

GISD BOARD MINUTES

September 9, 2015

The Graham Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at Pioneer Elementary School, 1425 First Street, Graham, Texas 76450. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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, Meredith Lucas, Stan Peavy, III, Dori Cawley, Andrea Lowery, Pat Martin, Z.T. Burkett, IV, Superintendent Sonny Cruse, Assistant Superintendent Don Davis, and Assistant Superintendent Robert Loomis

VISITORS: Ellen Morris and Debbie Robertson

OPEN FORUM: Debbie Robertson shared with the Board her concern regarding declining enrollment at Graham ISD.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

Sonny Cruse shared that the posted monthly board agenda would contain the full "Boardbook", including attachments for public viewing. Only personnel items would be excluded. Also included in the Boardbook will be a Rationale/Recommendation sheet pertaining to each of the Action Items.

The district is applying for the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle. This is about being as transparent as possible with our financial records, etc.

Elementary and Secondary campuses are working on their parent involvement programs especially with the Fathers. A "Watch D.O.G.S." program that will involve the Dads at the elementary campuses and a "Grateful Dads" program at the secondary level.

Mr. Loomis has been working with Mr. Gordy and Mrs. Robbins on the GISD Dress Code. A survey will go out to the students in the near future. After reviewing policies from regional schools, our policy is very similar.

The Graham Junior High School will be participating in a Gallup Student Poll this fall. The Gallup Student Poll is designed to aid educators in providing a more focused education.

In an effort to find out why students have left Graham ISD a survey will be sent out. An invitation to meet with the Superintendent will also be extended to those families.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion by Meredith Lucas, 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, Investment Report, Tax Collection Report, Interest Report, Grants and Donations and Enrollment Report.

REPORTS:

Lisa Budarf, Principal at Pioneer Elementary, updated the Board on campus activities. New at Pioneer this year is a campus wide positive behavior initiative and support, expansion of the inclusion model that started in Kindergarten last year. Also new this year is the SMmART Tank – an elective class for a 21st Century Approach to teaching art, music and technology. Total enrollment at Pioneer is 265 students.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

AG PROJECT CENTER – Sonny Cruse shared with the Board that he has met with district and city/community officials regarding the Ag Project Center. A possibility might be to have an Inter-local agreement with the City and the Industrial Association to help with the design of the facility.

ACTION ITEMS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE YOUNG COUNTY ARENA PARKING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF GRAHAM:

A motion by Dori Cawley, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Young County Arena Parking Partnership with the City of Graham.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDING POLICY FL (LOCAL):

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 7 to 0 to approve amending policy FL (LOCAL)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDING POLICY GKD (LOCAL):

The Board did not take action on amending policy GKD (LOCAL) at this time.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDING FB (LOCAL) AND FFH (LOCAL)

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 7 to 0 to approve amending policy FB (LOCAL) AND FFH (LOCAL)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. under Texas Government Code 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 7 to 0 to accept the resignation of Xan Holub, effective December 18, 2015.

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Dori Cawley, carried 7 to 0 approve the personnel recommendations as presented by Administration: John Dugan Burgess and Cristina Thomas Reeve pending final and complete approval from SBEC.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Meredith Lucas, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

David McClendon, President

Stan Peavy, III, Secretary