rd Bailey Gardner – 6 th Team 2 nd Andrew Barrett, Blake Vogt, Bailey Gardner, Makenzie Barnett
Music Memory 2 nd Grade	Charleigh Bowers – 1 st Waylon Acosta – 6 th Team 2 nd Waylon Acosta, Charleigh Bowers, Georgia Sharpe
Music Memory 3 rd Grade	Kasyn Wood - 1 st Gunner Pleasant – 2 nd Sawyer Cromwell – 6 th Team 1 st Sawyer Cromwell, Gunner Pleasant, Emma Rogers, Kasyn Wood
Music Memory 4 th Grade	Jack Armstrong – 2 nd
Music Memory 5 th Grade	Marcus Monrreal – 4 th Riley Mazy – 6 th
Number Sense 5 th Grade	Fred Willoughby – 1 st Team 2 nd Fred Willoughby, Brayden Schindler, Everett Riley
Number Sense 4 th Grade	Connor Dooley – 5 th Team 2 nd Cooper Epperson, Alexander Martinez, Connor Dooley, Everett Perry

Oral Reading 5 th Grade	Ady Hughes – 4 th
Oral Reading 4 th Grade	Casey Perry – 4 th Frankie Gage – 5 th
Ready Writing 5 th Grade	Reagan Figg – 5 th Marcus Monrreal – 6 th
Ready Writing 4 th Grade	Kenzie Kramer – 4 th Judith Bilbrey – 5 th Theresa Diaz – 6 th
Ready Writing 3 rd Grade	Anna Phillips – 3 rd
Social Studies 5 th Grade	Anastasia Metcalf – 5 th Andrew Barrett – 6 th Team 2 nd Andrew Barrett, Anastasia Metcalf, Blake Vogt
Spelling 5 th Grade	Rowdi Revey – 5 th Team 3 rd Emmalynn Atkins, Rowdi Revey, Christian Prater
Spelling 4 th Grade	Bastian Edwards – 3 rd Hayden Cox – 4 th Team 2 nd Bastian Edwards, Connor Dooley, Henry Gonzalez, Hayden Cox
Spelling 3 rd Grade	Emerson Lott – 5 th Team 3 rd Bentley Wharton, Joe Pugliese, Indie Kramer, Emerson Lott
Story Telling 3 rd Grade	Jonathan Kline – 5 th

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Lauren Mahaney carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm to go into Public Hearing.

Public Comments:

Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

A Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) was held Wednesday, February 12, 2025 beginning at 5:50 p.m. in the Graham Learning Center, 701 Tennessee Street, Graham, TX.

Gary Browning, Director of Curriculum and Instruction 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.

Dr. Johnston invited public comment:
There were no public comments.

President Chris Blanton opened the regular meeting at 6:11pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- GJHS Band Hall Update
The EIFS (Exterior Insulation & Finish System, setting of the HVAC units, and site concrete has been completed. The vestibule area will be finished up in the next few weeks.
- National FFA Week is February 15-22
- teleGRAHAM Newsletter
Monthly newsletter available through ParentSquare and posted to the district website. Sent to families, staff, and community members.
- Graham ISD Gazette
Monthly Employee Newsletter will be sent out at the end of each month.
- Keep an eye out for our Facebook Page for daily updates from GISD.

ACADEMICS

Results Driven Accountability Report (RDA) 2023-2024 Update

Mr. Gray Browning presented the GISD Results Driven Accountability Report. This report is disseminated annually to local education agencies and provides data reflecting the performance of students participating in selected program areas (Bilingual Education/English as Second Language/Emergent Bilingual, Other Special Populations inclusive of students in Foster Care, students who are Homeless, students who are Military Connected, and Special Education). This system is used by the TEA as part of its annual evaluation of LEA performance and program effectiveness.

Effective Schools Framework (ESF) Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) Update

Mr. Gary Browning presented a summary of the activities outlined in the TIP intended to increase student achievement. The goal of the ESF is to provide a clear vision for what districts and schools across the state do to ensure an excellent education for all Texas Students. Graham ISD has continued to participate in school improvement efforts at Graham Junior High School through the ESF. The component of ESF that drives school improvement is the Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP).

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 GRAHAM ISD SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion by Brandon Joy, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to approve the 2025-2026 Graham ISD School Calendar.

TECHNOLOGY: eRATE UPDATE

Technology Director, Chris Raisle shared the eRate update with the board. This is the final year for the 5-year Category 2, CAT2, eRate funding cycle. Category 2 includes internal connections including wireless, network equipment, and other infrastructure items. We have an existing \$36,000 remaining that has to be spent this year. Next year we will start a new 5-year funding cycle that should give the district a new budget with approximately \$380,000 total funds to use over the next 5 years eRate allows us an 80% discount on hardware, installation and support for these projects due to our socioeconomic status.

Our Technology Department is planning a multi-year project to upgrade the aging wireless district wide. The plan will be to utilize the \$36,000 from this year's funds and finish the project next year with the start of the new budget cycle. The project will include 62 network drops and 265 wireless access points with 5-year warranty and support.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Regular Session Held on January 15, 2025

Minutes of Special Session Held on February 5, 2025

Financial Information

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:52 pm under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:49 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

Human Resources

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Brandon Bates, carried 7 to 0 to approve Mr. Gary Browning as the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations.

ADJOURN

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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