

Board Briefs of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Graham ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday, May 11, 2016, beginning at 5:30 PM in the GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL, 1000 BRAZOS STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450.

Board members present: David McClendon, Stan Peavy, III, Meredith Lucas, Dori Cawley, Andrea Lowery, Pat Martin, and Z. T. Burkett

Administrators present: Superintendent Sonny Cruse, Assistant Superintendent Don Davis, Assistant Superintendent Robert Loomis and High School Principal Joe Gordy.

Visitors: Carla Pope-Osborne, Bret Allen, Luke Robbins, Terry Gober, Mike Trammel, Thomas Wallner, Carol Willis and Debbie Robertson

1. Open regular meeting, call to order, and announce quorum

Mr. David McClendon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., announced the meeting had been duly called and posted in the time and manner as required by law, and announced a quorum with all board members present.

A. Board Member Recognition

After serving 12 years as a Board Member for Graham ISD, Dr. Dori Cawley is stepping down. She was honored with a gift from the District and kind words of appreciation from the Superintendent and School Board Members.

B. Student Recognitions

Mr. Joe Gordy, Principal of Graham High School, introduced 77 High School students to the Administration, Board and guests who have achieved recognition at the State Level or above, some in multiple areas in the following categories:

Track and Field, DECA at both the state and International Level, FCCLA, Football Academic All State, Girls Basketball Academic All State, Volleyball Academic All State, Boys Basketball Academic All State, FFA: Range, Plant ID, Cotton, Technology Student Association, Band, Choir, Tennis, Texas High School Bass Fishing Association, and Debate.

2. Board Business

- A. Mr. David McClendon resigned the school board, and will step down as soon as a replacement is appointed.
- B. The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected board members; Dr. Steve Jones, Dr. Pat Martin, and Mr. Stan Peavy, III.
- C. Reorganization of Board Officers: President, Meredith Lucas, Vice President, Andrea Lowery, Secretary, Stan Peavy, III

3. Open Forum: No one requested to address the Board during open forum.

4. Superintendents Report:

- Mr. Cruse thanked the Graham Athletic Booster Club for sponsoring the Colonel Craig Flowers leadership development event.
- Insurance Claim- This past Sunday evening a roof drain broke. This resulted in approximately two inches of water on the gym floor, locker rooms and cafeteria.
- School Lawsuit- Mr. Cruse shared information regarding the school finance lawsuit. A decision from the Texas Supreme Court is expected by June 30, 2016.
- AG Center Update
 - Met with Jason Cottongame this past week.
 - Addition workforce will be dedicated to the work following Food Truck Festival.
- TASA/TASB Convention or Summer Leadership Institute for Board Continuing Education hours.
 - TASA/TASB will be a conflict for some.
 - San Antonio- June 16-18
 - Ft. Worth- June 30 - July 2
 - Register for specific sessions
- End of Year Staff Development- A handout containing the various end of year workshops was shared with the Board.
- GHS Graduation
 - Friday, May 20th
 - Reserved parking for the Board between the GYM and CTE building in the back parking lot.
 - Plan to be in the gym by 7:15
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Thursday, May 12, 2016
 - GJHS Spring Art Show at 5:00
 - FFA Banquet at the Young County Arena at 6:30
 - GHS Spring Choir Concert in the GHS Auditorium at 7:30
 - Graham Steer BB vs Midlothian Heritage @ 7:30

- Friday, May 13, 2016
 - State Track Meet in Austin
 - GHS Academic Signing Day- GHS Commons- 2:20 to 3:00
- Saturday, May 14, 2016
 - Steer Baseball Playoff at Midlothian- 2:00 pm
- Monday/Tuesday, May 15-16
 - State Tennis Tournament at Texas A&M Tennis Center
- Thursday, May 19, 2016
 - Last Day of School- Early Dismissal- 1:00
- Friday, May 20, 2016
 - GHS Graduation
- Thursday, June 2, 2016
 - End of the Year Staff Breakfast & Awards at GHS

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes
- B. District Financial Summary Report
- C. Tax Collection Report
- D. Investment Report
- E. Interest Report
- F. Enrollment Report
- G. Budget Amendments

Motion was made by Pat. Martin, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 7 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

6. Reports

A. Campus Principal Reports

No discussion or action is needed on the campus reports. The reports are included in the Boardbook as information items only.

7. Discussion Items

A. Newton Field Update- Representatives from BTC shared with the Board the following status update:

Mr. Terry Gober and Mr. Mike Trammel presented

Phase 1 – Continues (wall & foundation)

Phase 2 – Pre-Bid scheduled May 17th, Bids to be received May 24th

Southern Bleacher has staked piers and drilling rig plans to start May 11.

Scheduled completion by the start of 2016 football season.

B. Young County Appraisal District Update:

Mr. Luke Robbins with the Young County Appraisal District shared preliminary tax value information with the Board. He noted a significant decrease in Mineral Values. The appraisal role will be certified July 25, 2016. Actual numbers will be more accurate at that time.

8. Action Items

Consider Approval of Budget Amendments for Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP, 2011 Taxable Audit.

Mr. Don Davis introduced Mrs. Carla Pope-Osborne to present information related to property value appeal studies and property values audits completed on behalf of the district.

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 7 to 0 to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$25,672.00 for Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP, 2011 Taxable Audit for Professional Services rendered in successfully completing the 2011 #1 audit which affects the 2012-2013 school year.

Consider Approval of Amending Policy FMG (LOCAL)

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Pat martin, carried 7 to 0 to approve amending policy FMG (LOCAL). This will allow the superintendent to approve student out-of-state travel provided that District provided funds do not exceed \$15,000.

Consider Approval of Paragon Sports to replace the turf on Newton Field and to make track repairs.

Mr. Bret Allen with Paragon Sports presented.

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Andrea Lowery carried 7 to 0 to approve Paragon Sports to replace the turf on Newton Field and to make repairs to the Track.

Consider Approval of Relocating the Light Poles on the Home Side of Newton Field Stadium.

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Z.T. Burkett carried 7 to 0 to approve relocating the light poles on the home side of Newton Field Stadium. If this project exceeds \$70,000.00 the administration will take this item back to the Board for approval.

Consider approval of budget amendments related to the demolition and reconstruction of Newton Field Stadium.

A motion by David McClendon, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 7 to 0 to approve the budget amendments related to the demolition and reconstruction of Newton Field Stadium.

9. 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 and Employment, Retirement, Resignation & Discussion of Personnel, Gov't Code 551.074.

- A. Consider Board approval of employment/resignations of teachers and other professional personnel
- B. District employees and officers (Tex Gov't Code 551.074)
 - 1. Trustee Resignation
 - 2. Board Members
 - 3. Appointment to Fill Trustee Vacancy

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. under Texas Government code 551.074.

10. Return to open session

At 8:03 p.m. the Board returned to open session with no action taken. During open session the board took the following action:

- A. Motion by David McClendon, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 7 to 0 to approve the superintendents recommendation of Anne Routon to Assistant Principal, Audry Barrett to Assistant Principal, and Kelli Walker to Counselor. And employ Coby Yowell, Brooke Yowell, Koby Andrews, Sandra Garcia and Amy Heathcoat.
- B. The Superintendent reported that resignation letter has been accepted from Lori Rittenhouse.
- C. No other action was taken

11. Adjournment

Motion was made by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

