

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Graham ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday, March 20, 2019, beginning at 5:30 P.M. in the GRAHAM ISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 400 THIRD STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450. President, Meredith Lucas 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: Meredith Lucas, Andrea Lowery, Stan Peavy, Steve Jones, and Pat Martin

Board members absent: Z.T. Burkett and Daniel De La Cruz

Administrators present: Superintendent Sonny Cruse, Assistant Superintendent Don Davis, Assistant Superintendent Robert Loomis, Curriculum Director Gary Browning, Special Education Director Natalie Husen, High School Principal Joe Gordy, Junior High School Principal Ginger Robbins, Woodland Elementary Principal Audra Barrett, Crestview Elementary Principal Amanda Townley, and Pioneer Elementary Principal Donna Gatlin

Visitors: Thomas Wallner

OPEN FORUM: No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Cruse shared that information had been emailed to the staff regarding the GISD Incentive for Teachers - Performance Pay Plans. Teachers of the STAAR/EOC tested subjects will receive information for completing the linkage process.
- Mr. Cruse shared that all the major work on the Graham Junior High School Roof has been completed.
- The sound system in the High School gym was installed over Spring Break.
- The gym floor will be replaced in April.
- Newton Field fence painting is 85% complete
- Mr. Gordy and Natalie Husen took 5 of the Youth Lead Students to the Capitol in Austin March 17-18. They were able to tour the Capitol and visit with Representative Drew Springer and Senator Pat Fallon.
- Legislative Update - Mr. Cruse shared that he is watching HB 3 very closely. It is still being debated in Committee
- Upcoming Events
 - Friday 3/22-Baseball/Softball vs Burkburnett in Graham
 - Tuesday, March 26 - One Act Play Bi-District in Abilene
 - Soccer Playoffs
 - Lady Blues vs Mineral Wells at Mineral Wells - Friday, March 29, 6:00pm
 - Steers vs Brownwood at Graham, Friday, March 29, 7:30pm

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes
District Financial Summary Report
Tax Collection Report
Investment Report
Interest Report
Enrollment Report
Budget Amendments

A motion made by Pat Martin, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS

1. Campus Principal Reports

A. Pioneer Elementary Principal, Donna Gatlin shared information on Kindergarten DIBELS testing and their Read Well Data Wall.

B. Crestview Elementary Principal, Amanda Townley shared with the Board about Instructional Rounds. A lead teacher facilitates a small group of teachers into another classroom to observe and take notes regarding the teacher's use of specific instructional strategies. Not to evaluate the teacher, but compare their own instructional practices with those of the teachers they observe. After each instructional round, the team reflects on their experiences.

C. Woodland Elementary Principal, Audra Barrett shared with the Board about the attendance competition between home room classes. Scatter plot charts are used to show student absences and are displayed in a common area for all students to see. Woodland has seen a steady increase in attendance since starting the competition. The 4th and 5th grade homeroom class that wins each week receives a popcorn party.

D. Graham Junior High School Principal, Ginger Robbins shared with the Board about the Science Fair Competition. 6-8 grade students competed and 5 are going on to the State competition. Jeanne Richardson, Science Teacher, shared information with the Board on the "Texas Lesson Study" The Education Service Centers and teachers work collaboratively to develop, teach, and assess research-based lessons.

E. Graham High School Principal, Joe Gordy shared with the Board that on March 26th the Spanish Club and Spanish Teachers will be hosting a Spanish speaking parent's night to help parents with Skyward and Parent Square. Tracy Pippins, High School Science Teacher, presented information about ALBERT, an online enrichment program used in the AP classes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Tuition-Based Prekindergarten
Tuition-based Pre-kindergarten is currently being debated in the legislature.

2. Board Budget Planning Calendar
Don went over the budget planning calendar with the Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider Approval of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates.

2. Consider Approval of an Order Cancelling School Trustee Election to be held May 4, 2019

A motion by Steve Jones, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 5 to 0 to approve the order cancelling school Trustee Election to be held May 4, 2019.

3. Consider Approval of Extending the Districts Depository Agreement with Ciera Bank

A motion by Steve Jones, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 4 to 0 to approve extending the Districts Depository Agreement with Ciera Bank for an additional two year term from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021. Stan Peavy abstained from voting on this motion due to a conflict of interest.

4. Consider Approval of a Vendor for the Woodland Roof Project

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to use TIPS to procure the Woodland roofing project with Parson's Commercial Roofing, Inc. and that we amend the budget in the amount of \$215,518.00 to fund the project.

EXECUTIVE 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.

1. Employment Recommendations for Teachers and Other Professional Personnel
2. Consider Approval of Superintendent's Recommendations Regarding Employment of Principals and Other Administrative Staff. (Gov't Code 551.074)

Executive Session

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:01p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to approve Administrative Contract Recommendations.

Mr. Cruse stated he had accepted and approved the retirement letter of Suzanne Hollingsworth, and the resignation letters of Carrie Trice and Cristi Logan.

ADJOURN:

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Meredith Lucas, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

Stan Peavy, III, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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