

GRAHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD BRIEFS
September 9, 2015

The September School Board meeting was held at Pioneer Elementary.

OPEN FORUM:

Debbie Robertson shared with the Board her concern regarding declining enrollment at Graham ISD.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

Sonny Cruse shared that the posted monthly board agenda would contain the full “Boardbook”, including attachments for public viewing. Only personnel items would be excluded. Also included in the Boardbook will be a Rationale/Recommendation sheet pertaining to each of the Action Items.

The district is applying for the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle. This is about being as transparent as possible with our financial records, etc.

Elementary and Secondary campuses are working on their parent involvement programs especially with the Fathers. A “Watch D.O.G.S.” program that will involve the Dads at the elementary campuses and a “Grateful Dads” program at the secondary level.

Mr. Loomis has been working with Mr. Gordy and Mrs. Robbins on the GISD Dress Code. A survey will go out to the students in the near future. After reviewing policies from regional schools, our policy is very similar.

The Graham Junior High School will be participating in a Gallup Student Poll this fall. The Gallup Student Poll is designed to aid educators in providing a more focused education.

In an effort to find out why students have left Graham ISD a survey will be sent out. An invitation to meet with the Superintendent will also be extended to those families.

REPORTS:

Lisa Budarf, Principal at Pioneer Elementary, updated the Board on campus activities. New at Pioneer this year is a campus wide positive behavior initiative and support, expansion of the inclusion model that started in Kindergarten last year and the SMmART Tank – an elective class for a 21st Century Approach to teaching art, music and technology. Total enrollment at Pioneer is 265 students.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

AG PROJECT CENTER – Sonny Cruse shared with the Board that he has met with district and city/community officials regarding the Ag Project Center. A possibility might be to have an Inter-local agreement with the City and the Industrial Association to help with the design of the facility.

ACTION ITEMS:

The Board approved the Young County Arena Parking Partnership with the City of Graham that will result in additional parking near the softball/baseball field area.

The Board approved amending policy FL (LOCAL)

The Board did not take action on amending policy GKD (LOCAL) at this time

The Board approved amending policy FB (LOCAL) and FFH (LOCAL)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board met in closed session and accepted the resignation of Xan Holub, effective December 18, 2015.

The Board approved the recommendation to employ John Dugan Burgess and Cristina Thomas Reeve pending final and complete approval from SBEC.

Meeting was adjourned