

# 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, April 10, 2019, beginning at 5:32 p.m. in the GRAHAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, 1000 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450

Board members present: Meredith Lucas, Andrea Lowery, Z.T. Burkett, Daniel De La Cruz and Pat Martin

Board members absent: Steve Jones and Stan Peavy, III

Administrators present: Sonny Cruse, Don Davis, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning, Natalie Husen, Donna Gatlin, Amanda Townley, Audra Barrett, Ginger Robbins and Joe Gordy

Visitors: Thomas Wallner, Dawna Gage, Owen Gage, Jeanne Richardson, Melissa Garcia, Cristina Garcia, Sara McCall and Sean McCall.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The gym floor at the High School should be completed by April 15 or 16.

Mr. Cruse shared that STAAR Testing is taking place this week and the Staff has done a good job preparing the students.

Mr. Cruse shared that information on Graham ISD tuition based Prekindergarten will be going out to the public soon.

Mr. Cruse shared with the Board a side-by-Side Comparison of 2019 Texas School Finance Proposals. House Bill 3 by Huberty and Senate Bill 4 by Taylor

Upcoming Events:

Area Track meet will be at Graham on Wednesday April 17.

The District will have a 4 day weekend, April 19-April 22.

GHS Choir Spring concert will be Thursday April 25.

GPEF Prize Patrol will be out Friday morning awarding Grants

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

District Financial Summary Report

Tax Collection Report

Investment Report  
Interest Report  
Enrollment Report  
Budget Amendments

A motion made by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Campus Principal Reports**

- A. Pioneer Elementary Principal, Donna Gatlin shared that the Parent Involvement activities have been going well. May 24<sup>th</sup> will be Pioneer Days at Pioneer Elementary with a Chuckwagon, Story Teller, Pioneer Games and Dinner on the Grounds.
- B. Crestview Elementary Principal, Amanda Townley introduced Ms. Spivey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. ELAR and Ms. Garner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Math. They shared with the Board how students have started setting goals, mapping and charting their results. Teachers have noticed students are taking ownership in their learning.
- C. Woodland Elementary Principal, Audra Barrett introduced Mrs. Wakefield and Mrs. Riley who will be assisting the students in the “Battle of the Books” Competition. The competition will be held April 30, 2019 in Mineral Wells. Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program that combines exceptional literature with friendly competition among schools.
- D. Graham Junior High School Principal, Ginger Robbins introduced the students who went to the State Science & Engineering Fair. This is a two day event hosted by Texas A&M Engineering. Students who competed are: Sean McCall, Ty Carter, Cristina Garcia, Owen Gage, and Rob Grimes. Students gave a brief presentation of their project to the School Board.
- E. Graham High School Principal, Joe Gordy shared that the culture at the High School since starting the SALT Team (Student Activity Leadership Tem) has notably improved. Student Leaders are promoting mutual respect for each other.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

No items were placed on the agenda for discussion

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Consider Approval the 2019 Instructional Materials Adoption**

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 5 to 0 to approve the Administrations recommendation for the 2019 Instructional Materials Adoption. Grades 3-5 ELAR Pearson myView Literacy and Grades 6-8 ELAR Pearson myView Perspectives.

2. **Consider Approval of the 2019-2020 Juvenile Justice Grant Resolution (formerly the DARE Program Resolution)**

A motion by Daniel De La Cruz, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to approve the 2019-2020 Juvenile Justice Grant Resolution.

**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. Discuss a Bid for 6.11 acres, E.P. Cravens Survey, Abstract 2337, Young County, Texas, as more particularly described in a deed recorded at Volume 91, Page 613, of the Deed of Records of Young County, Texas.

**Executive Session**

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. under Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to approve the employment of Megan Acosta on a Probationary Contract subject to assignment and Bobby Aaron Acosta on a Probationary Dual Assignment Contract with Special Conditions subject to assignment.

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to approve the Employment Recommendations for Teachers and other Professional Staff.

A motion by Daniel De La Cruz, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 5 to 0 to approve the bid for 6.11 acres, E.P. Cravens Survey, Abstract 2337, Young County, Texas, as more particularly described in a deed recorded at Volume 91, Page 613, of the Deed of Records of Young County, Texas.

Mr. Cruse stated he had accepted and approved the resignation letter of Chrysti Mercer and Debra Graham.

**Budget Workshop**

Mr. Davis and Mr. Cruse provided the board a historical perspective on enrollment trend, average daily attendance trends, M&O and I&S tax rates. Addition discussion was had related to the challenges of staffing during times of declining enrollment.

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Daniel De La Cruz, carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.