

# **Board Brief of Public Hearing on School F.I.R.S.T. Financial Accountability Rating System, the TAPR Report and Regular Board Meeting**

## **The Board of Trustees Graham ISD**

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A Public Hearing was held Wednesday, January 16, 2019 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Graham High School, 1000 Brazos Street, Graham, TX

### **Public Hearing on School F.I.R.S.T., Financial Accountability Rating System**

The District made a score of 100 and received an A = Superior Rating

Mr. Cruse invited public comment. No public comments were received.

The Hearing was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

### **Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)**

Mr. Browning, Director of Curriculum and Instruction provided an overview of the districts performance on indicators set forth in law. The report includes state, region, district, and campus data, as well as campus performance objectives.

Mr. Cruse invited public comment. No public comments were received.

The Hearing was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

### **Regular Board Meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday, January 16, 2019, beginning at 5:36 PM 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 Daniel De La Cruz

Board members absent: Pat Martin

Administrators present: Sonny Cruse, Don Davis, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning, Natalie Husen, Joe Gordy, Donna Gatlin, Amanda Townley and Audra Barrett

Visitors: Thomas Wallner, Michael Hamby

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### **Administering of Oath of Office**

Mr. Daniel De La Cruz was appointed to the Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jay Tillotson, Place 6. Mr. De La Cruz signed the Statement of Officer and Julie Elrod administered the Oath of Office.

## **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION**

Mr. Cruse thanked the Board for the exceptional work they do on behalf of the students at Graham ISD. Board Members were presented a book, in their honor, to be placed in the school Libraries. Presenting books to the Board were Meryl Blanton, Owen De La Cruz, Thomason Burkett, Ben Lucas, Claire Jones and Ivy Peavy

## **OPEN FORUM**

No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Joe Gordy was recognized by Mr. Billy Pringle, Associate Director of TASSP. Mr. Pringle presented Mr. Gordy an Award for being named Region 9 and the State of Texas 2018-2019 High School Principal of the Year.

Mr. Cruse shared information on the Young County Junior Livestock Stock Show. Seventy of the 100 projects that qualified for the sale were those of GISD students!

There was a great turn-out for the Strong Fathers-Strong Families Math Night this past Monday.

The roof repair at Graham Junior High is proceeding on schedule.

The new CNA Program at NCTC currently has 9 students enrolled.

Upcoming Events:     January 21 is the Fall Athletic Banquet, held at Graham High School Gym  
                              January 27-30 Mid-Winter Conference in Austin

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A motion made by Steve Jones, seconded by Stan Peavy, carried 6 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Campus Principal Reports**

Pioneer Elementary – Donna Gatlin, Principal and Pre-K Teacher Elizabeth Rose shared how they have expanded the Readwell Curriculum down to the Pre-K level. The students are responding extremely well to the curriculum.

Crestview Elementary – Amanda Townley, Principal gave the Board information on Crestview’s “Reading Data Wall”. A color coded system, is being used so teachers can see at a glance whether students are 1) Well Below Grade Level, 2) Below Grade Level, 3) At or Above Grade Level. Mrs. Townley and the first Grade Teachers have been restructuring their Intervention Groups in order to assure students are receiving as much help as possible.

Woodland Elementary – Audra Barrett, Principal shared with the Board that “Powerhour” will start soon and run during rotation times. Teachers will be available during this hour so students can receive one on one help from a classroom Teacher. Students are receiving Character Recognition awards. A picture of the student with their award is being placed on Facebook. Woodland will have a school wide Spelling Bee February 1.

Graham Junior High School

Graham Junior High Administrators were unable to attend the Board Meeting

Graham High School – Joe Gordy, Principal informed the Board that the Data Room has been completed. The data will help staff be intentional in seeing that students are growing and receiving the help they need. Teachers from Decatur ISD visited with the Staff Monday.

### **2. PBMAS Report**

Mr. Gary Browning addressed the Board regarding the PBMAS Report Summary

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **First Reading on Policy Update 112**

Mr. Cruse shared with the Board that the district has received TASB’s Policy Update 112. Update 112 will be an action item on the February 2019 agenda. Detailed information on the update can be found in Boardbook.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consider Approval of GISD Trustee Election Order**

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve the GISD Trustee Election Order.

### **Consider Approval of the 2017-2018 Financial Audit**

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Andrea Lowery, carried 6 to 0 to approve the 2017-2018 Financial Audit as presented by Mr. Michael Hamby of Merritt, McLane & Hamby.

### **Consider Approval of an Amendment to the 2018-2019 School Calendar**

A motion by Stan Peavy, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 6 to 0 to amend the school calendar and make Tuesday, February 12 a teacher workday and attend school on Friday. Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> will stay as a Staff Development day for Teachers and a Holiday for students.

**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**

1. Consider Board approval of employment/resignations of teachers and other professional personnel.
2. Conduct Superintendent Evaluation pursuant to Government Code 551.083
3. Superintendent Contract and Compensation pursuant to Government Code 551.083

### **Executive Session**

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. under Texas Government Codes 551.074, 555.072 and 551.083. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion by Z.T. Burkett, seconded by Stan Peavy, carried 6 to 0 to approve the superintendent's contract and compensation.

A motion by Andrea Lowery, seconded by Steve Jones, carried 6 to 0 to approve the employment of Maria Waller on a Probationary Contract subject to assignment for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Cruse stated he had accepted and approved the retirement letter of Lana Hazlett.

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