

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Graham ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Graham ISD Board of Trustees was held Wednesday, June 3, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the GRAHAM LEARNING CENTER, 701 TENNESSEE ST. 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: Chris Blanton, Lauren Mahaney, Jason Smith, Dr. Brandon Bates, Kristina Pettus, John Brown arrived at 6:02 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brandon Joy

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

VISITORS: Gina Beauchamp, JV Sanders, Christine Sanders, Jerry Sanders, Julie Thannum, CESO Communications, Bowie Franks, Cumming Group Gallagher, Paige Sharpe, Leslie Holstead, Jamie Jones, Brylee Jones, Ellen Morris, Erika Schmidt, Kimberly Shaffer, Amanda Schupbach, Gordon Grubbs, Aracely Ginn, and a multitude of family and friends of the students receiving awards.

RECOGNITION

Student Recognition:

FFA State

Hadley Trammell- Star Greenhand in Entrepreneurship & 5th Place in Area IV-Junior Prepared Speaking

Jerry Sanders- Star Chapter in AG Business

UIL State Spelling and Vocabulary- 10th Place in State

Ryder Calhoun

Young Writers-Authors: Junior High

Jose Aguirre	Emmarie Huffman	Hadley Trammell
Brody Anderle	Magnolia Huffman	Sloane Van Winkle
Knox Andrews	Emma Hufstedler	Guadalupe Anaya
Collier Bennett	Nicolas Hull	Adelyin Brown
Zayden Bronfield	Cody Hutson	Lauren Buckley
Jackson Budarf	Brylee Jones	Ryley Cook
Kelly Bundrick	Peyton Kramer	Bentley Dulany
Calder Campbell	Braden Lamb	Emma Gardner
Cadence Carpenter	Dennis Ligon	Jaistyn Gill
Candace Claybourn	Owen Lopez	Colt Graham
Nicholas Eckhardt	Marcus Marin	Anna Green
Emmalynne Edgar	Roselyn Ortiz	Natalie Ibarra
Lillian Ford	Nathaniel Pena	Vanessa Ibarra
Antony Fuentes	Noah Pinkston	Lotus Jensrud
Walter Gardiner	Zachary Podgorski	Madelyn Kramer
Gavin Gaton	Eric Ramirez	Gabriel Lucio
Mia Ginn	Abbigail Rios	Benjamin McElreath
Myles Graves	Casen Rogers	Kyleigh Mills
Molly Guinn	Caitlyn Sams	Itali Rivera
John Harris	Jayden Sanchez	Destiny Salas
Dylan Heathcoat	Jonathan Sanchez	Jonah Sharpe
Claudia Hernandez	Noemi Sarinana	Marcos Suarez
Xavier Hernandez	Alden Shields	Lucia Wallen
Grace Homan	Willa Stephen	
Hayden Hudson	Brock Teague	

GHS Cheer- Champion Cheer Routine and Reserve Champion for Gameday Routine

Trina Anderson	Ella Andrade	Emma Hufstedler
Stella Burkett	Rylee Besack	Kate Hufstedler
Emerson Curd	Maddi Bishop	Taylan Locker
Paizley Davis	Lillian Deal	Bayleigh McGee
Mia Ginn	Lexi Enns	Ella Pettus
Brooklyn Moore	Aiyana Gedeon	Sloane Van Winkle
Brinley Parker	Jaistyn Gill	
Willa Stephens	Emma Hamm	

Facility Planning Subcommittee Recognition

Dr. Johnston thanked the Facility Planning Committee and presented them with a thank you gift.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Amanda Schubach addressed the Board regarding homeschool participation in UIL activities.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Facility Planning Subcommittee Presentation- co-chairs Courtney Bennett and Matt Rader presented the Facility Planning Recommendations to the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

I. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT 2026-2027 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates, carried 6 to 0 for the approval of the draft 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, and Kristina Pettus voted in favor.

HUMAN RESOURCES

I. Review of Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Report

The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is established under Section 28.004 of the Texas Education Code. The council is tasked with ensuring that local community values are reflected in our district’s health education instruction and helps parents and community stakeholders reinforce the knowledge and skills children need to stay healthy for a lifetime. Mr. Loomis shared the yearly SHAC Report Update with the Board.

II. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED GISD DISTRICT OF INNOVATION (DOI) PLAN

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 for the approval of the amended GISD District of Innovation (DOI) Plan. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, and Kristina Pettus voted in favor.

STUDENT SERVICES

I. Public Notice of Graham ISD’s Intent to Apply for the 2026–2027 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Grant Through the Texas Education Agency

Notice is hereby given that Graham ISD will provide public notice of its intent to apply for the 2026–2027 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Grant through the Texas Education Agency.

In accordance with federal requirements, districts are required to “provide reasonable opportunity for public comment” prior to applying for federal funding each year.

Notice of intent to apply for the Every Student Succeeds Act Federal Grant through the TEA provided on May 20, 2026. Public comment has been available from May 20 - June 2, 2026.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the District’s intent to submit an ESSA Federal Grant application and to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to review and submit comments. All timely feedback received will be considered as part of the application process prior to submission.

II. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISION TO POLICY FD (LOCAL)**

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 for the approval of the revision to Policy FD (Local). The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, and Kristina Pettus voted in favor.

III. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISION TO POLICY FM (LOCAL)**

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 for the approval of the revision to Policy FM (Local). The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, and Kristina Pettus voted in favor.

IV. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISION TO POLICY DEC (LOCAL)**

There was no action taken, there will be further discussion on this revision.

V. **CONSIDER APPROVAL TO GRANT THE SUPERINTENDENT THE AUTHORITY TO HIRE AND ISSUE CONTRACTS TO ALL CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL FROM JUNE 4, 2026 TO AUGUST 11, 2026 GISD POLICY DC (LOCAL) POLICY DC (LOCAL)**

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Kristina Pettus, carried 6 to 0 for the approval to grant the Superintendent the authority to hire and issue contracts to all contractual personnel from June 4, 2026 to August 11, 2026 GISD Policy DC (LOCAL) Policy DC (LOCAL). The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith and Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

FINANCE

I. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CALCULATED MEAL PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 6 to 0 for the approval of the calculated meal price adjustment to the federal meal price calculator at \$3.95 for the 2026-2027 school year. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith and Kristina Pettus voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Lauren Mahaney, carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting into Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith and Kristina Pettus voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING 2025-2026 BUDGET & TAX RATE

I. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 2026-2027 GRAHAM ISD BUDGET

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 for the adoption of the 2026-2027 Graham ISD Budget. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith and Kristina Pettus voted in favor.

There were no public comments.

President Chris Blanton reopened the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Minutes of Special Session held on April 22, 2026- Amended Minutes
- II. Minutes of Regular Session held on May 13, 2026
- III. Consider Approval of a Budget Amendment for the 2025-2026 Budget Year
- IV. Financial Information
 - A. Cash & Investment Report
 - B. 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 and Kristina Pettus voted in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:44 p.m. under the Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:36 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)

HUMAN RESOURCES

- I. Personnel Report
- II. Consider Approval of Recommendations for Administrative Positions

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. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

A motion by Lauren Mahaney, seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates, carried 5 to 0 for the approval of recommendations for administrative positions as discussed. The motion passed with Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith and Kristina Pettus voted in favor and 1 abstained vote from John Brown.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED

Chris Blanton, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

Dr. Brandon Bates, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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