

**CITY OF GRAHAM  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016  
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Graham met in special session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2016, in the Graham Middle School Auditorium located at 11 East Pine Street Graham.

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Jerry Peterman  
Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Linens  
Council Member Griffin McClure  
Council Member Chip Turner  
Council Member Lee Kimrey

**Also Present:**

Frankie Maness, City Manager  
Darcy Sperry, City Clerk

Leaders from the Graham Public Schools and the Alamance County community took part in a Community Forum on Education beginning at 6:00 p.m. In addition to giving a brief introduction of himself, Mayor Jerry Peterman introduced those individuals serving on the evening's panel:

- Jerry Peterman – Mayor, City of Graham
- Griffin McClure - Council Member, City of Graham
- Tracy Grayzer – President, Impact Alamance
- Heidi Norwick – President, United Way of Alamance County
- Nancy Cothren – Principal, North Graham Elementary
- Elizabeth Price – Principal, South Graham Elementary
- Patrick Hosey – Principal, Graham Middle School
- Charlotte Holmes – Principal, Graham High School
- Dr. William Harrison – Superintendent, Alamance Burlington School System
- Steve Van Pelt – Chair, Alamance Burlington School Board

Each member of the panel gave an overview of what their organization or school has done, is currently doing and plans to do to promote education. In addition to hearing of the many positive programs throughout the district, panel members unanimously identified the need for volunteers and parental involvement in our school. Concerns voiced by panel members revolved around staffing levels, poverty levels and transiency throughout Graham Schools.

The following members of the audience voiced their concerns and/or support for the proposed redistricting plans recently submitted to the Alamance Burlington School Board:

Janice McSherry  
Patty Williams  
Jay Martin

Jeanette Beaudry  
Yolanda Strickland  
Denise Heckman

Angela Hamlett

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Darcy Sperry, City Clerk