

GRAHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD BRIEFS
October 14, 2015

The October School Board meeting was held at Crestview Elementary.

F.I.R.S.T. PUBLIC HEARING: The Board held a public hearing on the F.I.R.S.T. (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). The rating system has changed to a pass or fail score. A score of 16 is required for passing. Graham ISD passed with a score of 30.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

Mr. Cruse updated the Board on the Homecoming events that are planned for Friday as well as the Band contest that will be taking place Saturday in Wichita Falls at Memorial Stadium at 3:15pm.

October 20th will be the first Watch D.O.G.S. program meeting which will include Pioneer, Crestview and Woodland Schools. The first meeting of the Grateful Dad's program was held this past Monday at the High School with Mr. Gordy. Eleven men were present at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

REPORTS:

The campus principals provided the Board with written reports that highlight the current enrollment, attendance and events occurring at the campus.

Travis Armstrong, Principal at Crestview Elementary, updated the Board on campus activities. 564 students are currently enrolled at Crestview. Campus wide incentive programs have been put in place to reward good student behavior and academic performance. Language Arts Teachers attended the Balanced Literacy Bootcamp. Melissa Leach from Region 9 ESC was the instructor. On September 11th, Crestview honored local law enforcement officers by hosting a catered lunch. Students enjoyed the opportunity to get to eat and socialize with them.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

YOUNG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT: Luke Robbins with the YCAD shared with the Board that another property value study is being done now. For the school district to avoid being penalized by the State the values must be within five percent of the State of Texas Comptroller's valuations. Rural properties are a main focus at this time. The YCAD is implementing Aerial Photography Technology which will give a precise view of each parcel. This will help the Appraisal District have a more accurate record.

DRESS CODE: The Board is reviewing the GISD Dress Code Policy. Robert Loomis provided dress code information from several surrounding school districts for comparison. The community, parents and staff have an opportunity to share their thoughts by completing the dress code survey located on the district website.

NEWTON STADIUM RENOVATIONS: Sonny Cruse shared with the Board information on the possibility of renovating Newton Stadium. Some areas of concern are the handicapped seating/parking, no seating for the dance team, and hand rails along the stairways. Further study will be done on this project.

AG PROJECT CENTER – Sonny Cruse shared with the Board that he has met with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Blanton regarding the Ag Project Center. A possibility might be to have an Inter-local agreement with the City and the Industrial Association to help with the design of the facility. The possibility of the Old Livestock building was brought up as a possible site for the Ag Barn.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ben Wilson and Forrest Meacham were nominated to be placed on the ballot for the YCAD Board of Directors.

The Board approved amending policy GKD (LOCAL).

The Board approved the technology upgrades via E-rate and local funds.

The Board approved out-of-state travel for the Graham High School Band

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Superintendent reported the following resignations/retirements have been accepted effective December 18, 2015 for Rhonda Cavett and Cathy Bohn.

Meeting was adjourned

For more information regarding the meeting and related documents please see the complete board packet at-

<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicMeetingMaterials.aspx?ak=1000513&mk=501733>

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