

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, May 9, 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL, 1000 BRAZOS STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450.

Board members present: Meredith Lucas, Andrea Lowery, Stan Peavy, Z.T. Burkett, Steve Jones, and Pat Martin

Board members absent: Jay Tillotson

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

Visitors: Thomas Wallner, Sherri Sides,

BOARD BUSINESS:

Administering of oath of office

Returning Board Members Z.T. Burkett (Place 2) and Andrea Lowery (Place 1) signed their Statement of Elected Officer and Julie Elrod administered the Oath of Office.

Reorganization of Board of Trustees

Meredith Lucas, President; Andrea Lowery, Vice-President; and Stan Peavy, III, Secretary

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Mr. Cruse and the Board recognized 145 Graham High School Students who were successful beyond the district level in 40 different categories including, Animation Class, Band, Bella Blues Drill Team, Choir, DECA, FFA, One Act Play, StellarXplorers, Track and Field, TSA, UIL, and VASE

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

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Mr. Cruse thanked Mrs. Caddell for all her work in planning and organizing the “All in For Autism” event. Over \$3,000 was raised and given to the district to purchase additional sensory lab items for our students.

Mr. Cruse recognized the campus teachers of the year for 2017-2018. Pioneer- Jayme Reger; Crestview- Randi Chaffin; Woodland- Hayley Langford; GJHS- Kimberly Brewster; and GHS- Sara Jo Carrico.

Hall of Honor applications are available on line or at the Administration Building. Applications need to be turned in by June 27, 2018.

The end of year staff breakfast will be Friday June 1, 2018, 7:30-8:45 breakfast, 9:00 awards presentation.

High School Graduation will be May 25, 2018, 6:30 in the Gym at the High School.

State of the District meetings have been set for May 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22.

The Lady Blues Softball games will be Thursday evening May 10 and Saturday May 12.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A motion made by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS:

Campus Reports

Pioneer Elementary School report was presented by Lisa Budarf, Principal and Brandi Menard, Counselor. Mrs. Menard introduced Calvin, the Therapy Dog to the Board. Calvin will begin therapy training June 4, 2018. Once fully trained he will provide affection, comfort and love to students who are stressed, anxious, or just need some extra attention.

Crestview Elementary School report was presented by Amanda Townley, Principal. Mrs. Townley shared with the Board the end of year Dibbles Test results for first and second grade, and the EOY ELAR Benchmark test.

Woodland Elementary Schools report was presented by students who participated in the “Battle of the Books”

Graham Junior High School report was presented by Ginger Robbins, Principal and Jeanne Richardson, 7th & 8th grade science teacher. Mrs. Robbins shared that Mrs. Richardson had received two Grants, Soil Conservation Grant and the Society for Science and the Public Advocate Grant. Mrs. Richardson plans to use these two grants to help raise the level of the science fair at GJHS.

Graham High School report was presented by Joe Gordy, Principal. Mr. Gordy shared that one of the main things he will be focusing on for next year is encouraging more students to participate in UIL activities.

On May 23, the High School Seniors will be doing the “Elementary School Walk” in full cap and gown. The graduation ceremony has been moved from 8:00pm to 6:30pm. Each student will receive 14 tickets.

Preliminary STAAR Scores for Grades 5 and 8

Mr. Browning shared with the Board the preliminary 2018 5th & 8th Grade STAAR Results.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Graham ISD Strategic Plan

Ms. Sherri Sides presented the action plan. Approximately 150 school personnel, community members, parents and student were involved. A total of 17 action plans will be implemented over the next 3 to 5 years.

Teacher Incentive Plan

Mr. Cruse gave the Board two different draft models for “Graham Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Pay for Performance”. The Board was asked to review both documents and provide feedback to the Superintendent over the next month. If the Board decides to establish a Teacher Incentive Plan, it will need to be approved by the August Board meeting in order to be in effect for the 2018-2019 school year.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Approval of the Graham ISD Strategic Plan

A motion by Steve Jones, seconded by Pat Martin, carried 6 to 0 to approve the Graham ISD Strategic Plan as presented by Administration.

Consider Approval of One Time Compensation for All Employees

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 6 to 0 to approve a one time \$100.00 compensation for all employees.

A complete list of potential projects will be shared with the Board during the Budget Workshop.

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 8:10 p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Z.T. Burkett, carried 6 to 0 to approve the employment of Michael Carroll on a Probationary Contract, subject to assignment.

Mr. Cruse stated he had accepted and approved the resignation letters of Modesta Carranza Martinez, Amanda Groves, Kasey Sams, Caramie Perry, and Karley Brown. Mr. Cruse has accepted and approved the retirement letters of Tom Lewis and Kitty Rosser.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Topics of discussion will include funding of prospective projects, teacher incentive and 2018-2019 budget related items.

ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING THE BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Consider Approval of an Expenditure for Security Vestibules at Pioneer Elementary, Crestview Elementary and Woodland Elementary

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve the expenditure for Security Vestibules at Pioneer Elementary, Crestview Elementary and Woodland Elementary.

Consider Approval of a Vendor and Expenditure for a Voice Over IP Phone System

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 6 to 0 to approve the expenditure and Affiliated Communications Inc. as the vendor for the Voice Over IP Phone System.

Consider Approval of an Expenditure for the Purpose of Upgrading the District HVAC Control System Pending Procurement per Policy

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 6 to 0 to approve the expenditure for the purpose of upgrading the District HVAC control system pending procurement per policy.

Consider Approval of Expenditures for Projects Exceeding the Limits of Policy CH (LOCAL)

A motion by Pat Martin, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve the expenditures for projects exceeding the limits of policy CH (LOCAL). These project include: Woodland Elementary parking lot repair, GJHS Annex flooring repair, Pioneer Elementary track upgrade in partnership with the PTO, Newton Field fencing, GJHS restroom renovation, and purchase of real property.

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.