

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2022

On Monday, August 15, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Grapeland Independent School District met in regular session at 7:00PM.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brad Spisak, President
Josh Goolsby, Vice President
Allen Cheatham, Secretary
James Martin, Member
Ryan Richie, Member
Timothy Howard, Sr., Member
Chance Huff, Member @ 8:40PM

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATION

Don Jackson, Superintendent
Julie Martin, Business Manager
Kristi Bell, Director of Instruction

FACULTY

Chelsie Forrest
Judith Currie
Moises Santos

VISITOR(S)

Greg Ritchie
James Guest
Carey Minter
Kathy Harris
Sherri Kendrick

PRAYER LED BY

Brad Spisak, President

PLEDGE LED BY

Josh Goolsby, Vice President

Julie Martin, Business Manager, presented a budget workshop.

Motion made by Allen Cheatham, seconded by Josh Goolsby to approve a proposed tax rate of \$0.8546 for the Maintenance and Operations and \$0.1550 for the Interest and Sinking. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 0 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Motion made by James Martin, seconded by Ryan Richie to approve the district investment policy as presented. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

James Guest, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLC, gave a presentation on the delinquent tax collections.

Motion made by Allen Cheatham, seconded by Ryan Richie to approve a resale resolution permitting the sale of struck off properties at a public sheriff sale as per Texas Property Code section 34.05. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

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

Chelsie Forrest spoke on concerns with the employee dress code.

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

- a) Professional Development Week
- b) Safety Committee Meeting
- c) Facility Updates
- d) Elementary school supply donations
- e) Next Regular Board Meeting – September 19, 2022

Kristi Bell gave an update on the district's accountability ratings.

Leslie Hooe gave a presentation about the Teacher Incentive Allotment.

Motion made by James Martin, seconded by Josh Goolsby to approve the student athletic insurance as presented. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Discussion and possible action to approve the substitute teacher list was tabled.

Motion made by James Martin, seconded by Allen Cheatham to approve the transfer student list as presented. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Motion made by James Martin, seconded by Allen Cheatham to approve the 2022-2023 employee handbook. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Motion made by Josh Goolsby, seconded by Allen Cheatham to approve the district's insurance policy as presented. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Motion made by James Martin, seconded by Ryan Richie to approve TASB policy manual update 119 as presented. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Motion made by Timothy Howard, Sr., seconded by Josh Goolsby to approve the 2022-2023 TTESS appraisal timeline as presented. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Motion made by Josh Goolsby, seconded by James Martin to approve the continuance of resolution regarding extra-curricular status of 4-H Organization and the adjunct faculty with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension and Grapeland Youth Basketball. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Motion made by Josh Goolsby, seconded by Ryan Richie to approve a resolution for the continuance of Grapeland ISD's District of Innovation status. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Motion made by Allen Cheatham, seconded by Ryan Richie to approve the 2022-2023 District of Innovation planning committee as revised. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Motion made by James Martin, seconded by Ryan Richie to approve a resolution to implement GASB 87 which establishes that our leases cannot exceed \$50,000. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Discussion and review of the grounds keeping contract.

Motion made by Allen Cheatham, seconded by James Martin, to approve Consent Agenda Items:
Motion Passed.

- (a) Approval of Financial Report
- (b) Minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2022 with corrections

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

Motion made by Josh Goolsby, seconded by Allen Cheatham to approve Brandon Bridges as the representative to the Houston County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 – Chance Huff
Abstain: 0

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:40PM.
The Board reconvened back into Regular at 9:55PM.

Motion made by Ryan Richie, seconded by Chance Huff to approve the hiring of Janet Duhon as district nurse and Kathy Marlowe as teacher under a probationary contract. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion made by Allen Cheatham, seconded by Ryan Richie to approve the resignation of Gary Graham. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion made by Allen Cheatham, seconded by Josh Goolsby to approve the 2022-2023 substitute teacher list as amended. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion made by Ryan Richie, seconded by Josh Goolsby to adjourn the meeting at 9:57PM.
Motion Passed.

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Board Secretary:

Board President: