

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Groveton Independent School District  
July 28, 2025

Meeting called to order by the president, Steve Ecord.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Ecord- President  
Jason Due-Vice Pres.  
Sam Shanafelt-Secretary  
Steven Lee  
Anthony Lowery

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kurt Minter  
Robyn Watts

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rebecca Huff	Krystle Page	Terry Miller	Saul Chavez
Todd Moore	Connie Due	Pedro Chavez	Jennifer Thornton
Kimberly Chavez	Archie Smith		

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| 1. | Prayer by Jim Dillard   | Prayer                          |
| 2. | Motion by Steven Lee, seconded by Anthony Lowery, to approve minutes from previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.   | Minutes                         |
| 3. | Motion by Steven Lee, seconded by Jason Due, to approve the bills, payroll and budget expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.   | Bills, Payroll<br>& Budget Exp. |
| 4. | Motion by Anthony Lowery, seconded by Sam Shanafelt, to approve the depository contract for Groveton ISD. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Jason Due abstaining from vote.                 | Dep. Contract                   |
| 5. | Motion by Jason Due, seconded by Steven Lee, to approve the property and casualty insurance for the 25-26 school year. Motion carried unanimously.                                  | Ins.                            |
| 6. | Motion by Sam Shanafelt, seconded by Anthony Lowery, to approve the contract agreement with the TCSO to hire security guards for the 25-26 school year. Motion carried unanimously. | Security Guards                 |
| 7. | Motion by Anthony Lowery, seconded by Jason Due, to approve the 25-26 District Needs Assessment/Improvement Plans. Motion carried unanimously.                                      | District Plan                   |
| 8. | Motion by Jason Due, seconded by Anthony Lowery, to approve the 25-26 Campus Needs Assessment/Improvement Plans. Motion by unanimously.   | Campus Plan                     |

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| 9.  | Motion by Sam Shanafelt, seconded by Anthony Lowery, to approve policy aligned with Senate Bill 401 to opt out of allowing non-enrolled UIL participants. Motion carried unanimously. | Senate Bill 401    |
| 10. | Motion by Steven Lee, seconded by Jason Due to approve electronic device policy aligned with House Bill 1481. Motion unanimously.   | House Bill 1481    |
| 11. | Motion by Steven Lee, seconded by Jason Due, to approve the 25-26 student handbook. Motion carried unanimously.   | Student Handbook   |
| 12. | Motion by Sam Shanafelt, seconded by Steven Lee, to approve new cell phone policy for district employees. Motion carried unanimously.   | Phone Policy       |
| 13. | Motion by Anthony Lowery, seconded by Sam Shanafelt, to approve the 25-26 employee handbook. Motion carried unanimously.  | Empl. Handbook     |
| 14. | Motion by Steven Lee, seconded by Jason Due, to set the date to approve the proposed budget and tax rate for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried unanimously.                   | Tax Rate           |
| 15. | Motion by Anthony Lowery, seconded by Sam Shanafelt, to approve changes to the local salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.   | Local Salary Scale |
| 16. | The board went into closed session at 8:10 p.m. under the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Gov. 551.074 to discuss personnel and reconvened at 8:45 p.m. and took the following actions. | Closed Session     |
| 17. | Motion by Jason Due, seconded by Sam Shanafelt, to approve hiring Leland Moore for HS teaching position. Motion carried unanimously.  | Hire               |
| 18. | Motion by Steven Lee, seconded by Anthony Lowery, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.   | Adjourn            |

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President

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Secretary