

## GISD BOARD MINUTES

February 10, 2016

The Graham Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 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, Stan Peavy, III, Dori Cawley, Andrea Lowery, Pat Martin, Z.T. Burkett, Superintendent Sonny Cruse, and Assistant Superintendent Don Davis

**ABSENT:** Meredith Lucas

**VISITORS:** Kenny Davidson, Joe Gordy, Thomas Wallner, Amanda Coyac, Debbie Robertson, Tisha Jacoba, Pete Clark, Dawna Gage and Guy Gage.

### **OPENING EXERCISES:**

Pre-K students from Pioneer Elementary led the pledge to the American Flag, and the Texas Flag.

### **OPEN FORUM:**

No one requested to address the Board during open Forum.

### **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:**

Final plans are moving forward in the planning process for our Bernabei writing initiative training that will be begin in May 2016

Administrative leadership team met with Engage 2 Learn to learn about their model of instruction.

Information being shared with the staff regarding the importance of voting and being informed on the candidate's stance on public education.

Highlighted the Crestview Elementary Sweetheart Obstacle Course and Dessert Fundraiser being held this week.

Lady Blue and Graham Steer Basketball- The Lady Blues will have a plan-in game against Mineral Wells this Friday in Jacksboro. The Steers have a game in Mineral Wells with the outcome having a determination on playoff seeding. Currently the Steers are in 2nd place.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 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, Enrollment Report and Budget Amendments

## **REPORTS:**

### Campus Report

Lisa Budarf, Principal at Pioneer Elementary School, shared with the Board that a campus based committee is working to renovate a space that will house 10 technology based centers that support learning objectives. The lab will encourage creativity and application of skills.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### Board Budget Planning Calendar

The Board was given a draft of dates for the Budget Planning Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

### Addition of Soccer as an Extracurricular Program

Coach Davidson furnished the Board information on items that will need to be considered if adding Soccer as an Extracurricular Program. Some of the items discussed were; staffing, startup costs, recurring expenses, effect on other sports, physical plant/facilities and other schools that play soccer.

### Ag Center Project

Mr. Cruse shared that we have received preliminary drawings of the AG Center from Jason Cottengame. Clearing of the land has begun.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FULL DAY PRE-K PROGRAM

The Board took no action on the Full Day Pre-K Program

### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 DARE PROGRAM RESOLUTION

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve the DARE Program Resolution.

## CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL WEIGHTED COURSES FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Dori Cawley, carried 6 to 0 to approve the additional weighted courses for the 2015-2016 school year.

## CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR DRUG TESTING SERVICES

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Pat Martin carried 6 to 0 to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$2,500.00 for additional Drug Testing Services as presented by Administration.

## CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL SIDEWALK REPAIR

A motion by Dori Cawley, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$23,000.00 to make repairs to the sidewalk around Graham High School.

## CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2016-2017 GISD CALENDAR

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve calendar "B".

## CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH YOUNG COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE TO CONDUCT MAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

A motion by Dori Cawley, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve the Contract with Young County Elections Office to Conduct May Board of Trustees Election.

## CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GISD TRUSTEE ELECTION ORDER

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 6 to 0 to approve the GISD Trustee Election Order.

## NEWTON FIELD STADIUM

The Board took no action on the Newton Field Stadium at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. under Texas Government Code 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. with the following action taken:

The Superintendent reported the resignation letter from Joe Merrett, has been accepted, effective January 29, 2016. Retirement/resignation letters have also been accepted from Nancy Dunlap, Kathy Lambden, Judy Mersiovsky, and Linda Swetnam effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Becky Karper will be hired on an Employee Agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

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David McClendon, President

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Stan Peavy, III, Secretary