

GISD BOARD MINUTES

November 11, 2015

The Graham Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at Woodland Elementary School, 1219 Cliff Drive, Graham, Texas 76450. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President David McClendon, and it was noted that the meeting was held in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

PRESENT: David McClendon, Meredith Lucas, Stan Peavy, III, Dori Cawley, Andrea Lowery, Pat Martin, Z.T. Burkett, Superintendent Sonny Cruse, Assistant Superintendent Don Davis, and Assistant Superintendent Robert Loomis

VISITORS: Guy and Dawna Gage, Debbie Robertson, Jason and Sara McCall and Casey Holder

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

Mr. Cruse shared with the Board that three FFA teams have advanced to area Leadership Contest. Twenty Band students were selected for all District Band. The Veteran's Day program at memorial Auditorium was very good and well attended. This years You Lead Education Day will be held at the High School on November 17th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 6 to 0 to accept the consent agenda as presented which consists of Minutes of the previous meetings, District Financial Report, Investment Report, Tax Collection Report, Interest Report, Grants and Donations and Enrollment Report.

REPORTS:

GISD Insurance Report and Update – North American Solutions

Mr. Kerry Sims with NAS (North American Solutions) a property and casualty Insurance Company shared with the board that the mission of NAS is to deliver the lowest long-term cost and the highest quality client experience.

Highly Qualified Report

Robert Loomis shared the Highly Qualified Teacher Report with the Board. As of November 11, 2015 we are at 100%.

Campus Report

Dr. Colleen Netterville, Principal at Woodland Elementary updated the Board on activities at Woodland Elementary. There has been a huge number of Dads signing up to volunteer in a myriad of ways that serve our children due to the Watch D.O.G.S. program.

Every six weeks Woodland has competitions among their teams to see which team has the highest attendance percentage for that period. The team with the best attendance percentage receives a reward. This six weeks it will be popcorn and a movie in the cafeteria.

An enrichment time has been implemented every day for students not receiving response to intervention. The students spend six weeks working on a project based learning activity that integrates reading, writing, math, research and technology. This arrangement allows the more struggling learners to be served while at the same time providing enriching activities for all other students.

PBMAS Report (Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System)

Mr. Loomis shared with the Board that GISD has been Staged in the following two areas:

- Bilingual ESL STAAR passing rates grades 3-8
- Special Education students STAAR passing rates 3-8

Administration is working on an intervention plan for the Special Education Students and Bilingual Students.

Annual Investment Report

Don Davis presented the annual investment report

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

TASB POLICY UPDATE 103: Sonny Cruse shared with the Board that Update 103 is the first of two post-legislative updates, and it encompasses changes in law from the 84th Legislative Session that have an immediate effect on the governance and management of school districts.

AG PROJECT CENTER – Sonny Cruse shared with the Board that he will be meeting with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Blanton in the near future regarding the Ag Project. The Board, Jacob Lange, GISD Administrators and Mr. Anderson had an opportunity to tour the Ag Facility at Jacksboro ISD last week.

Board Member, Dori Cawley arrived at 6:40 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE INVESTMENT OFFICER RESOLUTION:

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Stan Peavy, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Investment Officer Resolution.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SOUTHERN BLEACHER BUY BOARD CONTRACT #423-13:

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve The Southern Bleacher Buy Board Contract #423-13.

David McClendon abstained from voting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SOFT COSTS RELATED TO NEWTON FIELD IMPROVEMENTS:

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 7 to 0 to approve the budget amendment for Soft Costs related to Newton Field Improvements.

DRESS CODE CONSIDERATION:

The Board did not take action on Dress Code Consideration. Administration will bring this item back to the Board after further study.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR NTS (Phone Service):

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Dori Cawley, carried 7 to 0 to approve the budget amendment for NTS (Phone Service)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY: 915 ½ TENNESSEE:

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Stan Peavy, carried 7 to 0 to approve the budget amendment for the purchase of property, 915 ½ Tennessee.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CASTING VOTES VIA RESOLUTION FOR CANDIDATES LISTED ON THE 2015 OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE YOUNG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION:

The Board had 2104 votes for the Young County Appraisal District Board of Directors. A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to cast 1052 votes for Z.T. Burkett and 1052 votes for Ben Wilson individually, as representatives from the Graham ISD on the Young County Appraisal District Board.

Z.T. Burkett abstained from voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. under Texas Government Code 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. with the following action taken:

Superintendent reported the resignation for Lynda Spring has been accepted. Effective December 18, 2015

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

David McClendon, President

Stan Peavy, III, Secretary