

December 14, 2010

The Graham Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at Graham Jr. High School, 2nd & Virginia St., Graham, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Sonnenberg and it was noted that the meeting was held in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

PRESENT Peggy Sonnenberg, Meredith Lucas, Terry Bishop, Win Graham, David McClendon, Dori Cawley, Shannon Plowman, Superintendent Beau Rees, Curriculum Director Ashley Stewart, and Assistant Superintendent Don Davis.

VISITORS Tonya Fellows, Haley Langford, Gayla Dunagan, Shenna Parrilla, Julie Bell, Clay Wright, Debra Brockman, Shannon Weaver, Joe, Gordy, Harper Stewart and Cherrye Rushin.

COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Gordy, Jr. High Principal gave a brief update to the board on the activities at GJHS this year. Also several students from Jr. High including Angel Uribe, James Garza, Eric Gomez and Sarah Sanchez, along with their instructor, Ande Wright, updated the board on the After-School Science program.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Bishop, carried 7-0 to approve the consent agenda which consents of Previous Meeting Minutes, District Financial Summary, November Tax Collections, Interest Report, Investment Report, and Enrollment Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**CSCOPE
TEACHER
PERSPECTIVE
REPORT**

GJHS Teacher Debra Brockman and Crestview Teacher Haley Langford gave a teachers perspective report on the new district curriculum CSCOPE. The teachers reported liking many aspects of the new curriculum, especially the increased rigor, and noted it was a difficult and time consuming process to change curriculum.

**CSCOPE
CURRICULUM
UPDATE**

Ashley Stewart, Curriculum Director, presented an Instructional Focus Document to the Board and demonstrated how teachers utilize the document to address student instructional needs.

ACADEMIC
DIFFERENTIATION
CHALLENGE
LAB

In October, a team of administrators, a teacher, and board member toured schools in Kerrville regarding the Challenge Lab program. The Lab provides students opportunities to extend their learning once they have mastered their lessons.

GRAHAM ISD
BILINGUAL
EXCEPTION
WAIVER
FOR 2010-2011

Graham ISD is currently required by Law to offer a K-5 Bilingual Education program. GISD has not been able to recruit enough Bilingual Teachers, and therefore the District is required to request a waiver from the state of Texas and TEA.

GISD 2011-2012
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dr. Rees presented information related to creating a 2011-2012 school calendar. Board Member calendar requests were solicited.

ACTION ITEMS

REQUIRED
BOARD CREDIT
REPORT &
TRAINING
ANNOUNCEMENT

President Sonnenberg announced that all GISD School Board Members had met the state requirements for the board training hours. A motion by Mrs. Plowman, seconded by Mr. Bishop carried 7-0 to accept this report as presented.

BUDGET
AMENDMENT
FOR ATTORNEY'S
FEES FOR 313
AGREEMENT

A motion by Mr. Graham , seconded by Mrs. Lucas, carried 7-0 to approve a \$35,000.00 budget amendment for attorney's fees for preparation of the 313 Agreement for Senate Wind Energy. GISD charged Senate Wind Energy an application fee of \$55,000 to cover these costs.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074. The board returned from Closed Session at 9:11 p.m. with the following action taken.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion by Mrs. Lucas, seconded by Mrs. Plowman, carried 7-0 to approve a Budget Amendment for all GISD employees to receive a \$100.00 Christmas Bonus.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Plowman, seconded by Mrs. Lucas, carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.