

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, January 15, 2025, beginning at 5:30 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: Chris Blanton, Brandon Bates, Kristina Pettus, John Brown, Lauren Mahaney, Brandon Joy, and Jason Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Mary Johnston, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning, Lauren Holland, Natalie Husen, Joe Gordy, Sam Perry, Audra Barrett, Misti Thompson, Donna Gatlin, Mary Roberts, and Katy Morris

VISITORS: Ellen Morris, Amanda Mullens, Bronwen Choate, and a multitude of family and friends for student recognition.

RECOGNITIONS

Student Recognition

Mr. Gordy Presented a certificate of achievement to the following students:

National Merit Scholar Commended Scholar- Rebekah Gilbertson

Coach McChristian presented a certificate of achievement to the following students:

Football: Texas High School Coaches Association, Academic All-State:

Thomas Gage-Elite Team

Ty Thompson-Elite Team

Steven Vaughn-1st Team

Harison Brockway-2nd Team

Colter Johnson-2nd Team

Mason Milton-2nd Team

Scout Smith-2nd Team

Brayden Riggins-Honorable Mention

Mateo Rodriguez Honorable Mention

Ryder Taylor-Honorable Mention

Ozzy Trejo-Honorable Mention

Bruin Wright-Honorable Mention

Mike Carroll presented a certificate of achievement to the following students:

Texas State Athletic Trainers Association:

Lauren Delacruz-Honorable Mention

Taylor Ewing-Honorable Mention

Coach Faulk presented a certificate of achievement to the following students:

**Volleyball: Texas High School Coaches Association & Texas Girls Coaches Association
Academic All-State:**

Emilee Gordy-THSCA 1st Team & TGCA Academic All-State

Camden Thorne-THSCA 1st Team & TGCA Academic All-State

Georgia Martin- THSCA 2nd Team & TGCA Academic All-State

Braylee Mayes- THSCA 2nd Team & TGCA Academic All-State

Rebecca McGregor-THSCA 2nd Team

Annemarie McHenry- THSCA 2nd Team

Lillian Noble-THSCA 2nd Team & TGCA Academic All-State

Charlii Haak- TGCA Academic All-State

Board Recognition

Dr. Johnston thanked the Board for their excellent work they do on behalf of the students of Graham ISD. Board Members were presented a book in their honor to be placed in the school Libraries. Presenting books to the Board were: Will Brown, Watson Blanton, Reno Mahaney, Ella Pettus, Kyson Bates, and Scout Smith.

Public Comments

Bronwen Choate addressed the Board regarding substitute teachers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Update

- Construction Update: Band Hall
 - Completion of the brick and installation of the metal roof.
 - EIFs are nearly complete, this will allow us to be completely finished with exterior skin of the building.
 - Insulation and drywall has been started.
 - Sight work is expected within the week, allowing for HVAC units to be set and get the permanent air on.

ACADEMICS

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WAIVER FOR REMOTE HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Kristina Pettus carried 7 to 0 to approve the submission of a Waiver for Remote Homebound Instruction.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE MAY 3, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION TO ELECT TRUSTEES IN PLACES 3, 4, AND 5

A motion by Jason Smith, seconded by Brandon Joy carried 7 to 0 to approve the Order of Election for School Board places 3,4, and 5.

2. DESIGNATION OF NON-BUSINESS DAYS FOR PURPOSES OF THE TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

A motion by Lauren Mahaney, seconded by Jason Smith carried 7 to 0 to approve the Designated Non-business dates as presented.

3. 2025-2026 CALENDAR COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Loomis updated the board on the 2025-2026 Calendar. The Calendar Committee discussed calendar options that included a 5-day, 4-day, and 4-day hybrid calendars. Data from area and regional school districts were studied by the committee. Employee and parent survey data was also discussed.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE FACILITATION OF THE GRAHAM ISD STRATEGIC PLAN

A motion by Brandon Bates, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Budget Amendment of up to \$30,000 for the facilitation of the Graham ISD Strategic Plan.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYEE PAY DURING EMERGENCY CLOSURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRAHAM ISD BOARD POLICY DEA (LOCAL)

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Resolution authorizing employee pay as a result of inclement weather for January 9 and January 10.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Regular Session Held on December 11, 2025

Financial Information

- Cash & 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 Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Closed Session at 7:23 p.m.

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.

The Board Moved into Open Session:

Action Items following Closed Session

None

ADJOURNMENT

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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