

GISD BOARD MINUTES

March 2, 2016

The Graham Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Graham ISD Administration Office, 400 Third Street, Graham, Texas 76450. The meeting was called to order at 5:36 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, Stan Peavy, III, Meredith Lucas, Dori Cawley, Andrea Lowery, Pat Martin, Z.T. Burkett, Superintendent Sonny Cruse, and Assistant Superintendent Don Davis

VISITORS: Debbie Robertson, Nick Cimino, Craig Hanes, Carol Willis, Thomas Wallner, Lisa Budarf, Kerry Sims, and Gary Browning

OPEN FORUM:

No one requested to address the Board during open Forum.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

Ag Project Center- Jason Cottongame has received bids for the Metal Construction. Early next week work will start on the pad site. As of now, we are ahead of schedule.

T-TESS and T-PESS Appraisal System is the new appraisal procedure that all school districts have to use beginning with the 2016-2017 school year for Teachers and Principals.

Graham Learning Center – Pilot Project. Discussion is taking place about relocating students from the GLC to the High School for the last 6 weeks of school. The same type of school would continue, just at a different location. GLC needs some work done to it, and then it could possibly be used for a staff development facility as well as a permanent location for School Board Meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 7 to 0 to accept the consent agenda as presented which consists of Minutes of the previous meetings, District Financial Report, Enrollment Report and Budget Amendments.

REPORTS:

TASB Policy Update 104

Mr. Cruse shared with the Board that TASB Update 104 is the second of two post-legislative updates, focusing primarily on amendments to the Administrative Code as a result of recent legislation. Major topics in Update 104 include taxes, financial reports and audits, reports to the State Board for Educator Certification, video and audio recording in special education, partial credit requirements for students who are homeless or in foster care, credit-by-exam requirements for homeless students, substitutes for state assessments, and wellness policy requirements.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Insurance Claim for Newton Stadium

Mr. Nick Cimino with Engle Martin and Associates, Inc. and Mr. Craig Hanes of Madsen, Kneppers & Associates, Inc. attended the Board meeting to answer any questions the Board may have on the Repair/Reconstruction of Newton Stadium and Press box.

ACTION ITEMS:

CONSIDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF 1011 2ND STREET, GRAHAM TEXAS, (LOT 5 BLOCK 51, BEN HILL SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 137). PURCHASE PRICE: YCAD VALUE OF \$4550 PLUS CLOSING COSTS.

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 7 to 0 to approve the purchase of 1011 2nd Street, Graham Texas, (Lot 5 block 51, Ben Hill Survey Abstract No. 137). Purchase price: YCAD value of \$4550.00 plus closing costs.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TAX RESALE DEED REGARDING PROPERTY AT 920 TEXAS, GRAHAM, TX 76450.

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Dori Cawley , carried 7 to 0 to approve the Tax Resale Deed Regarding Property at 920 Texas, Graham, TX 76450.

CONSIDER APPROVING CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES.

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates.

CONSIDER CANCELLING SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 7, 2016.

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 4 to 0 to approve cancelling the School Trustee Election to be held May 7, 2016. (Dori Cawley, Pat Martin and Stan Peavy abstained from voting)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH HUCKABEE ARCHITECTS FOR THE NEWTON STADIUM REPAIR/RENOVATION PROJECT.

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 7 to 0 to authorize the superintendent to execute a contract with Huckabee Architects to include the proposed fee percentage of 4.8% for the Newton Stadium project provided that Huckabee submits the required documentation to fulfill the disclosure requirements of HB 1295.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH BUFORD THOMPSON CONSTRUCTION TO SERVE IN THE CAPACITY OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER – AGENT FOR THE NEWTON STADIUM REPAIR/RENOVATION PROJECT.

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 7 to 0 to authorize the superintendent to execute a contract with Buford Thompson Construction to include the fee structure as presented for the Newton Stadium project provided that BTC submits the required documentation to fulfill the disclosure requirements of HB 1295.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN BLEACHERS AND APPROVAL OF DESIGN FOR THE NEWTON STADIUM RECONSTRUCTION

A motion By Meredith Lucas, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 7 to 0 to approve the contract with Southern Bleachers and design for the Newton Stadium reconstruction.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPANDING PREKINDERGARTEN TO A FULL-DAY PROGRAM.

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Dori Cawley, carried 7 to 0 to approve expanding prekindergarten to a full-day program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. under Texas Government Code 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion by Dori Cawley, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Administrators Contracts as presented.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

The board reviewed past and projected budget, enrollment and expenditure trends. Cost related information regarding anticipated curriculum and instruction programs was shared with the board. The administration shared a plan with the board that will allow the district to fund full-day prekindergarten and additional administrative support at GHS and Crestview without depending on funds from the districts fund balance.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Dori Cawley, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

David McClendon, President

Stan Peavy, III, Secretary