Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District

Board Information Item

	Information Packet	Board Agenda Information	Board Agenda Action	Board Agenda Consent
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Subject:	Approve Previous Board Minutes: Regular Meeting, September 29, 2025
Contact Person:	Stephanie Heppenstall, Superintendent Executive Assistant
Policy/Code:	
Priority and Performance Objective:	Priority 4: Strong Financial Stewardship and Internal System Efficiency Objective 4.2: Effective and Efficient District Operations
Summary:	
Attachments:	Board Minutes: Regular Meeting, September 29, 2025
Recommendation:	The recommendation is for the Board of Trustees to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 29, 2025.

Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 29, 2025

The Board of Trustees
Grapevine-Colleyville ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Grapevine-Colleyville ISD was held September 29, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, Boardroom, 3051 Ira E. Woods Ave., Grapevine, TX 76051.

I. **OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees present: Shannon Braun, Dalia Begin, Matt Foust, Kathy Florence Spradley, A.J. Pontillo, Dianna Sager, and Mary Humphrey.

Trustees absent: none

School officials present: Dr. Brad Schnautz, Dr. Shiela Shiver, Paula Barbaroux, Kelly Mires, Kyle Berger, David Johnson, Dr. Kalee McMullen, Nicole Lyons, and Lindsey Fuentes.

II. **REGULAR SESSION**

III. **MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**
Mary Humphrey requested a moment of silence and said a prayer. Dr. Schnautz led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

IV. **RECOGNITIONS**
Trustees recognized 19 students who were named National Merit Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

V. **MUNICIPAL MINUTE**
Kevin Brooks from 121 Community Church shared that 1500 people served the community during Serve Week, September 8-14. They organized beautification projects at 11 GCISD campuses. He shared seeing students on campuses praying during See you at the Pole. They look forward to the continued partnership with GCISD.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Matt Foust shared that Grapevine Middle School was named a 2025-2026 Purple Star Campus awarded by the Texas Education Agency to recognize schools that show their support and commitment to meeting needs of military-connected students and families.

A.J. Pontillo shared that this week approximately 360 CTE students will participate in mock interviews with business professionals to give students one on one experience to prepare for the next part of their life. He thanked the community volunteers who are participating.

Mary Humphrey shared that Bransford Elementary School music teacher Ashley Benson was selected by the North Texas Performing Arts as their Outstanding Elementary Performing Arts Educator.

Dr. Schnautz shared that CHHS had their homecoming last week, GHS has their homecoming this week, and iUniversity Prep Owls homecoming is on October 24.

Shannon Braun shared that 252 GCISD juniors and seniors have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition program.

Kathy Florence Spradley shared she was happy to see the turnout at this year's See You at the Pole. She shared that the Panteras celebrated their 30th line and the Fillies are celebrating 50 years. She added that Mary Humphrey is being inducted into GHS distinguished faculty Hall of Fame.

Dalia Begin shared that 19 GCISD students from the class of 2025 earned the College Board's Advanced Placement® (AP®) Capstone Diploma.

Dianna Sager shared that 9 GCISD fine arts music programs are 2025 Mark of Excellence and Citation of Excellence awards winners presented by The Foundation for Music Education.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
The following people addressed the Board of Trustees during public comment: Beverly Mavis, Adrian Higginbotham, Renee Hart, Tarik Bennani, Courtney Fray, Kristine Leathers, Bill Whitfill, Brant Webb, Allan Thompson, Matthew White, Tami Polenz, Michael Quinn, Kristin Peters, Debbie Simon, Stetson Clark, Ashleigh Johnson, Zack Penn, Gina Mitchell, Lyndi Mick, Eric Crile, Cindy Howard, Patty Thompson, Mark Tamul, Hilarie Benedetto, William Hart, and Jeff Hall.

VIII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
The president's report was related to GCISD's vision statement. President Shannon Braun shared information honoring our legacy by sharing historical GCISD information. Secretary Kathy Florence Spradley shared information related to equipping for the future. Vice President Mary Humphrey shared information related to achieving excellence.

IX. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
The Board adjourned to closed or executive session from 6:32 – 7:44 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.076 and 551.089.

551.076: To deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.

551.089: To deliberate security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; certain network security information; or the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

X. **OPEN SESSION**
The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:48 p.m.

XI. **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**
A. GCISD Scorecard Priority 4 Update: Financial Outlook and Long Range Facility Management Plan

The GCISD Balanced Scorecard Priority report was on Priority 4: Strong Financial Stewardship and Internal System Efficiency; Objectives 4.1 Transparent Financial Stewardship, 4.2 Effective and Efficient District Operations, and 4.3 Long Range Facility Management Plan.

David Johnson shared historical actions the District has taken to address financial challenges over time for financial sustainability, including lobbying Texas legislators for increased school funding, position reduction, passing a VATRE, passing a bond, an energy management program, and zero-based budgeting for fiscal efficiency. He stated there are limitations on financial projections. He shared historical and prospective information by explaining formula funding, other M&O Revenue, payroll expenditures, and other expenditures that were factored into the analysis.

