

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Graham ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday, February 13, 2019, beginning at 5:30 P.M. in the GRAHAM ISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 400 THIRD 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, Steve Jones, Pat Martin and Daniel De La Cruz

Board member absent: Z.T. Burkett

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

Visitors: Thomas Wallner

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Cruse recognized Mike Carroll, Athletic Trainer, who received the Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award.

Mr. Cruse shared that GISD had received the Claims Administrative Services Award for Best 3 Year Loss Average (Workers Comp) and a \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a GHS student.

The Graham Junior High School roof is 95 percent finished. It may be completed this week.

A new sound system will be installed at the High School after Basketball season is over and a new High School gym floor will be put down in April.

The Newton Field Fence Paint job is about 60% complete.

Youth Lead to Austin - A group of students in the Youth Lead Program will be visiting Austin the later part of Spring Break. They will take a tour of the State Capital and visit with Texas Representative Drew Springer.

Upcoming Events -

Lady Blues Basketball playoff vs Stephenville - 6:30 Thursday in Mineral Wells
Steer Basketball Playoff vs San Angelo Lakeview - 6:00 next Tuesday in Clyde
GPEF - Beads & Blackjack event - February 23, deadline for tickets is Monday,
February 18th
Next school board meeting is Wednesday, March 20th

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A motion made by Steve Jones, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS

1. Campus Principal Reports

A. Pioneer Elementary Principal, Donna Gatlin shared that in an effort to increase parent involvement, they implemented Kindergarten Family Fridays in February to run through the end of the school year. Family Fridays will be held two Fridays each month. Parents of 4 classes are invited to participate one week each month and the parents of the other 5 classes the following week. Parents will be able to read with their children in the library or play Kindergarten math games in the cafeteria.

B. Crestview Elementary Principal, Amanda Townley, shared that while the 3rd grade teachers are having their PLC meeting, students are going to their PLC meeting (Passion Learning Communities). Some of the classes are Sign Language, Bodies in Motion, STEM, Food Art, Science and Origami.

C. Woodland Elementary Principal, Audra Barrett introduced their campus spelling bee winner, Dax Elder. He will compete in Wichita Falls March 9th.

Hayley Langford, 5th grade Math Teacher shared information on the Formative Loop program. This program has helped teachers track student progress and has allowed teachers to see where each student is performing and which students need intervention.

D. Graham Junior High School Principal, Ginger Robbins shared with the Board that the Instructional Rounds have been very beneficial this year. So far 19 teachers have been able to take part in visits to other classrooms, campuses and soon to other school districts. The purpose is to collaborate with colleagues and to reflect on our practice as teachers.

E. Graham High School Principal, Joe Gordy shared with the Board that the Spring Sports Pep Rally turned out great. High School has had Instructional Rounds with Decatur and Bridgeport. Flex time on Wednesdays and Thursdays, for 30 minutes has been helpful to all students.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Tuition-Based Prekindergarten

The Board discussed the possibilities of opening up more spaces for tuition-based prekindergarten. Funding and space are a concern at this time. Administration will look into the possible cost for staffing and space. Further discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Consider Approval of the 2019-2020 DARE Program Resolution**

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Stan Peavy, carried 6 to 0 to approve the 2019-2020 DARE Program Resolution.

2. **Consider Approval of the 2019-2020 School Calendar**

A motion by Steve Jones, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve the calendar 4 version as the 2019-2020 school calendar.

3. **Consider Approval of TASB Policy Update 112**

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve TASB Policy Update 112.

4. **Consider Approval of the TIPS Board Resolution (The Interlocal Purchasing Services)**

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve the TIPS Board Resolution.

5. **Consider Approval of New Employment Contract Forms**

A motion by Steve Jones, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve the new employment contract forms provided by Eichelbaum Wardell.

6. **Consider Approval of One Time Compensation**

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve the one-time payment of \$100.00 to each GISD employee and amend the budget accordingly.

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. Employment Recommendations for Teachers and Other Professional Personnel
2. Superintendent Contract pursuant to Government Code 551.083

Executive Session

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, 551.074 and 551.083. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:41 p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Daniel De La Cruz carried 6 to 0 to approve the employment of Lyndsey Cottongame and Viktoria Wankowicz on Probationary Contracts subject to assignment for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Cruse stated he had accepted and approved the retirement letters of Robert Sides and Rhnea Milam.

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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