

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, May 14, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the GRAHAM LEARNING CENTER, 701 TENNESSEE STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Jeremy and Amy Heathcoat, Amanda Mullens, Kandice Craig, Toni Stansell, Jennifer Patrick, Erika Schmidt, Tracy Pippins, Sara Jo Carrico, Stephany Talbott, Michelle Lowrey, and a multitude of family and friends of the students receiving awards.

CANVAS THE ELECTION

Kaitlyn Mosley, Young County Elections Administrator provided the district with the final election results following the early voting ballot board's verification of all ballots. The administration recommends approving the election results as provided by the Young County Election Administrator.

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Brandon Bates, carried 7 to 0 to accept the Canvas of the Election results for the May 3, 2025 election.

Certificate of Election was given to the newly elected board members:

Lauren Mahaney, Place 3
Chris Blanton, Place 4
Jason Smith, Place 5

Administering of Oath of Office

Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith signed the Statement of Officer and Abi Bueno, Notary Public administered the Oath of Office to Lauren Mahaney, Place 3, Chris Blanton, Place 4 and Jason Smith, Place 5.

Reorganization of Board Officers

Chris Blanton called for nominations for President. Kristina Pettus nominated Chris Blanton, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to approve Chris Blanton for President.

Chris Blanton called for nominations for Vice President. Brandon Joy nominated Kristina Pettus, seconded by John Brown, carried 7 to 0 to approve Kristina Pettus for Vice President.

Chris Blanton called for nominations for President. Lauren Mahaney nominated Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to approve Brandon Bates for Secretary.

RECOGNITIONS

Educator Recognition:

Campus Teachers of the Year

Pioneer Elementary	Lisa Lester
Crestview Elementary	Kalin Westerman
Woodland Elementary	Kandice Craig
Graham Junior High School	Jennifer Patrick
Graham High School	Paige Reese

Elementary Teacher of the Year: Lisa Lester
Secondary Teacher of the Year: Jennifer Patrick

Graham High School-PLTW 2024-2025 Distinguished School

Sara Jo Carrico and Michelle Lowrey were recognized for their efforts as educators.

Student Recognition:

College Board National Recognition Program

Brailey Brooks- First Generation Scholar

GHS UIL District & Regional Academic

Accounting:

Hayden Burrows - 1st Place Regional Qualifier

Christian Ritchie - 3rd Place Regional Qualifier

Team of Hayden Burrows, Christian Ritchie, and Devin McCall - 1st Place team - Regional Qualifier

Current Issues:

Jack Van Winkle - 6th Place

Ryder Calhoun - 8th Place

3rd Place Team- Jack Van Winkle, Ryder Calhoun, Matthew Monrreal, and Jade Dospapas

Feature Writing:

Kenzie Kline - 6th Place

Poetry Interpretation:

Jack Page - 3rd Place Regional Qualifier

Emily Clark - 4th Place Regional Alternate

Prose Interpretation:

Rebekah Gilbertson - 3rd Place Regional Qualifier

Mia Katherine Hunter - 5th Place

Science:

Cy Sweedler - 2nd Place Biology - Regional Alternate

3rd Place Team - Thomas Gage, Cy Sweedler, Elijah Yoder, and Harrison Ribble

Spelling:

Vanessa Lucio - 1st Place Regional Qualifier

Ryder Calhoun - 3rd Place Regional Qualifier

Jazlyn Van Alstyne - 6th Place

Team of Vanessa Lucio, Ryder Calhoun, Jazlyn Van Alstyne and Kelton Parker - 1st Place team - Regional Qualifier

Math:

3rd Place Team - Caden Joy, Thomas Gage, Devin McCall, and Kelton Parker

Social Studies:

5th Place - Ryder Calhoun

Calculator Application:

6th Place - Caden Joy

3rd Place Team - Caden Joy, Devin McCall, Thomas Gage, Caleb Gibson

Regional UIL Academics**Accounting:**

Hayden Burrows - Accounting - 2nd Place - State Qualifier

Team of Hayden Burrows, Christian Ritchie, and Devin McCall - 2nd Place team

Prose Interpretation:

Rebekah Gilbertson - 6th Place

Spelling and Vocabulary:

Team of Vanessa Lucio, Ryder Calhoun, Jazlyn Van Alstyne and Kelton Parker - 3rd place team

GHS UIL One Act Play-Bi-District & District Results

Sara Peyton Dospapas - District All Star Cast; Bi-District All Star Cast

Jade Dospapas - District All Star Cast; Bi-District All Star Cast

Matthew Monrreal

Kenzie Kline

Calecen Gresham

Jack Page - Bi-District Honorable Mention All Star Cast

Tristen Roberts

Rylee Ranger

Liam Bailey

Cy Sweedler - District Honorable Mention All Star Cast

Emma Leigh Sconce

Kylie Birdwell

Kambrey Moore

Crew:

Rebekah Gilbertson

Zaylea Pippins

Jackson Kidd - District - All Star Tech

Danielle Burleson

Cora Vogt

Bayleigh McGee

Grace Rios-Perkins

Directors: Katie Huitt, Kay Berru, Tracy Pippins

FFA State Qualifier**FFA Range State Contest:**

Brazier Joy 12th High Individual

Team of Brazier Joy, Steven Vaughan, Cole Heathcoat, Luke Davidson - 10th Place in the State

Alternate - Ryan Howell

FFA Wool Team - Qualified for State Contest:

Brailey Brooks, Hailey Fuentes, Kaycee Mixon, Renata Garcia. Alternates: Maddie Erwin, Meea Noyola

FFA Cotton Team - Qualified for State:

Brazier Joy, Kanyon Crawford, Kimber Pratt, Colton Dixon, Toby Boenish, Cole Heathcoat

Golf State Qualifier

Jagger Nees - State Golf Medalist

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Teacher of the Year Luncheon
Thank you to the Graham Rotary Club for hosting our Graham ISD Teacher of the Year Luncheon.
- TASB Board Policy Review
Policy was reviewed May 1-2 there will be more information in the summer to discuss and vote upon.
- Top 10% Reception
We honored our Top 10% of the Senior Class and the Educators who inspired them.
- Strategic Planning in GISD: Day 3
Students, staff, parents, trustees, and community leaders met to establish a blueprint for GISD. The GISD School Board will discuss and take action on the proposed Strategic Plan in June.

STUDENT SERVICES

Review Board Policy Update 124

Policy Update 124 is the most recent update of corresponding local policies. This will be the first reading with consideration for the approval of Policy Update 124 at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

FINANCE

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR THE TEACHER INCENTIVE ALLOTMENT PAYOUTS

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to approve the budget amendment request for the teacher incentive allotment payouts.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MASTER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN GRAHAM ISD AND REGION 10 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Master Interlocal Agreement between Graham ISD and Region 10 Education Service Center.

3. Graham ISD TASB Pay Systems Review

TASB representative, Lauren Wurman, presented findings and recommendations from the Graham ISD Pay Systems Review.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Session held on April 9, 2025
2. Financial Information
 - Cash & Investment Report
 - Enrollment Report
 - District Financial Summary Report

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:43pm under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:56pm.

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

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PRINCIPAL OF GRAHAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

A motion by Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 approve Audra Barrett as Principal of Graham Junior High school.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHIEF OF STUDENT SERVICES

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 approve Joe Gordy as Chief of Student Services.

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

A motion by Lauren Mahaney, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the employment of teachers and other professional personnel.

ADJOURN

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Brandon Joy, 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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