

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, March 21, 2018, beginning at 5:31 p.m. in the GRAHAM ISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 400 THIRD STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450.

Board members present: Andrea Lowery, Stan Peavy, Steve Jones, Jay Tillotson and Pat Martin

Board members absent: Meredith Lucas and Z.T. Burkett

Administrators present: Sonny Cruse, Don Davis, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning, Colleen Netterville, Joe Gordy, Ginger Robbins, Donna Gatlin, Amanda Townley and Lisa Budarf

Visitors: Thomas Wallner

OPEN FORUM: No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Graham Soccer Teams

Tim Wankowicz, Graham Steers Soccer Coach and Misty Mills, Lady Blues Soccer Coach thanked the Board for bringing Soccer to Graham ISD this year. Many students are participating and because of this, there has been a decrease in discipline and grades have improved. Soccer has been a very positive addition to our district. GHS students Anthony Carrillo and Alicia Olvera addressed the Board to share what being involved in GHS soccer meant to them.

Hall of Honor Follow Up

The Hall of Honor Banquet last month was a very positive event. Those who were inducted into the Hall of Honor and their family members were very appreciative of the tribute that was given them.

Strategic Planning Update

There are 96 people participating on the six Action Teams. The Teams are: Teaching and Learning Strategies, Future Ready Strategies, Human Resource Strategies, Safety & Security

Strategies, Finance & Facilities Strategies and Communications/Community Partnerships Strategies. The Action Team Leaders are preparing to present their findings in April or early May.

Roof Repair

The Woodland Elementary roof system is failing. The District is evaluating the situation and will bring in a roofing contractor to help with the repairs.

Board Training

Mr. Cruse reminded the Board of the TASB Spring Workshops at Region 9 this month as well as the Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio in June. With the passing of Senate Bill 1566, it requires Trustees who were serving on the school board on September 1, 2017, to complete at least three hours of training every two years on evaluating student performance. This training needs to be completed by September 1, 2018. The training can be done at the Education Service Center or in district.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes
- District Financial Summary Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Investment Report
- Interest Report
- Enrollment Report
- Budget Amendments
- Donation

A motion made by Stan Peavy, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS:

Pioneer Elementary School Report was presented by Lisa Budarf, Principal and Mrs. Heathcoat, Pre-K Teacher. They shared how the High Reliability School Training has impacted their campus.

Crestview Elementary School Report was presented by Amanda Townley, Principal. She shared with the Board how the Read Well Program has helped the students on her campus.

Woodland Elementary School Report was presented by Donna Gatlin, Principal and Hayley Langford, 5th grade Math Teacher. Woodland has received training from Region 9's Special Education Services to implement co-teaching. This allows general and special educators to differentiate and deliver instruction so that all students have full access to the grade-level expectations of the general curriculum.

Graham Junior High School report was presented by Ginger Robbins, Principal. Mrs. Robbins shared on how the High Reliability School Training has positively affected the Junior High.

Graham High School report was presented by Joe Gordy, Principal. Mr. Gordy shared with the Board a couple of Apps that the teachers are using in the classroom; Booksnaps and Flipgrid. He also shared about the Intervention schedules that have been set up for students.

Grow Your Own Grant Program was presented by Dr. Colleen Netterville. The Grow Your Own grant program was established by TEA to provide help, especially for small and/or rural districts to recruit and support paraprofessionals, instructional aides, and substitutes currently employed by the school to transition to certified, full-time teaching roles. Graham currently has three staff members that are interested in this program.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Board Budget Planning Calendar

Don Davis shared with the Board the 2018-2019 budget-planning calendar.

TASB Policy Update 110

Policy Update 110 will be acted on at the next scheduled board meeting.

Teacher Incentive Programs

Mr. Cruse shared with the Board the Teacher Incentive Program that Longview ISD has put in place. The Board is interested in visiting with the Administration, Board Members, and Teachers at Longview to obtain more information on the program. The Board also expressed interests in considering other incentive concepts.

School Security and Safety

The Board and superintendent discuss several options to improve the safety and security for our students including: adding security vestibules at Pioneer Elementary, Crestview Elementary and Woodland Elementary; improving fencing around campuses; adding additional security cameras to our campuses and facilities; automated door locks for GHS and GJHS and shelter in place systems for classrooms. Additionally, the Board also reviewed policy options that would allow the district to implement a program whereby select staff members may be allowed to possess a firearm on campus.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Approving Certification of Unopposed Candidates

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to approve the certification of unopposed candidates.

Consider Approval of an Order Cancelling School Trustee Election to be held May 5, 2018

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 5 to 0 to approve the order cancelling the School Trustee Election to be held May 5, 2018.

Consider Approval of a Foreign Language Stipend for 2018-2019

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Jay Tillotson, carried 5 to 0 to approve a Foreign Language Stipend in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the 2018-2019 school year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:35 p.m. under Texas Government Code 551.074. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. with the following action taken:

Mr. Cruse stated he had accepted and approved the resignation letters of Marie Stephenson and Casey Dacus

A motion by Steve Jones, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.