

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Graham ISD

A Public Hearing was held Wednesday, January 15, 2020 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Graham High School, 1000 Brazos Street, Graham, TX 76450

Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

A Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) was held Wednesday, January 15, 2020 beginning at 5:30 in the Graham High School, 1000 Brazos Street, Graham TX.

Mr. Browning, Director of Curriculum and Instruction provided an overview of the districts performance on indicators set forth in law. The report includes state, region, district, and campus data, as well as campus performance objectives.

Mr. Cruse invited public comment. No public comments were received.

The hearing adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday, January 15, 2020 beginning at 5:41 P.M. in the GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL, 1000 BRAZOS STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450. President, Meredith Lucas 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: Meredith Lucas, Andrea Lowery, Stan Peavy, III, Brandon Bates, Steve Jones and Pat Martin

Board members absent: Daniel De La Cruz

Administrators present: Superintendent Sonny Cruse, Assistant Superintendent Don Davis, Assistant Superintendent Robert Loomis, Curriculum and Instruction Director Gary Browning, Special Education Director Natalie Husen, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator Anne Routon, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator Necia Marin, High School Principal Joe Gordy, Junior High School Principal Ginger Robbins, Woodland Elementary School Principal Audra Barrett, Crestview Elementary School Principal Amanda Townley, and Pioneer Elementary School Principal Donna Gatlin.

Visitors: Thomas Wallner

OPEN FORUM: No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

WIG #1: Ensure every student achieves or exceeds one year's academic growth by May 2020

WIG #2: Increase each accountability domain score by one or more letter grade by May 2020.

- FFA Student Stock Show Success
Graham ISD students did extremely well at the Young County Livestock Show.
- Reading Academies
K-3 teachers will be required to attend the reading academies
The Graham ISD Staff will complete the Comprehensive model
- Check Point 3 Assessments will be done the end of January.
- Board Election
Candidates can file beginning Wednesday, January 15, 2020
The last day to file is Friday, February 14, 2020
Seats up for election are:
Seat 2 – Unexpired Term (Z.T. Burkett) Incumbent is Brandon Bates
Seat 6 – Full Term – Incumbent is Daniel De La Cruz
Seat 7 – Full Term – Incumbent is Meredith Lucas
- Projects Update
Greenhouse – They will be working on a gutter system that will recapture rainwater.
- Future Projects
GLC Renovation
To be used as a Staff Development Center
GJHS
Renovate an additional restroom
Parking area on the vacant lot
GHS
Improved parking near the Greenhouse

WOODLAND
Renovate restrooms near the cafeteria

NEWTON FIELD
Irrigation

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes
District Financial Summary Report
Tax Collection Report
Investment Report
Interest Report
Enrollment Report
Budget Amendments

A motion made by Stan Peavy, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve the consent agenda.

REPORTS

Advanced Academics

Mr. Gary Browning shared that the goal of the Advanced Academics Committee is to provide recommendations that will improve the opportunity for higher level student learning, preparing students for future advanced courses and postsecondary studies. The committee is currently researching differentiated curriculum for advanced courses along with training.

Truancy Officer Report

Mr. Tom Lewis and Mr. Thomas Iles, Graham ISD Truancy Officers, gave the Board an updated on the Parent/Student contacts they made August through December, 2019. The home visits and phone calls have been very beneficial in getting students to attend school.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Staffing Discussion

Mr. Cruse and the Board discussed staffing for the 2020-2021 school year. Items discussed included: current class size ratios, goals for class size ratios, reading intervention support, areas of need for additional instructional staff, and our current practice of accepting teacher requests at the elementary level.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consider Approval of the 2018-2019 Financial Audit**

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve the Financial Audit as presented by Michael Hamby.

2. **Consider Approval of the 2020-2021 GISD School Calendar**

A motion by Steve Jones, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve Calendar Version 6, which has a start date of August 24, 2020.

3. **Consider Approval of a GISD Trustee Election Order**

A motion by Steve Jones, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 approve the GISD Trustee Election Order.

4. **Consider Approval of a Firm to Conduct the Annual Fiscal Audit**

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 6 to 0 to approve Merritt, McLane & Hamby, P.C. to perform audit services for Graham ISD for the 2019-2020 through 2021-2022 school years.

EXECUTIVE 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. Consider Board Approval of Employment/Resignations of Teachers and other Professional Personnel.
2. Conduct Superintendent Evaluation pursuant to Government Code 551.083
3. Superintendent Contract and Compensation pursuant to Government Code 551.083.

Executive Session

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, 551.083 and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. with no action taken.

The Board Moved into Open Session with the following actions taken:

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Stan Peavy, carried 6 to 0 to give permission to the Superintendent to employ Amanda Mullens on an employee agreement upon completion of SBEC documents.

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve the superintendent's contract and compensation.

ADJOURN

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED

Meredith Lucas, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

Stan Peavy, III, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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