

# **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, April 9, 2025, beginning at 5:30 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:** Chris Blanton, Brandon Bates, John Brown, Brandon Joy, Lauren Mahaney, and Jason Smith

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kristina Pettus

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Dr. Mary Johnston, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning, Natalie Husen, Joe Gordy, Sam Perry, Misti Thompson, Audra Barrett

**VISITORS:** Thomas Wallner, Ellen Morris, Christie Andrews, Kim Allen, and a multitude of family and friends for student recognitions.

### **STUDENT RECOGNITION:**

Mrs. Barrett, Principal at Woodland Elementary and Mrs. Bell Elementary Choir Coach presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following Students:

#### **Elementary Honor Choir**

Daxson Jenkins  
Casey Perry  
Ellie Hurst  
Jack Armstrong  
Judith Bilbrey  
Gemma Kennedy  
Carrie Ann Collins

Mr. Perry, Principal at Graham Junior High presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following student:

**NCTC Creativity Award & Publication Winner**  
Kaylynn Downs

Mrs. Trammell, FFA Teacher presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following students:

**FFA Leadership Development Event State Qualifiers**

Brailey Brooks  
Renata Garcia

Mrs. Trammel, FFA Teacher presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following Students:

**Graham FFA and Junior FFA Major Stock Show Winners and Young County Livestock Show**

Hadley Trammell-Grand Champion Red Angus Heifer at the State Fair of Texas

Brailey Brooks -LDE Senior Creed Speaking-2<sup>nd</sup> Place Area IV, State Qualifier

Renata Garcia-LDE Senior Spanish Speaking- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Area IV, State Alternate

**Ag Mechanics & Stock Show Results-Majors**

Lance Browning and Kanyon Crawford- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ag Mechanics/Trailer-San Angelo LS Show

Lance Browning and Kanyon Crawford- 6<sup>th</sup> Place Ag Mechanics/Trailer-Houston Stock Show and Rodeo

Lance Browning- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Woodworking, San Angelo LS Show

Brazier and Caden Joy- Blue Ribbon- Trailer-San Angelo LS Show

Hadley and McCrae Trammell- 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Heifer Show

Brailey Brooks- Young County Livestock Show Top Overall Senior Showman

Brazier Joy- 6<sup>th</sup> Place Commercial Steers-San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo

Brailey Brooks- Top 15 Medium Weight Dark Cross-San Antonio Barrow Show

Kolton Mathis- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class- Light Weight Dark Cross- Made Sale- San Antonio Barrow Show

Maddison Erwin- Class 32 CTBR Champion- San Angelo Barrow Show

Hadley Trammell- Division Winner, 1<sup>st</sup> in Class- San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Heifer Show

McCrae Trammell- 8<sup>th</sup> in Class- San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Heifer Show

## **San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo**

Ellie Thornbrue- Breeding Gilt- 3<sup>rd</sup> Heavy Weight Duroc, Star Gilt-2<sup>nd</sup> in Class, Purebred Star Gilt-3<sup>rd</sup> Overall in the Duroc Class

Gabby Noyola- Breeding Class-Light Weight Berkshire

Brayelyn Brown- Star Gilt-Light Weight Dark Cross, Star Gilt-Heavy Weight Dark Cross, Breeding Gilt-Heavy Weight Spot, Weight Spot

Adelyin Brown- Star Gilt-6<sup>th</sup> Place Light Weight Dark Cross, Breeding Class- Heavy Weight Duroc, Purebred Star Gilt-Heavy Weight Duroc

Hailey Fuentes- Star Gilt- Medium Weight Dark Cross

Drake Elliott-Star Gilt-Medium Weight Dark Cross, Star Gilt-Heavy Weight Dark Cross, Purebred Star Gilt-Light Weight Duroc, Purebred Star Gilt-Light Weight Duroc, Purebred Star Gilt- Heavy Weight Spot

Tadeo Vizcaino- Star Gilt- Heavy Weight Dark Cross

Lance Browning- Star Gilt- Heavy Weight Dark Cross

Rylee Moore- Star Gilt-Heavy Weight Dark Cross

Hadley Trammell- Reserve Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, 4<sup>th</sup> Overall in Heifer Futurity Red Angus Heifer