Kelly Mires shared pay comparisons for all teachers for 2024-2025 and beginning teacher pay comparisons for 2025-2026. David Johnson shared audited M&O amounts from fiscal years 2021-2024, and unaudited fiscal year 2025, adopted budget for 2026, revised estimate for 2026, and projected amounts for 2027, 2028, and 2029. This information is based on if nothing is realized from the Educational Master Planning Committee.

Questions and comments took place.

Paula Barbaroux shared that long term sustainability is the goal. She shared enrollment history and the decline in enrollment by 1500 students from Fall 2019 to August 2025, including the enrollment decline from Fall 2024 to August 2025. She shared there are multiple DFW metroplex districts considering closures or that have already closed schools. She also shared that there could be virtual school competition and vouchers beginning in 2026–2027. She explained the difference between design capacity and functional capacity. She explained how current enrollment divided by functional capacity is how you get the utilization for that campus. Paula shared that the primary focus of EMPC is to gather data to arrive at the best possible solutions. She shared information that the EMPC committee outlined as useful and informative, including estimated cost saved, functional capacity, distance from school or travel time, reuse, repurpose options of a facility, student balance, value of property if sold, and age of the facility. She shared there is information to help the community understand the information on the EMPC website.

Nicole Lyons provided information regarding communication around the EMPC committee and transition information. She shared what the District has been doing, including launching the EMPC webpage and sending out communication after EMPC meetings.
Questions and comments took place.

President Shannon Braun paused the meeting for recess from 9:20 – 9:31 p.m.

B. Act on Adoption of 2025 Tax Rate

David Johnson explained the proposed tax rate comparison to the prior year. He explained that maintenance and operations are based on one M&O rate with two components: tier I and tier II. He explained the tax rate adoption requires use of the "No-New-Revenue Rate" calculation for Board motion language. The “No-New-Revenue Rate" is the property tax rate that keeps the total tax revenue the same as the prior year, before considering growth from new property added to the tax roll. He stated that school funding is based on tax effort (pennies per $100/valuation), not tax revenue. The Tax Rate resolution requires the use of the “No-New-M&O Revenue Rate" calculation for resolution language. Interest & Sinking tax rate can only be used to pay for bonded debt. I & S can't be used for salaries.

Move for the Board of Trustees to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.8686, which is effectively a 0.72 percent increase in the tax rate, and approve the resolution adopting the 2025 tax rate of $0.7122 Maintenance and Operations and $0.1564 Debt Service.

This motion, made by A.J. Pontillo and seconded by Kathy Florence Spradley.

Questions and comments took place.

Motion passed 7-0. Dalia Begin: Yea, Shannon Braun: Yea, Kathy Florence Spradley: Yea, Matt Foust: Yea, Mary Humphrey: Yea, A.J. Pontillo: Yea, Dianna Sager: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

C. Act on Authorization for Solicitation for Donations

The proposed tax reduction is $.0547/$100 valuation. The annual savings are approximately $246. The District would like to ask for donations based on reduction in tax rate.

Move for the Board of Trustees to authorize District Administration to provide an opportunity for donations, as well as accept donations when received without further Board action.

This motion, made by Kathy Florence Spradley and seconded by A.J. Pontillo.

Question: Would this donation be subject to recapture? No, the donated funds would go into the general fund. President Braun offered marketing suggestions.

Motion passed 7-0. Dalia Begin: Yea, Shannon Braun: Yea, Kathy Florence Spradley: Yea, Matt Foust: Yea, Mary Humphrey: Yea, A.J. Pontillo: Yea, Dianna Sager: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

D. Act on Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits

David Johnson explained the need for the agreement to purchase attendance credits.

Move for the Board of Trustees to approve the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits for the 2025-2026 school year and to delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under TEC, Chapters 48 and 49 to the Superintendent.

For the 2025-2026 school year, the Board of Trustees delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the Superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included the approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits.

This motion, made by Dalia Begin and seconded by Dianna Sager.

Questions and comments took place.

Motion passed 7-0. Dalia Begin: Yea, Shannon Braun: Yea, Kathy Florence Spradley: Yea, Matt Foust: Yea, Mary Humphrey: Yea, A.J. Pontillo: Yea, Dianna Sager: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

E. <u>Act on Tarrant County Appraisal District Board of Directors Resolution</u>

President Braun shared that there are two people as potential nominees, Mike Alfred and Wendy Burgess. Trustees discussed the candidates.

Move for the Board of Trustees to approve and sign a resolution to nominate Mike Alfred to the Tarrant County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

This motion, made by Kathy Florence Spradley and seconded by A.J. Pontillo, passed 5-2.
Dalia Begin: Nay, Matt Foust: Nay, Shannon Braun: Yea, Kathy Florence Spradley: Yea, Mary Humphrey: Yea, A.J. Pontillo: Yea, Dianna Sager: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 2.

