

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Graham ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday, March 4, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the GRAHAM LEARNING CENTER, 701 TENNESSEE STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450. President, Chris Blanton, called the meeting to order, announced the meeting had been duly called and posted in the time and manner as required by law, and announced a quorum of Board Members.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Lauren Mahaney, Brandon Joy, John Brown and Jason Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristina Pettus

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Mary Johnston, Gary Browning, Dr. Janel Madeley, Robert Loomis, Joe Gordy, Adam Anderson, Audra Barrett, Jamie West, Misti Thompson, Donna Gatlin

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Amanda Mullens, Stacey Anderson, Erin Howard, Gina Beauchamp, Amanda Gardiner

RECOGNITIONS

Staff Recognition:

2025-2026 PCAT Bus Driver of the Year- Grace York

Student Recognitions:

FFA:

Romona Alejo-Greenhand Spanish Creed First District
Lane Anderson-2nd San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo
Brayelyn Brown-10th Texas Elite Showcase
Wesley "Dayne" Dunnam-Calf Scramble winner FWSSR
Drake Elliott-6th San Angelo Livestock Show
Maddy Erwin-11th San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo
Caden Joy- 3rd Place San Antonio Commercial Steers
Laura Martin Guijarro-Sr. Spanish Creed 2nd District
Rylee Moore-10th San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo

Kimber Pratt-Sr. Creed 2nd

Jerry Sanders-Calf Scramble winner FWSSR

Hattie Stephens-1st San Angelo Livestock Show Heifer

McCrae Trammell-2nd place heifer Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

Hadley Trammell-2nd place heifer Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

Bella Blues Drill Team

Varsity Team Awards:

Adacyn Pleasant- 2nd Runner Up Hip Hop, 2nd Runner Up Jazz, 2nd Runner Up Pom & 4th Place Overall

Makyla Bronfield-2nd Runner Up Hip Hop, 2nd Runner Up Jazz, 2nd Runner Up Pom & 4th Place Overall

Alecia Musgrave- 2nd Runner Up Hip Hop, 2nd Runner Up Jazz, 2nd Runner Up Pom & 4th Place Overall

Jaci Andrews- 2nd Runner Up Hip Hop, 2nd Runner Up Jazz, 2nd Runner Up Pom & 4th Place Overall

Calecen Gresham-2nd Runner Up Hip Hop, 2nd Runner Up Jazz, 2nd Runner Up Pom & 4th Place Overall

Sarah Kunkel- 2nd Runner Up Hip Hop, 2nd Runner Up Jazz, 2nd Runner Up Pom & 4th Place Overall

Lena Stansell- 2nd Runner Up Hip Hop, 2nd Runner Up Jazz, 2nd Runner Up Pom & 4th Place Overall

Captain Awards:

Sarah Kunkel-Tied 2nd Runner Up Jazz, 1st Place Lyrical, 1st Place Novelty & Grand Champion (1st Place Overall)

Calecen Gresham-Tied 2nd Runner Up Jazz, 1st Place Lyrical, 1st Place Novelty & Grand Champion (1st Place Overall)

JV Team Award:

Grecia Flores- 2nd Runner Up JV Pom

Emahlynn Martinez-2nd Runner Up JV Pom

Carmen Williams-2nd Runner Up JV Pom

Elementary Regional Science Fair:

Cohen Howard-1st place for presentation and 3rd place overall in Life Science: Project Titled "Eww Germs"

Kellen Brewer-1st place for presentation and 3rd place overall in Physical Science: Project Titled: "Maglev Train"

Rhett Johnson-2nd place for presentation and 2nd place overall in Physical Science: Project Titled: "How to Test Electromagnets"

Cooper Epperson-2nd place for presentation and 2nd place overall in Engineering and Design: Project Titled: "The Science of Siege"

Beck Lundgren- 1st Place Elementary Engineering Presentation, 1st Place Elementary Engineering Overall

Julia Jenkins and Tatum Schmidt- 2nd Place Elementary Physical Science Presentation

Isaiah Wells- 3rd Place Elementary Life Science Presentation

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Events Across the District
 - Crestview Literacy Night
 - Woodland's 80's Dance
 - Read Across America this week
 - Update from Key Club: Live like Lowrey T-shirt sales to benefit Scholarship Fund
 - Mr. Fields has joined Graham
- Enrollment Update-Current 2124
- Upcoming Events
 - Pioneer Reading Safari March 5th 8:30-2:00 PM
 - Graham Concert Association The One O'clock Lab Band- Thank you for student discount-\$5.00
 - Silver Steers & Lady Blues Club's next meeting: Thursday, March 26 from 9-10:30 AM
- Our next update on the FPC's work will be in April.