McCrae Trammell- 9<sup>th</sup> Red Angus

Mrs. Yowell CTE Teacher at Graham High School, presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following students:

## **DECA-District Award Winners and State Qualifiers**

Brailey Brooks Top Tester Financial Services

Jazlyn Van Alostine: 1st place Business Finance; State Qualifier

Brooke Parker: 3rd place Principles of Business Finance; State Qualifier

Mallori Buschmann and Addison Aaron: 2nd place Hospitality Services Team Decision Making

Haley Escalante and Sophie Rodgers: 4th place Hospitality Services Team Decision Making

Brailey Brooks and Vanessa Lucio: 1st place Financial Services Team Decision Making

Paisley Bailey and Joceyln Venzor: 3rd Place Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making

Mrs. Andrews, Art Teacher at Graham High School presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following students:

### **VASE-Regional Medalists & State Qualifiers**

Jaime Burleson

Emma Clark

Grecia Flores State Qualifier

Sophia Purdy

Alannah Sullivan

Jacie Trice

Grace Rios-Perkins State Qualifier

Tristen Roberts

Rylee Welsh

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

GJHS Band Hall Update

Ribbon Cutting: Tuesday, April 22 at 10:45 a.m.

This week is National Assistant Principals' Week

Dr. Johnston thanked each of our Assistant Principals and their dedication towards their students, staff, and families.

Pioneer and Headstart Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up

Round-up Registration was held today at Pioneer.

Strategic Planning in GISD

Strategic Planning Committee met two days last month and will meet in May to establish a blueprint for GISD. The Graham ISD School Board will discuss and take action on the proposed Strategic Plan in June 2025.

#### **1. Board Member Continuing Hours**

Board President, Chris Blanton announced each Board Member's continuing education hours for the 2024-2025 school year.

John Brown	25 hours
Brandon Bates	3 hours
Lauren Mahaney	8 hours
Chris Blanton	19.5 hours
Jason Smith	9 hours
Brandon Joy	16 hours
Kristina Pettus	8 hours

## **2. June Board Meeting Date Change: June 4, 2025**

### **ACADEMICS**

#### Community Resources Transition Expo

Dr. Kristina Martin, GISD Transition and Employment Designee, shared information over the Community Resources Expo and Career Fair held at the GHS Gym on March 26<sup>th</sup>. This year's event saw record-breaking attendance with 522 GHS students and 20 community members participating.

### **ATHLETICS**

#### **1. Athletics Update**

Coach McChristian, Athletic Director shared the following athletics update with the board:

- Students Competing in Sports
- Overall Updates from the Year
- Facility Needs
- Athletics Workout Plan
- Spring Sports Coordination
- Highlights/Shoutouts
- Individual Sport Programs Update

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of Regular Session held on March 12, 2025
2. Minutes of Special Session held on March 25, 2025
3. Minutes of Special Session held on March 26, 2025
4. Financial Information
  - Cash & Investment Report
  - Enrollment Report
  - District Financial Summary Report

A motion made by Brandon Bates, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 6 to 0 to approve the consent agenda.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:41pm under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:06 pm.

**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.**

### **The Board Moved into Open Session with the following action taken:**

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

A motion made by Brandon Joy, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 to approve the superintendent's recommendation for the employment of Teachers and other professional personnel.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO RENEW TERM CONTRACT EMPLOYEES**

A motion by Jason Smith, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 6 to 0 to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to renew term contract employees.

#### **CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS RECOMMENDATION TO RE-EMPLOY PROBATIONARY CONTRACT EMPLOYEES**

A motion by Lauren Mahaney, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to re-employ probationary contract employees.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF PRINCIPALS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

A motion by Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 6 to 0 to approve the Superintendent's recommendations regarding employment of principals and other administrative staff.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Budget workshop began at 8:10pm.

Review of Public-School Finance

Mr. Browning provided information for District Budgeting Planning.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Jason Smith, seconded by John Brown, carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

## **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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