

**GRAPELAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**P.O. BOX 249**  
**GRAPELAND, TEXAS 75844-0249**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 9, 2023

On Monday, January 9, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Grapeland Independent School District met in regular session at 6:00PM.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Brad Spisak.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brad Spisak, President  
Ryan Richie, Vice President  
James Martin, Member  
Mitchell Huff, Member  
Chance Huff, Member  
Timothy Howard, Sr., Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Allen Cheatham, Secretary

ADMINISTRATION

Don Jackson, Superintendent  
Julie Martin, Business Manager  
Kristi Bell, Director of Instruction  
Cassie Satterwhite, Elementary Principal  
Channin Spisak, Junior High Principal

FACULTY

VISITOR(S)

Ann Dixon  
Paige Kyle  
Blake Henshaw  
Joe Dan Lee

PRAYER LED BY

Mitchell Huff, Member

PLEDGE LED BY

Brad Spisak, Board President

The Board Members were recognized for Board Appreciation Month.

Brad Spisak, Board President opened the meeting with anyone wishing to speak in public forum.

There were none.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:14PM.

The Board reconvened back into Regular Session 6:59PM.

Motion made by James Martin, seconded by Timothy Howard, Sr., to approve Consent Agenda Items: Motion Passed.

- (a) Approval of Financial Report
- (b) Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2022
- (c) Minutes from the Special Called Meeting of December 16, 2022

Ayes: 6  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 1 – Allen Cheatham  
Abstain: 0

Don Jackson, Superintendent, gave the Superintendent Report. Items discussed:

- a) Next Regular Meeting – Monday, February 13, 2023
- b) Maintenance Update

Presentation by Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Kyle & Robinson, P.C. for Superintendent search firm.  
Presentation by TASB, Inc. for Superintendent search firm.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:38PM.  
The Board reconvened back into Regular Session 7:57PM.

Motion made by James Martin, seconded by Mitchell Huff to approve Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Kyle & Robinson, P.C. as the firm for the Superintendent search. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 1 – Allen Cheatham  
Abstain: 0

Kristi Bell, Director of Instruction, presented the district TAPR Report.

Presentation of information gathered in research of a four-day week being implemented at Grapeland ISD postponed to special called meeting.

Motion made by James Martin, seconded by Ryan Richie to approve the call for a Board election for May 6, 2023 from 7AM-7PM at the Grapeland ISD Secondary Library. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 1 – Allen Cheatham  
Abstain: 0

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:16PM.  
The Board reconvened back into Regular Session 9:00PM.

Motion made by Mitchell Huff, seconded by James Martin to grant Board authorization to the Board President and legal counsel to finalize terms of the Superintendent transition as discussed in closed meeting. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 1 – Allen Cheatham  
Abstain: 0

Motion made by Ryan Richie, seconded by James Martin to adjourn the meeting at 9:08PM.  
Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 1 – Allen Cheatham

Abstain: 0

Board Secretary:     *Alle CDH*    

Board President:     *Burt H*