FINANCE

I. Budget Planning Calendar 2026-2027 Update

Chief Financial Officer, Gary Browning gave an overview of the budget planning calendar for 2026-2027 and explained how the budget planning timeline will change based on the change in fiscal year to begin July 1, 2026.

STUDENT SERVICES

I. Results Driven Accountability Report (RDA) 2024-2025 Update

Chief Student Services Officer, Joe Gordy presented an update on 2025 Results Driven Accountability Overview. Results-Driven Accountability (RDA), is an accountability system used by the Texas Education Agency to monitor how school districts serve students with special education needs.

RDA is designed to emphasize both **student outcomes** and **compliance**, ensuring that students with disabilities receive high-quality instruction and support. Its primary purpose is to help districts:

- Improve results for students with disabilities,
- Identify strengths and areas in need of improvement, and
- Guide the planning and implementation of strategies that close performance gaps.

By focusing on both compliance and outcomes, RDA supports districts in building systems that are not only legally sound but also centered on equitable opportunities and meaningful results for students.

II. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LOCAL POLICY UPDATES (POLICY CE LOCAL, POLICY EI LOCAL, AND POLICY EIC LOCAL)

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 6 to 0 for the Approval of Local Policy Updates (Policy CE Local, Policy EI Local, and Policy EIC Local). The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy voting in favor.

ACADEMICS

I. Graham ISD Teacher Incentive Allotment Update

Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Janel Madeley presented an Update on the Teacher Incentive Allotment Program in Graham ISD. The Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) is built for Texas school districts to designate and reward top-performing teachers. Teachers can earn one of three levels of designation – Recognized, Exemplary, or Master. The Board of Trustees will receive an update on TIA implementation in Graham ISD.

II. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION OF PROVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 for the Approval of Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials for the 26-27 School Year. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy voting in favor.

HUMAN RESOURCES

I. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE GRAHAM ISD 2026-2027 CALENDAR

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 5 to 1 for the Approval of the Graham ISD 2026-2027 Calendar. The motion passed with Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy voted in favor and John Brown opposed.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Minutes of Regular Session held on February 11, 2026
- II. Consider Approval of Donation to Construct Long Jump Pit
- III. Financial Information
 - A. Cash & Investment Report
 - B. Enrollment Report
 - C. District Financial Summary Report

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates, carried 6 to 0 for the Approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy voting in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:41 p.m. under the Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

Closed 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, Deployment or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices Gov't Code 551.076, and Employment, Retirement, Resignation & Discussion of Personnel, Gov't Code 551.074, Consultation with Attorney Gov't Code 551.071

- A. Real Property
To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person (Texas Government Code 551.072)
- B. Personnel
To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including Board members, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee (Texas Government Code 551.074)
- C. Consultation with Attorney
To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including Board Members, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, including mid-contract termination of probationary contract employee. (Texas Government Code 551.074)
- D. Security Devices or Security Audits
To deliberate the development, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel devices or a security audit (Texas Government Code 551.076)

Reconvene in Open Session to take any necessary action on items discussed in Closed Session to discuss Employment, Retirement, Resignation & Discussion of Personnel, Gov't Code 551.074 and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, Gov't Code 555.072 or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, Gov't Code 551.076, Consultation with Attorney Gov't Code 551.071

ACTION ITEM OPEN SESSION

HUMAN RESOURCES

- I. Personnel Report

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Lauren Mahaney , seconded by Brandon Joy carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy voting in favor.

APPROVED

Chris Blanton, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

Dr. Brandon Bates, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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