

# **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, December 10, 2025, beginning at 5:05 p.m. in the GRAHAM LEARNING CENTER, 701 TENNESSEE STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450. President, Chris Blanton, 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:** Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Lauren Mahaney, Brandon Joy arrived at 5:14 p.m., Kristina Pettus, John Brown and Jason Smith

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Dr. Mary Johnston, Gary Browning, Dr. Janel Madeley, Robert Loomis, Joe Gordy, Adam Anderson, Audra Barrett, Jamie West, Misti Thompson, Donna Gatlin, Josh Kidd,

**VISITORS:** Alex Havardansky

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

### **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

#### **GJHS Band**

Carson Kidd- ATSSB Region 7 North Zone Junior High Band  
Magnolia Huffman- ATSSB Region 7 North Zone Junior High Band  
Colt Graham- ATSSB Region 7 North Zone Junior High Band  
Johan Huerta -ATSSB Region 7 North Zone Junior High Band

#### **GHS Band**

Sophie Rodgers- ATSSB Region 7 All-District Band, ATSSB Region 7 Symphonic Band, ATSSB Area Qualifier  
James Gage-ATSSB Region 7 All-District Band, ATSSB Region 7 Symphonic Band  
Phoebe Helms-ATSSB Region 7 All-District Band  
Aislee Everett- ATSSB Region 7 All-District Band, ATSSB Region 7 Band (Alternate)  
Benecio Garcia- ATSSB Region 7 All-District Band, ATSSB Region 7 Honors Band, ATSSB Area Qualifier

Peter Hunter- ATSSB Region 7 All-District Band, ATSSB Region 7 Symphonic Band

Elijah Yoder- ATSSB Region 7 All-District Band (Alternate)

Esther Hernandez- ATSSB Region 7 Symphonic Band

### **Volleyball**

Katelyn McGehee-1st Team All-District, Academic All-District

Tara Dawson- 1st Team All-District, Academic All-District, THSCA Academic All-State 2nd Team, TGCA Academic All-State

Kaden Atwood- 1st Team All-District, Academic All-District, THSCA Academic All-State Honorable Mention, TGCA Academic All-State

Rylee Moore-2nd Team All-District, Academic All-District

Kya Cooper- 2nd Team All-District, Academic All-District

Madison Cauble-All-District Honorable Mention, Academic All-District, THSCA Academic All-State Honorable Mention, TGCA Academic All-State

Emily Hughes-All-District Honorable Mention, Academic All-District

Hadleigh Allen-Academic All-District

Izzy Alejo-Academic All-District

Jennilee Bowman-Academic All-District

Kathryn Hughes-Academic All-District, THSCA Academic All-State Honorable Mention, TGCA Academic All-State

Bentleigh Martin-Academic All-District

Treyton McCullough- Academic All-District

### **Elementary Holiday Card Winner**

Lulu O'Brien-5th Grade Woodland Elementary

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Projects Updates
  - ❖ Graham ISD Recognized in TASA Daily on Monday this week.
  - ❖ Finance Campaign Update: Dollars & Sense
  - ❖ Student Attendance Campaign 2025-2026  
Weekly messages go out to our parents and community.
  - ❖ Student Hype Videos are on the GISD YouTube Channel
- Enrollment Updates
  - ❖ BOY-EOY Historical Enrollment Trends
  - ❖ Historical Enrollment by Month

- Celebrations
  - ❖ Emergent Bilingual Night at Crestview
  - ❖ Facility Planning Committee Update: The first meeting was held November 19th at Pioneer Elementary.
    - Our goal is to develop and recommend to the Board of Trustees in May a Long-Range Facility Plan (2026-2031)
    - Subcommittees-Named in January
      - Academics and Enrollment
      - Capital Improvements & Transportation
      - Student Programs
      - Safety & Security
      - Technology
    - First Meeting Agenda: Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Review
      - Committee Ice-Breaker Activity
      - Committee's Charge & Membership
      - Introduction of Committee Leadership
      - Meetings Norms, Notebooks & Key Points
      - Gallery Walk Activity
      - Observations & Discussion
      - Walking Tour of Pioneer Elementary School
      - Tour Observations & Discussion
      - Overview Presentation/CS Legal Homework
      - Closing Comments & Subcommittee Preferences Activity
  - ❖ Thank you to our Citizen Co-Chairs:  
Courtney Bennett and Matt Rader  
They were appointed by the School Board President and the Superintendent. They will provide a Facility Planning Committee Update at the January Board Meeting.
- Upcoming Events
  - ❖ Silver Steers & Lady Blues Club's Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 11 from 9-10:30 a.m.
  - ❖ Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast Dec. 16th.
  - ❖ Fine Arts Showcase Dec. 18th

## ACADEMICS

### I. Academics Update

Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Janel Madeley provided the Board with an update on Academics including topics such as: Academic Planning Guide, Grading Guidelines & Elementary Local Improvement Plan.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

### **I. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY UPDATE 126**

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Jason Smith , carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of Board Policy Update 126. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

## **FINANCE AND OPERATIONS**

Mr. Michael Hamby with Merritt, McLane and Hamby presented the annual school audit report to the Board.

### **I. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 30, 2025**

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Kristina Pettus, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year Ending August 30, 2025. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

### **II. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WEST TEXAS FOOD SERVICE COOPERATIVE**

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Lauren Mahaney , carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with West Texas Food Service Cooperative. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

### **III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR UPGRADE OF GISD WIRELESS NETWORK**

Technology Director, Chris Rasile provided the board with the following information: Graham ISD is eligible for the E-Rate funds that will help update Graham ISD's wireless network across all campuses and facilities. The E-Rate funding program provides funding to K-12 schools to purchase hardware that increases their access to reliable, high-speed broadband internet and wifi. E-Rate will fund 80% of the total cost of the upgrade to Graham ISD's wireless infrastructure including a 5-year warranty, but requires the remaining 20% be funded by the District.

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$97,055.00 to cover the district's portion of the cost of upgrading the GISD Wireless Network. The motion passed with

John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

## **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- I. Minutes of Regular Session held on November 12, 2025
- II. Financial Information
  - A. Cash & Investment Report
  - B. Enrollment Report
  - C. District Financial Summary Report

A motion by John Brown , seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:59 p.m. under the Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Closed Session at 6:41p.m.

**Closed 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, Consultation with Attorney Gov't Code 551.071**

**Reconvene in Open Session to take any necessary action on items discussed in Closed Session to discuss Employment, Retirement, Resignation & Discussion of Personnel, Gov't Code 551.074 and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, Gov't Code 555.072 or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, Gov't Code 551.076, Consultation with Attorney Gov't Code 551.071**

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- 1. Human Resources Update

No action taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Kristina Pettus , seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

**APPROVED**

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Chris Blanton, President  
Board of Trustees  
Graham Independent School District

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Dr. Brandon Bates, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
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