

GRAHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD BRIEFS
April 13, 2016

The April School Board meeting was held at Graham ISD Administration Office.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

2016 Ed Wright Community Service Award from NCTC - The award was presented at the NCTC Gala that was held two weeks ago. Sonny Cruse, Don Davis, Robert Loomis and Colleen Netterville attended the event.

GT Student Work Showcase was held this past week. The showcase highlighted the excellent work of GT, Career & Tech and Fine Arts students. Mr. Gary Browning did an excellent job of organizing the event.

Athletic Events- Regional Golf Update-

- Boys team narrowly missed qualifying for State. Coby Bryant finished 2nd individually. This finish qualifies him for the State Golf Tournament.
- Girls are in Lubbock today and tomorrow.

AG Center Project-

- Continued work on the pad site. Compacting, etc.
- In the next two weeks we should see forms being constructed.
- Coordinating the concrete work with some work that is being done at the arena

Graham Soccer Association – About 100 more students signed up this year than last. Graham has 10 Traveling Teams. Parents would still like Graham ISD to consider adding Soccer as a UIL sport.

Testing Results-

- **TELPAS** – Reports due by May 6th
- **Mar-Apr \ STAAR** – 4 & 7 Writing due by June 15th \ 5 & 8 Math due by April 19th \ Eng I by June 3rd
- **STAAR Alt** – Reports due by May 18th
- **May EOC** – Reports due by June 3rd
- **May STAAR** - 3-4 & 6-7 Math due by June 15h \ 5&8 Math Retest due by May 31st \ 3,4,6,&7 Rd due by June 15th \ 5&8 Rd retest due by May 31st \ 8th SS due by June 15th

Upcoming Events-

- Track Meet scheduled for April 21 will be moved to Mineral Wells.
- Tuesday, April 19th- GJHS Exhibit Night- 5 to 6:30- Old Gym, New Gym & Cafeteria

- Science Fair Exhibit
- GJHS Art Show
- 6th Grade World History Fair
- Tuesday, April 19th- Band UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest in Olney at 5:15
- Thursday, April 21st- Area Track Meet- Moved to Mineral Wells
- Friday, April 29th- Bad Weather Day Holiday
- Saturday, April 30th- Regional Track in Lubbock
- Monday, May 9th- Spring Sports Banquet- 6:00 pm at the Young County Arena

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Newton Field Update

Representatives from Buford Thompson Constructed updated the Board on Newton Field Stadium. Equipment will be delivered Friday and Demo will begin on Monday. Phase 2 is scheduled to begin May 1st, with Southern Bleachers. The stadium is on track to be completed by the time football season starts.

Budget Summary Update

Mr. Cruse and Don Davis shared the recommended budget expenditures with the Board. Recommendations were made to fund the Read Well Program, Engage2Learn, Newton Field Improvements, Security Camera System (Required for Special Ed), Repair of High School Parking Lot and Expanding the Athletic Practice Area (Behind Field House)

ACTION ITEMS:

The Board approved TASB Policy Update 104

- Update 104 is the second of two post-legislative updates, focusing primarily on amendments to the Administrative Code as a result of recent legislation. Major topics in Update 104 include taxes, financial reports and audits, reports to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), video and audio recording in special education settings, partial credit requirements for students who are homeless or in foster care, credit-by-exam requirements for homeless students, substitutes for state assessments, and wellness policy requirements. Several of the local policy recommendations address new local policy requirements included in the 2015–16 TEA *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook*,

including homebound instruction and residency and admissions. Other local policy recommendations address equal educational opportunities for students and student discrimination and harassment.

The Board approved amending the Weighted Course and GPA Calculations for 2016-2017

The Board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$24,450 to fund the implementation of the Engage Initiative. The remainder of the funds for the Initiative will be addressed during the budget development/approval process.

The Board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$118,000 to fund the implementation of the Read Well Initiative.

The Board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$62,000 to expand the athletic practice area north of the Field House. This area is shared with Junior High teams and is needed for practice during times when there is a conflict using Newton Field.

The Board approved budget amendments for Newton Field Stadium Demolition and Renovation.

The Board approved Graham InterBank to use the logo on a debit card.

The Board approved the Tax Resale Deed regarding property at 1206 Remington, Graham, TX 76450

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board came out of executive session and the following actions were taken:

The Board approved Donna Gatlin as Principal at Woodland Elementary.

The Board approved the hiring of Lucy Bryant, Modesta Carranza, Emily Massey and Sara Roye.

The Board approved the Teacher Contracts as recommend by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent reported that resignation/retirement letters have been accepted from Melissa Casteel, Fabiola Concha, Thomas Iles, Sarah Murray and Liesel Wilson

Meeting was adjourned

