

# Board Briefs of Regular 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, June 8, 2016, beginning at 5:30 PM in the GRAHAM ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 400 THIRD STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450.

Board members present: Meredith Lucas, Stan Peavy, III, Steve Jones, Pat Martin, and Jay Tillotson

Board members absent: Andrea Lowery and Z.T. Burkett

Administrators present: Superintendent Sonny Cruse, Assistant Superintendent Don Davis, and Assistant Superintendent Robert Loomis

Visitors: Terry Gober, and Thomas Wallner

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

Meredith Lucas 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.

### **2. Open Forum:**

No one requested to address the Board during open forum.

### **3. Superintendents Report:**

- The end of the year breakfast and service awards programs was well received. We hope to continue this format in the years to come.
- GJHS Gym Floor
  - The floor is being evaluated to determine if it can be saved.
  - Undetermined if the water damage will be covered by insurance.
- Board Training
  - New Member Boot Camp- ESC 9 this Saturday
    - We will get the training on a DVD.
  - TASA/TASB Convention- Houston, September 23-25
    - You will be registered to attend unless you tell us that you can't attend.
  - Local Orientation
    - We need to schedule time with the Dr. Jones and Jay Tillotson.
  - Team of Eight Training

- STARR/EOC Scores
  - The scores will be shared with the board once all of them have been received.

#### 4. **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 Stan Peavy, carried 5 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

#### 5. **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.

#### 6. **Discussion Items**

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

Mr. Terry Gober presented

Phase 1 - Continues (wall & foundation)

Phase 2 - Under ground water & sanitary sewer will be completed.

Under ground electrical will be completed.

Concrete flat work will be completed

Scheduled completion by the start of 2016 football season.

#### 7. **Action Items**

##### **A. Consider approval of budget amendments for Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP, 2012 #1 Audit and 2013 PVS Appeal.**

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to approve the budget amendments in the amounts of \$7,757.00 and \$62,602.00 for Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP, 2012 #1 Audit which affects the 2013/2014 school year and 2013 PVS Appeal which affects the 2014-2015 school year.

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

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Jay Tillotson, carried 5 to 0 to approve budget amendments related to the demolition and reconstruction of Newton Field Stadium.

**C. Consider granting the superintendent the authority to hire and issue contracts to fill open teaching positions from June 9, 2016 to August 10, 2016.**

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to give the superintendent authority to hire and issue contracts to fill open teaching positions from June 9, 2016 to August 10, 2016.

**D. Consider approval of board meeting dates for 2016 – 2017.**

A motion by Jay Tillotson, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to approve the board meeting dates as presented by the superintendent.

**E. Consider approval of amending policy DEC (LOCAL).**

The Board previously approved an addition to policy DEC (LOCAL) to provide a reimbursement for leave upon retirement. Per the policy, an employee that meets certain conditions shall be reimbursed for each day of local leave, to a maximum of 50 days, less any days used in the previous two years, at a rate established by the Board. The rate that was established by the Board is \$75.

The superintendent recommended the addition of additional criteria to qualify for the reimbursement including:

- Contract employees must complete the current academic year.
- The employee shall not have taken more than 15 days in the year of retirement to qualify for reimbursement, with the exception of leave taken for FML purposes or religious holy days.
- Contract employees provide written notice by February 1.

Non-contract employees provide written notice 30 days before the day of employment.

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Steve Jones , carried 5 to 0 to approve the amendment to policy DEC (LOCAL).

**8. 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

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:03p.m. under Texas Government code 551.074.

**9. Return to open session**

At 6:32 p.m. the Board returned to open session with no action taken. During open session the Board took the following action:

- A. Motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to approve the Superintendents recommendation of Thomas Iles as half time Administrator for Graham High School and Brandi Menard as the Parent and Student Engagement Specialist. And employ Randi Chaffin, Kerri Foster, Rebecca Kirst, Tara Moses, Callie O'Briant, and Carrie Trice.
- B. The Superintendent reported that resignation letters have been accepted from Charlotte Segars and Karen Watkins.
- C. No other action was taken

**10. Budget Workshop**

The Board reviewed:

- Historical financial data.
- Budget amendments made during the 2015 - 2016 school year.
- Estimated revenue for 2016 - 2017.

**11. Adjourn**

Motion was made by Steve Jones, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.