F. <u>Consider and Act on a Resolution Related to Bankruptcy Settlements Involving Purdue Pharma, Vote in favor of the Purdue Pharma Bankruptcy Plan, Direct Settlement, and Related Legal Proceedings & Authorize the District to Release Legal Claims as Necessary to Participate in the Purdue Pharma Settlements</u>

Paula Barbaroux explained the Perdue Pharma settlement.

Move for the Board of Trustees to approve the resolution related to bankruptcy settlements involving Purdue Pharma, vote in favor of the Purdue Pharma Bankruptcy Plan, Direct Settlement, and related legal proceedings, authorize the Superintendent and District's legal counsel to release legal claims as necessary and to effectuate any authorizations, ballot votes, opt-in forms or other documents necessary to participate in the Purdue Pharma settlements.

This motion, made by Mary Humphrey and seconded by Matt Foust, passed 7-0.
Dalia Begin: Yea, Shannon Braun: Yea, Kathy Florence Spradley: Yea, Matt Foust: Yea, Mary Humphrey: Yea, A.J. Pontillo: Yea, Dianna Sager: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

G. Act on the 2025-2026 District Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan

Move for the Board of Trustees to approve the District's Multi-Hazard Emergency Operation Plan for 2025-2026 with the listed updates and additions and authorize the District to continue implementation of the plan.

This motion, made by Matt Foust and seconded by A.J. Pontillo, passed 7-0.
Dalia Begin: Yea, Shannon Braun: Yea, Kathy Florence Spradley: Yea, Matt Foust: Yea, Mary Humphrey: Yea, A.J. Pontillo: Yea, Dianna Sager: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

H. Act on Approval of Line of Credit with Prosperity Bank

David Johnson explained the need for the line of credit with Prosperity Bank.

Move for the Board of Trustees to adopt the resolution as presented.

This motion, made by Kathy Florence Spradley and seconded by A.J. Pontillo.

Questions and comments took place.

Motion passed 7-0. Dalia Begin: Yea, Shannon Braun: Yea, Kathy Florence Spradley: Yea, Matt Foust: Yea, Mary Humphrey: Yea, A.J. Pontillo: Yea, Dianna Sager: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

I. Act on the Donation of Five IBM Pepper Robots

Dr. Schnautz explained the donation of the Pepper robots. Dr. Shiela Shiver explained how the robots will be integrated into our CTE program.

Move for the Board of Trustees to approve the donation of five IBM Pepper Robots to the GCISD CTE Robotics Program.

This motion, made by Kathy Florence Spradley and seconded by Dianna Sager.

Questions and concerns were brought forward.

Motion passed 7-0. Dalia Begin: Yea, Shannon Braun: Yea, Kathy Florence Spradley: Yea, Matt Foust: Yea, Mary Humphrey: Yea, A.J. Pontillo: Yea, Dianna Sager: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

J. Update: 2024 Bond Construction Update

Paula Barbaroux gave an update on the 2024 Bond construction, including the swim center renovation, CHHS piping replacement, Colleyville Elementary school, and the Transportation project.

K. Review Campus Improvement Plans

Dr. Kalee McMullen provided a brief overview of the campus improvement plan process.

President Braun asked for feedback on the video from principals versus the rotation cycle used in the past.

L. Review Owner Contingency Expenditures

Contingency expenditures reference. No questions took place.

M. Requests for Reports to the Board

No reports were requested.

XII. **CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

Move for the Board of Trustees to approve the Consent Agenda.

This motion, made by Kathy Florence Spradley and seconded by A.J. Pontillo, passed 7-0. Dalia Begin: Yea, Shannon Braun: Yea, Kathy Florence Spradley: Yea, Matt Foust: Yea, Mary Humphrey: Yea, A.J. Pontillo: Yea, Dianna Sager: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

A. Approved Previous Board Minutes: Regular Meeting, August 25, 2025

B. Approved Personnel Report: September 29, 2025

C. Approved Budget Amendments: September 2025

D. Approved Construction Report: August 2025

E. Approved Financial Reports: August 2025

F. Approved Tax Collection Report: August 2025

G. Approved School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Membership for 2025-2026

H. Approved Agreement Related to HB3372

I. Approved Appropriation of 2016 Undesignated Bond Funds (series 2019) for Critical Facility Infrastructure

J. Approved Public Funds Collateral and Pledge Agreement

K. Approved Renewal of Special Education Legal Services Retainer

L. Approved Additional Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Certified Appraisers and Second Appraisers

M. Approved TEA Certification Waivers

N. Approved Use of Contingency Funds for Software Licenses and Storage for Video Cameras

XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E.

No additional executive session was held.

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Approved,

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Stephanie Heppenstall, Board Clerk Shannon Braun, Board President

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Kathy Florence Spradley, Secretary