

GRAPEVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT #54  
822 E Mason Benson Rd  
Grapeview, WA 98546

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 28, 2026**

- I. **Regular Meeting Call to Order:** Board Chair, Edrie Price, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
- II. **Pledge:** Board Chair, Edrie Price, led the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. **Roll Call: Present:** Les Okonek, Edrie Price, Wes Martin, Lance Harpel, Tom Anderson

**Staff Members Present:** Superintendent, Gerry Grubbs; Principal, Cindy Breeze; Director of Finance and Operations, Andrea Cooper; Fiscal Coordinator, Brittany Masino; and Administrative Secretary, Kimberly deSoto recording minutes

- IV. **Approve Agenda:** Edrie Price addressed change in order of presentation, section VII Student Recognition. Wes Martin moved to accept the order and Tom Anderson recognized. Tom Anderson moved to approve agenda items, Wes Martin seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous vote
- V. **Recognition of Visitors:** Board Chair, Edrie Price, welcomed family members of students being recognized
- VI. **Public Comment**
  - a. None
- VII. **Student Recognition**
  - a. Student Recognition – Gabriel Olson – 5th Grade Student – Madison O’Connell: On behalf of Mr. Olson, Ms. Andrea Goddard presented Student of the Month to Madison O’Connell
  - b. Student Recognition – Katie Walter – 1st Grade Student – Bodie Duker: Mrs. Katie Walter presented the Student of the Month Award to Bodie Duker.

**Staff Presentation**

- a. Superintendent, Mr. Gerry Grubbs, introduced Kimberly deSoto, Administrative Secretary
- b. Superintendent, Mr. Gerry Grubbs, announced Board Appreciation

**VIII. Announcements and Recognition:**

- a. January 30, 2026 @1:30pm – Character Strong Assembly
- b. February 16 – 18, 2026 – No School – Mid-Winter Break
- c. February 18, 2026 – No School – Staff Professional Development Day
- d. February 25, 2026 – Next Board Meeting

- IX. **Consent Agenda:** Wes Martin moved; seconded by Les Okonek to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
  - a. December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
  - b. Voucher Approval

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| General Fund Accounts Payable Vouchers | 41124-41148                    | \$46,376.23    |
| General Fund Payroll                   | 900006953-6998/120041101-41103 | \$317,539.99   |
| ASB                                    | 572-572                        | \$696.11       |
| Capital Projects                       | 881-881                        | \$ \$15,239.61 |

- c. Approve donation from Grapeview Community Association - \$500 – Arts Department
- d. Approve Donation – Louise Okonek - \$250 – Arts Department
- e. Approve Hiring – Administrative Secretary – Kimberly deSoto – Effective January 20, 2026

**X. Principal and Superintendent Reports**

Superintendent Report: Superintendent, Gerry Grubbs provided information on the following:

- Character Strong Assembly
- Department of Retirement Services
- Interviewed for Seattle Times
- Rural Ed
- Legislative Session
- E-Rate System
- McKinney Vento services
- Safety Net

Principal Report: Principal, Cindy Breeze provided information on the following:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade field trip to the State Capitol in Olympia
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to the symphony
- Beauty & the Beast
- Lunch with Loved Ones event for Valentines, February 13, 2026
- Tony Coppinger, Maintenance Lead, Hands on Skill time Mondays for 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Character Strong, student led assembly, Friday at 1:40
- Mason County Commissioner
- Parent Square onboarding, training on February 18, 2026
- Curriculum update
- Mid-Year testing/assessments, Hi-Cap testing, Dyslexia screening
- Kid's Heart Challenge, February 13, 2026

**XI. Operational Services:**

- a. Budget/Operational Status Report: Director of Finance and Operations, Andrea Cooper, presented the monthly financial update

**XII. New Business and/or Action Items:**

- a. Approve Superintendent Mid-year Evaluation: Wes Martin moved to approve the Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation. Les Okonek moved for discussion to table the motion. A vote was held to table the evaluation. Motion failed by unanimous vote.

**XIII. Old Business and/or Action Items:**

- a. Legislative Update: Tom Anderson gave the Legislative Update

**XIV. Policy: First Readings were held on the following policy:**

- a. First Reading and review of Policy 2170 – Career and Technical Education

**Policy Approval:** Approvals were made to the following policies:

- b. Approve- Policy-1005 – Key Functions of the Board: Tom Anderson moved, seconded by Les Okonek to approve Policy 1005 – Key Functions of the Board. Motion carried by unanimous vote
- c. Approve- Policy 1210 – Annual Organization Meeting: Wes Martin moved, seconded by Tom Anderson to approve- Policy 1210 – Annual Organization Meeting Motion carried by unanimous vote
- d. Approve- Policy 5000 – Recruitment, Selection, and Evaluation of Staff: Tom Anderson moved, seconded by Les Okonek to approved Policy 5000 – Recruitment, Selection, and Evaluation of Staff. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**XV. Future Agenda Items:**

**a. February Board Meeting**

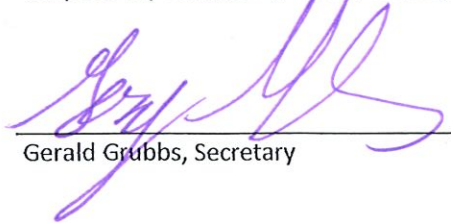
- Meeting scheduled for February 25, 2026
- Mid-year data presentation

**XVI. Board/Superintendent Reflections/Comments:** Board members shared how pleased they were with the Beauty and the Beast play, positive budget report, student recognition, school systems and dedicated teachers.

**XVII. Executive Session:** Board members were released to executive session at 6:49pm where discussion concerning Superintendent, Gerry Grubbs, mid-year evaluation took place.

**XVIII. Adjournment:** Board Chair, Edrie Price adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gerald Grubbs, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

  
Gerald Grubbs, Secretary  
Edrie Price, Board Chair