

Board Brief of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Graham ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday, October 14, 2020, beginning at 5:30 pm in the GRAHAM LEARNING CENTER, 701 TENNESSEE, GRAHAM, TX 76450

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Meredith Lucas, Brandon Bates, Daniel De La Cruz, Steve Jones, Pat Martin and Chris Blanton. Andrea Lowery did not arrive until 5:47 pm. She missed the vote on the new Board Secretary, and the Consent Agenda.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Sonny Cruse, Don Davis, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning, Natalie Husen, Donna Gatlin, Lauren Holland, Anne Routon and Joe Gordy.

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner

BOARD BUSINESS

Administering of Oath of Office

Mr. Chris Blanton was appointed to the Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Stan Peavy, III, Place 4. Mr. Blanton signed the Statement of Officer and Julie Elrod, Notary Public administered the Oath of Office.

Election of a Board Secretary

With the resignation of Mr. Stan Peavy, III, the office of Board Secretary was left vacant. A motion by Pat Martin, to nominate Steve Jones as the new Board Secretary, seconded by Brandon Bates, carried 6 to 0 to approve Steve Jones as the new Board Secretary.

OPEN FORUM: No one requested to speak during the open forum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- COVID Related Items
 - Mr. Cruse shared with the Board that Graham ISD Covid-19 information is posted on the Graham ISD Webpage dashboard, and is updated each evening.
- COVID Reimbursement Submitted to State
 - \$135,000.00 in expenses submitted.
 - Eligible to be reimbursed for \$100,000.00
- 2020-2021 Title I, 1003 School Improvement Grant
- School Breakfast/Lunch Program
- Board Member Professional Development Hours

- TASA/TASB txEDCON2020 (TASA/TASB Convention)
- Team of Eight
- School Improvement Workshops
- Graham Public Education Foundation
 - The GPEF Board set a goal to create an endowed fund.
 - The initial financial goal was 3 million.
 - Early on GPEF received commitments from
 - The Allar Company for \$500,000 with an additional \$500,000 match available.
 - The Bertha Foundation for \$500,000.
 - Burkett Enterprises for \$250,000
 - The Graham Public Education Foundation (GPEF) was recently awarded \$2,600,000.00 from the Bruce and Virginia Street Educational Fund at the North Texas Community Foundation.

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 6 to 0 to approve the consent agenda.

REPORTS

1. Curriculum Management Plan

Mr. Browning shared with the Board the Curriculum Management Plan that will serve as the framework for instruction and student assessment. The plan will direct all curriculum components toward alignment with the TEKS and/or other state and national standards. This plan is designed around the components of written, taught, and tested curriculum to provide each and every student with a meaningful, challenging education.

2. Data Driven Instruction (DDI) Site Resources

Mr. Browning shared with the Board that the Data-Driven Instruction Guidance planning was available online for teachers to use in planning their lessons for the year.

3. Kindergarten Standard-Based Report Card

Mrs. Gatlin and Mrs. Holland shared with the Board the new Standard-Based Report Card. This will allow the parents to see if their student has Mastered skills that have been taught or if they are Approaching Mastery, Beginning Progress towards standard or if they have areas of concern in which they need additional help. This allows the parent, student and teacher to know a student's exact academic strengths and weaknesses.

4. Advanced Academic Curriculum

Mrs. Routon shared with the Board that the District has purchased "SpringBoard Curriculum," which goes along with the CollegeBoard Curriculum for English and Math as a more rigorous curriculum for the advanced students.

ACTION ITEMS

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASING LAPTOPS FOR GISD STAFF

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 7 to 0 to approve the purchase of 250 Apple MacBook Airs, 250 laptop bags, and 250 USB-Adapters for the total cost of \$224,250.00 and to amend the budget accordingly.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE GRAHAM JUNIOR HIGH AND GRAHAM ELEMENTARY TARGETED IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Daniel De La Cruz, carried 7 to 0 to approve the Graham Junior High and Graham Elementary Targeted Improvement Plans.

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE GISD FOOD SERVICE PROCUREMENT PLAN

A motion by Steve Jones, seconded by Chris Blanton, carried 7 to 0 to approve the GISD Food Service Procurement Plan.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TASB TO CONDUCT A STAFFING REVIEW

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 7 to 0 to approve TASB to conduct a staffing review for the cost of \$7,000.00 and to amend the budget accordingly.

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. Consider Approval of Employment Recommendations for Teachers and Other Professional Personnel.
2. Covid-19 Related Personnel Issues

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:17 pm under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:17 pm with no action taken.

ADJOURN

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.