

GRAYSON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION SSA
MINUTES

September 17, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order by Jeff Russell at 10:32 a.m. The meeting was held at Howe Administration office located at 105 W. Tutt St., Howe, TX 75459.
2. Members Present: Josh Weger (Bells), Matt Davenport (Collinsville), Josh Barton (Gunter), Kevin Wilson (Howe), Jeff Russell (S&S), Steve Goodman (Tom Bean), Josh Ballinger (Tioga), Ryan Harper (Whitesboro), and Brian Garner (Whitewright).
2. Guests- No guests were present.
3. Minutes from the August 20, 2025 board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Kevin Wilson and seconded by Josh Weger. The motion passed 8-0.
4. Director's Report
 - Ms. Russell reviewed Co-op classroom updates for the 2025-26 school year. There has been an increase in homeschool numbers, and changes to how students are coded in peims will be relayed to the districts.
 - TEA Back to School updates were reviewed.
 - The SMRT on-site visits were discussed and the scheduled visits were reviewed. District meetings will be combined for efficiency.
 - CCMR Accountability and Outcomes Bonuses were reviewed and the process will be streamlined to ensure that the peims clerks are aware of the correct graduation code.
 - The Self-Assessment window is due on 9/26/25.
 - Ms. Russell gave an update on substitutes for the Co-op. Since we have accessed the substitutes in each district, we have had over 10 people sign up to sub.
5. Donations

Ellis Auto has proposed a donation of \$1,500 for labor to Grayson County Co-op, and Bob Utter proposed a donation of \$2,000. A motion was made by Matt Davenport to accept the donations, and seconded by Steve Goodman. The motion passed 9-0.
6. Budget

The monthly budget was reviewed. A motion was made by Ryan Harper and seconded by Matt Davenport To approve the monthly budget. The motion passed 9-0.
7. Personnel

Renee Chote, current business manager for Grayson County SSA, informed the board that she would not be returning as the business manager, and is looking to step down from that role. The board will have further discussions about next steps in the future.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

