

GISD BOARD MINUTES

October 14, 2015

A School FIRST Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held October 14, 2015 beginning at 5:35 PM in the Crestview Elementary School, 1317 Old Jacksboro Road, Graham TX 76450.

F.I.R.S.T. PUBLIC HEARING: The Board held a public hearing on the F.I.R.S.T. (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). No comments or concerns were brought forward by the public.

F.I.R.S.T. Public Hearing was adjourned.

The Graham Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Crestview Elementary School, 1317 Old Jacksboro Road, Graham, Texas 76450. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 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, Superintendent Sonny Cruse, Assistant Superintendent Don Davis, and Assistant Superintendent Robert Loomis

ABSENT: Z.T. Burkett

VISITORS: Debbie Robertson, Casey Holder, and Carol Willis

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

Mr. Cruse updated the Board on the Homecoming events that are planned for Friday as well as the Band contest that will be taking place Saturday in Wichita Falls at Memorial Stadium, 3:15pm.

October 20th will be the first Watch D.O.G.S. program meeting which will include Pioneer, Crestview, and Woodland Schools. The first meeting of the Grateful Dad's program was held this past Monday at the High School with Mr. Gordy. Eleven men were present at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Pat Martin, 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:

The campus principals will provide the Board with written reports that highlight the current enrollment, attendance and events occurring at their campuses.

Travis Armstrong, Principal at Crestview Elementary, updated the Board on campus activities. 564 students are currently enrolled at Crestview. Campus wide incentive programs have been put in place to reward good student behavior and academic performance. Language Arts Teachers attended the Balanced Literacy Bootcamp. Melissa Leach from Region 9 ESC was the instructor. On September 11th, Crestview honored local law enforcement officers by hosting a catered lunch. Students enjoyed the opportunity to get to eat and socialize with them.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

YOUNG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PRESENTATION: Mr. Luke Robbins with the Young County Appraisal District shared with the Board that another property value study is being done now. For the school district to avoid being penalized by the State the values must be within five percent of the State of Texas Comptroller's valuations. Rural properties are a main focus at this time. The YCAD is implementing Aerial Photography Technology which will give a precise view of each parcel. This will help the Appraisal District have a more accurate record.

DRESS CODE: The Board is reviewing the GISD Dress Code Policy. Robert Loomis provided dress code information from several surrounding school districts for comparison.

NEWTON STADIUM RENOVATIONS: Sonny Cruse shared with the Board information on the possibility of renovating Newton Stadium. Some areas of concern are the handicapped seating/parking, no seating for the dance team, and hand rails along the stairways. Further study will be done on this project.

AG PROJECT CENTER: Sonny Cruse shared with the Board that he has met with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Blanton regarding the Ag Project Center. A possibility might be to have an Inter-local agreement with the City and the Industrial Association to help with the design of the facility. The possibility of the Old Livestock building was brought up as a possible site for the Ag Barn.

ACTION ITEMS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE YOUNG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES:

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Dori Cawley, carried 6 to 0 to nominate Ben Wilson and Forrest Meacham to be placed on the 2016-2017 ballot.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDING POLICY GKD (LOCAL):

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve amending policy GKD (LOCAL)
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES VIA E-RATE AND LOCAL FUNDS:

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve Technology upgrades via E-Rate and local funds.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR THE GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND:

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve the out-of-state travel to Disneyland for the High School Band.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Superintendent reported the following resignations/retirements have been accepted effective December 18, 2015 for Rhonda Cavett and Cathy Bohn.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

David McClendon, President

Stan Peavy, III, Secretary