

Minutes of Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Graham ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday, August 6, 2025, beginning at 5:43 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: John Brown, Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Kristina Pettus, Lauren Mahaney, Brandon Joy, Jason Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Mary Johnston, Gary Browning, Robert Loomis, Dr. Janel Madeley, Clay McChristian, Adam Anderson, Jamie West

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Kelli Bishop, Caleb Bishop, Tony Lipscomb

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Caleb Bishop addressed the board in regards to Homeschool Participation in UIL Activities.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Welcomed and introduced the Mr. Adam Anderson-Graham High School Principal, Mrs. Jamie West-Woodland Elementary Principal, Lacey Baxley-Woodland Elementary Assistant Principal, and Dr. Janel Madeley, Chief Academic Officer
- Draft Minutes and audio recordings will be posted
- District Teacher of the Year
 - Secondary Teacher of the Year-Jennifer Patrick, Graham Junior High School
 - Elementary Teacher of the Year- Lisa Lester, Pioneer Elementary made it to the Top 3 at Region 9

- Popsicles with Principals at Woodland Elementary
- New Hire orientation- 24 new employees have joined Graham ISD
- Campus Nuts and Bolts- Campus educators and Paraprofessionals spent the afternoon in curriculum learning, Special Services received training specific to their jobs and learning more about students identified in those programs.
- Gear up Graham-Eastside Church of Christ had over 600 backpacks that were given out.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS-SLI

Mr. Jason Smith and Mr. John Brown shared their Summer Leadership Institute-SLI experience.

HUMAN RESOURCES

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF T-TESS APPRAISERS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 to approve the T-TESS Appraisers for 2025-2026 School Year.

Review Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Loomis shared with the Board updates to the GISD 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct.

STUDENT SERVICES

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF UPDATED BOARD MEETING DATES

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Updated Board Meeting Dates.

Review Board Policy Update 125

This will be the first reading with consideration for the approval of Policy Update 125 at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Review Additions/Revisions/Deletions of Local Policies Resulting from the Policy Review Session Conducted on May 1 and 2, 2025, with Drafts Prepared by TASA Policy Services

Dr. Johnston shared the additions/revisions/deletions of local policies from the Policy Review Session.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO OPT OUT OF HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN UIL ACTIVITIES

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Kristina Pettus, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Opt Out of Homeschool Students Participating in UIL Activities.

Review Establishment of a School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

Dr. Johnston shared information on the School Library Advisory Council.

Review Updated Policy: Cell Phone Use

Dr. Johnston shared information on the updated policy for cell phone use. This will be an action item at the Regular Session on August 12, 2025.

FINANCE

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CALCULATED MEAL PRICE ADJUSTMENT ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL MEAL PRICE CALCULATOR

A motion by Lauren Mahaney, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Calculated Meal Price Adjustment to \$3.85 for the 2025-2026 School Year According to the Federal Meal Price Calculator.

CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH CIERA BANK FOR THE TERM SEPT. 1, 2025-AUG. 31, 2027.

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 6 to 0 to approve the Depository Contract with Ciera Bank for the Term Sept. 1, 2025-Aug. 31, 2027. Mr. Chris Blanton abstained from voting. Mrs. Kristina Pettus will serve as board representative.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:39 pm under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:21pm.

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

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Personnel Report

STUDENT SERVICES

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GUARDIAN LIST

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Guardian List with amendments as presented by the Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by John Brown, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

BOARD WORKSHOP (BUDGET)

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

The Budget Workshop began at 7:22pm.

Mr. Browning informed the Board on the following Budget Items:

- 2024-2025 Budget Analysis Summary
- 2025-2026 GISD Budget Outlook
- Preliminary 2025-2026 Tax Rate Preview

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED

Chris Blanton, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

Dr. Brandon Bates, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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