

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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
March 28, 2022**

On Monday, March 28, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Grapeland Independent School District met in regular session at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, James Martin.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Martin, President  
Brad Spisak, Vice President  
Kendra Huff, Secretary  
Allen Cheatham, Member  
Ryan Richie, Member  
Josh Goolsby, Member  
Melissa Cobb, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Don Jackson, Superintendent  
Julie Martin, Business Manager  
Kristi Bell, Director of Special Programs  
Jordan Wood, Athletic Director  
Katie Doughty, Secondary Principal  
Cassie Satterwhite, Elementary Principal  
Christie Hill, ELC Director

**FACULTY**

Jocelyn Santos  
Moises Santos  
Woodrow Jones, Sr.  
Darlene Jackson  
Kristy Word

**VISITOR(S)**

Jeanine Goolsby  
Kimberly Bolden  
Tim Howard  
Amanda Hobson  
Shelley Carlson  
Steven Milburn  
Ellen Owens  
Evelyn Harville  
Will Johnson – The Messenger

**PRAYER LED BY**

James Martin, Board President

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:01PM.

The Board reconvened back into Regular Session 6:38PM.

**PLEDGE LED BY**

Ryan Richie, Member

James Martin, Board President opened the meeting with anyone wishing to speak in public forum.

Evelyn Harville spoke about bullying, mental health of students and the need for counselors.

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

- a) Next Regular Meeting – Monday, April 25, 2022
- b) March District Highlights

Katie Doughty, Secondary Principal, gave an update on the Junior-Senior prom.

Cassie Satterwhite, Elementary Principal, gave an update on elementary activities.

Discussion and possible approval of the district calendar for the 2022-2023 school year was postponed to the next meeting.

Discussion and possible action on the report of facility improvement initiatives was postponed to the next meeting.

Motion made by Brad Spisak, seconded by Kendra Huff to approve quarterly investment report as presented. Motion Passed.

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

Motion made by Kendra Huff, seconded by Josh Goolsby to approve the retainer for the school district attorneys – Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Kyle & Robinson, P.C. Motion Passed.

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

Motion made by Allen Cheatham, seconded by Brad Spisak to approve Belt, Harris, Pechacek, LLLP as school district financial auditors for FY2022. Motion Passed.

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

Motion made by Kendra Huff, seconded by Ryan Richie to approve an amended interlocal participation agreement with TASB Risk Management Fund. Motion Passed.

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

Motion made by Allen Cheatham, seconded by Brad Spisak to approve Consent Agenda Items: Motion Passed.

- (a) Approval of Financial Report
- (b) Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2022

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:35PM.  
The Board reconvened back into Regular Session 9:36PM.

No action taken on the Level III Parent Grievance.

Motion made by Allen Cheatham, seconded by Josh Goolsby to uphold the Level 1 grievance response and dismiss all claims added after the Level 1 conference as untimely. Motion Passed.

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

Motion made by Brad Spisak, seconded by Ryan Richie to approve delegating hiring authority to employ classroom teachers on a probationary contract to the superintendent from March 29, 2022 through July 31, 2022. The superintendent shall inform the board of any prospective hires before exercising this authority. Motion Passed.

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

Motion made by Allen Cheatham, seconded by Kendra Huff to accept the resignations of Laynnie Carnell, Jana Nealy, Sherri Kendrick, Blake Doughty, Katie Doughty, and Elizabeth Conner. Motion Passed.

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

Motion made by Josh Goolsby, seconded by Kendra Huff to approve the hiring of Zeke Green on a probationary contract. Motion Passed.

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

Motion made by Brad Spisak, seconded by Kendra Huff to approve the hiring of Karleigh Stanaland on a probationary contract. Motion Passed.

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

Motion made by Josh Goolsby, seconded by Allen Cheatham to approve the hiring of Channin Spisak on a 2-year administrator contract. Motion Passed.

Ayes: 6  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstain: 1 – Brad Spisak

Motion made by Ryan Richie, seconded by Josh Goolsby to adjourn the meeting at 9:41PM. Motion Passed.

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

Board Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Board President: \_\_\_\_\_