

# 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, September 12, 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY, 1317 OLD JACKSBORO ROAD, GRAHAM, TX 76450. Board 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, Pat Martin and Steve Jones

Board members absent: Z.T. Burkett and Jay Tillotson

Administrators present: Sonny Cruse, Superintendent, Don Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Robert Loomis, Assistant Superintendent, Gary Browning, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Natalie Husen, Director of Special Education, Donna Gatlin, Principal Pioneer Elementary, Amanda Townley, Principal Crestview Elementary, Lisa Budarf, Principal Woodland Elementary, Ginger Robbins, Principal Graham Junior High School, Joe Gordy, Principal Graham High School.

### **OPEN FORUM**

No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

#### Project Update

Ag Project Center

Garage Doors are 99.9% complete – Heaters to be installed

Drainage – 99% better

Ag Science – Floral Design Coolers will be purchased

Pioneer Track – should be completed by the end of the week

#### TASA/TASB Convention

The convention will be September 28-30 in Austin.

#### TASB Winter Governance Seminar – Galveston – February 21-23, 2019

#### TASB Legal Seminar Series – Abilene - November 13, 2019

#### Strong Fathers/Strong Families

September 27<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Elementary Bring your Dad to School Day

October 18<sup>th</sup> Crestview Elementary Bring Your Dad to School Day

November 14<sup>th</sup> Woodland Elementary Bring Your Dad to School Day

January 14<sup>th</sup> District Wide Math Night (Location TBD)

March 7<sup>th</sup> District Wide Science Night (Location TBD)

## GPEF Hall of Honor Induction Banquet

The Hall of Honor Banquet will be Friday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at Graham High School.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A motion made by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

### **REPORTS**

#### Campus Reports

Mr. Gordy, Principal Graham High School shared with the Board that High School is working towards High Reliability Schools, Level 2 Certification. The Student Activity Leadership Team (SALT) is a student lead organization made up of students from the different clubs, organizations, and athletics. One of their main goals is to develop more school spirit.

Mrs. Ginger Robbins, Principal Graham Junior High School shared with the Board that the current enrollment is 549, 58% of students are on free & reduced breakfast and lunch. 52% of the students are in Special Programs; 504, ESL, Sp. Ed, Dyslexic, English Learners, Hearing Impaired and Speech. Electives Offered this year are Art, Band, Computer Apps, Drama, Journalism, Multimedia, PLTW, Boys and Girls Athletics and Tennis. Accelerated Courses include Advanced Language Arts, Advanced Math, Advanced Science and Advanced Social Students. Clubs and Organizations on the campus include Builders' Club, Character Ed Officers, Destination Imagination, Future City, NJHS, News Crew, Science Research Team and Student Council.

Lisa Budarf, Principal Woodland Elementary shared with the Board that the current enrollment is 399, 66% of the students are on free & reduced breakfast and lunch. 60% of the students are in Special Programs; 504, Dyslexic, ESL and Sp. Ed.

Amanda Townley, Principal Crestview Elementary shared with the Board that the current enrollment is 528, 61% of the students are on free & reduced breakfast and lunch. 41% of the students are in Special Programs; 504, Dyslexic, Gifted/Talented, Bilingual, ESL, Speech and Sp. Ed. The Accountability Rating for 2017-2018 = Met Standard.

Donna Gatlin, Principal Pioneer Elementary updated the Board on the new teacher training that has taken place for the 5 new teachers. They have been trained in Readwell, Math online textbook training and Conscious Discipline Training.

### GISD Teacher Mentor Program

Mr. Gary Browning is working with retired Graham ISD teachers to Mentor our new teachers.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### 2018 Campus/District Accountability Ratings

Mr. Gary Browning shared with the Board that Region 9 has provided Graham ISD a copy of the 2018 Accountability Summaries for the districts and individual campuses. Information included depicts the district, region, and state comparison on the various tests. Mr. Browning pointed out several areas where Graham had improved, and addressed the areas that the campuses will be focusing on this year.

#### Policy EIC (LOCAL) – Academic Achievement/Class Rank

The Board discussed the current policy on how Graham ISD calculates class rank vs how other school districts are calculated. The Board was in agreement, that if any changes were to be made it would be wise to do so for a cohort that has yet to enter the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Any other cohort of students have already made course selections, etc. based on the rules in place when they entered high school. The Board would like to see more information from Highland Park ISD.

#### Food Pantry Discussion

A letter was received from a Graham Citizen regarding a food pantry program being implemented in some Texas school districts. Mr. Cruse shared that our Food Service Director, Jodi Aripse, has implemented a “share pan” program. Students can place any unwanted items in the pan and any student can pick any “extra” from the pan free of charge. Items not taken can be returned to the reserve supply for another time.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Consider Approval of TASB Policy Update 111**

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to approve TASB Policy update 111.

2. **Consider Approval of Extracurricular Status Resolution for the 4-H Organization**

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to approve the Extracurricular Status Resolution for the 4-H Organization.

**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 and Employment, Retirement, Resignations & Discussion of Personnel, Gov’t Code 551.074 and Deployment or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices Gov’t Code 551.076.**

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. under Texas Government Code 551.074.  
The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to approve the employment of Frances Vasquez on an employee Agreement subject to assignment.

**ADJOURN**

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

**APPROVED**

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Meredith Lucas, President  
Board of Trustees  
Graham Independent School District

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Stan Peavy, III, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Graham Independent School District