SUPERINTENDENT'S

REPORT ON THE JANUARY, 2026 BOARD MEETING

Grandview R-II

Regular January Board Meeting Minutes (01/15/2026) - https://aptg.co/SNX6sY

Summer School Curriculum Update



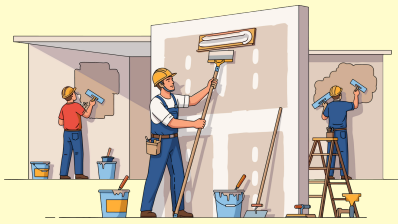
Every year at this time, we secure our elementary summer school curriculum so teachers and staff can plan ahead for summer learning. For Summer 2026, our elementary program will use Accelerate Education, an engaging online curriculum that provides interactive lessons in core subjects like reading, writing, math, science, and social studies for students in grades K–5. This standards-aligned program offers flexible, self-paced activities designed to help students review key skills, close learning gaps, and stay ready for the next school year.

Student Advisor Joins Grandview R-II School Board

Superintendent Matt Zoph introduced Grandview R-II's new student advisor to the School Board, Ellie Kutrip. Ellie shared a little about herself and is excited to serve in this new role.



Elementary Bathroom Remodels Approved

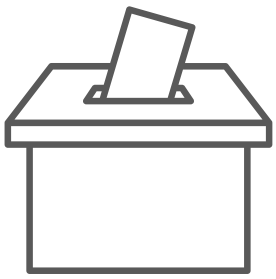


The Board of Education has approved funding for the remodel of four elementary school bathrooms, with a total budget of up to $400,000. This project will improve accessibility, safety, and functionality for students and staff. Funding for the updates comes from the Project Safe Eagles bond issue, which supports facility improvements across the district.

Board Candidate Update

The Grandview R-II School District Board of Education election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.
We're pleased to share the list of candidates who have filed for the upcoming board seats:
Candidates for the 3-year seat are:

- Steve Kuczka (Incumbent)
- Mike Mayberry
- Abe Eoff
- Corey Powell



Candidates for the 1-year seat are:

- Justin Verhaeg
- Tommy Haun
- Tim Brown

Thank you to each candidate for their willingness to serve the students, staff, and families of Eagle Nation.

Board Policy Updates

Policy 6180 was updated to name the District's English Language Learner (ELL) Director as the District's ELL Implementor; this role is currently filled by Crystal Eoff.

New Staff Hired January 2026

Name	Position	Education Level	Step	Salary
Tiffany Fairless	Sped Para	N/A	1	$9,875.52 (Rest of school year

ASVAB Test Given

High school juniors participated in the ASVAB this week, a test that helps them better understand their academic strengths and potential career interests, including—but not limited to—military options. Their score reports will be used by school counselors to help students explore future coursework, training programs, and possible career pathways based on areas where they show the most aptitude.

UFLi Literacy Training Boosts PD Day

During the PD day, elementary teachers participated in UFLi literacy training from the University of Florida Literacy Institute, gaining hands-on expertise in evidence-based reading instruction.

UFLi Foundations, the core of this training, delivers explicit phonics lessons for K-2 students, covering phonemic awareness, decoding, fluency, and comprehension through structured, repeatable routines. Teachers receive ready-to-use slide decks, lesson plans, and drills for whole-class or small-group settings.

Beginning of Second Semesters Hit Different

The second semester is off to a solid start. This is a strange time of year as our faculty, staff, and administration prepare students for the upcoming state assessments while also planning for next year, including course scheduling, potential staffing adjustments, and curriculum revisions.