

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item
February 23, 2026

Item: Recognitions

Contact Person: Christine Parks

Presented for: Action Report Only

Supporting Documents: None Attached Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Goal 2: Ensure exceptional learning experiences for each and every student.

Goal 4: Develop a district-wide culture of value, support, and growth amongst all students and staff.

Background Information:

Student Pledges – Southwest Elementary School

This evening, the pledges were led by second grader Rosebud Block and third grader Ian Block from Southwest Elementary School.

Rosebud says her favorite subject is art, where she enjoys drawing and creating crafts. Outside of school, she loves spending time being creative. Her friends describe her as a good friend who is helpful (especially when she's not talking), dependable, someone they can rely on, and they also say she has pretty hair.

Ian shared that his favorite subject is math. Outside of school, he enjoys playing video games, including Jurassic World. His friends will tell you that he is one smart guy and always helpful.

Student Showcase – Lake Belton High School Automotive

Tonight's student showcase featured Lake Belton High School automotive students, who shared an overview of the campus automotive technology program and the hands-on learning experiences that will prepare them for careers in the skilled trades.

Through coursework and real-world application, students develop technical skills in vehicle maintenance, diagnostics and repair while building problem-solving, teamwork and workplace readiness skills.

These students are supported by their automotive teacher, Brent Sharp.

Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band

Belton ISD is proud to recognize Lake Belton High School student Adam Namkung, who was selected as a member of the Texas Music Educators Association 5A All-State Band, the highest honor a high school musician can achieve.

Adam advanced through three rounds of auditions and attended an All-State clinic and concert with the top student musicians in Texas on February 14 in San Antonio.

Congratulations to Adam and his instructor, Bobby Yerigan, on this outstanding achievement.

Texas Music Educators Association All-State Choir

Belton ISD is proud to recognize five students from Belton High School and Lake Belton High School who were selected for the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Choir, the highest honor a high school vocalist can achieve.

The students advanced through a rigorous, multi-round audition process and attended an All-State clinic and concert with top student musicians across Texas on February 14 in San Antonio.

Congratulations to the students and their choir directors, Terrance Livingston, Tonya Lovorn and Charlotte Wurman.

Texas Music Educators Association All-Region Jazz

Belton ISD is proud to recognize 13 middle school students from Belton Middle and Lake Belton Middle who earned honors through the TMEA All-Region Jazz process.

After two rounds of blind auditions, students were selected for the All-Region Jazz Band, the highest honor for middle school jazz musicians, with additional students earning First Alternate recognition.

They will rehearse with distinguished educators on February 28 and perform in Temple that evening.

We congratulate our students and thank directors Chris Pulley and Grant Shane for their leadership.

Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Football

Belton ISD is proud to recognize 25 student athletes from Belton High School and Lake Belton High School who were named to the Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Football teams.

To earn this distinction, senior student athletes must be in good standing with their team, demonstrate strong character and leadership, maintain an overall GPA of 92 or higher, and meet additional criteria that include class rank and SAT or ACT scores.

Congratulations to these outstanding student athletes for excelling both on the field and in the classroom.

NFF National Academic Excellence Award Finalist

Belton ISD is proud to recognize the Lake Belton High School Broncos varsity football team, comprised of 70 student athletes, for being named a finalist for the National Football Foundation National Academic Excellence Award for the fourth consecutive year.

The Broncos are one of only seven 5A programs in the state to earn this distinction. This award recognizes high school football teams that demonstrate excellence in the classroom, requiring a minimum cumulative team GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Congratulations to the Lake Belton High School Broncos on this outstanding academic achievement.

CTE State Qualifiers

Belton ISD is proud to recognize Career and Technical Education students from across the district who have advanced to state-level competitions. Through strong performance in local and regional events, more than 45 students earned qualification to compete at the state level.

These achievements reflect the rigor of Belton ISD's CTE programs and students' readiness for college, careers and industry pathways.

Business Professionals of America State Qualifiers

Belton ISD is proud to recognize Career and Technical Education students who advanced to the state level through Business Professionals of America competitions.

Students qualified in 24 competitive categories, demonstrating skills in accounting, business, finance, information technology, health, digital media production, and applied computer applications.

These achievements reflect the strength of Belton ISD's CTE programs and students' readiness for college, careers and industry certifications.

Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) State Qualifiers

Belton ISD is proud to recognize health science students who advanced to the state level through Health Occupations Students of America competitions.

Students qualified in 12 competitive categories following strong performances at the area competition in January, demonstrating excellence in content knowledge, clinical skills and professional presentations.

These students will represent Belton ISD at the State HOSA competition in March. Their achievements reflect a commitment to excellence and readiness for careers in the health sciences.

The Journey of a Graduate Milestones Award

Belton ISD is proud to continue the Journey of a Graduate Milestones Award, recognizing middle school students who exemplify the district's core competencies.

This evening, we recognize Thomas "TJ" Davis Jr., a student at North Belton Middle School, for his growth and strong demonstration of the Journey of a Graduate competencies, particularly perseverance.

TJ consistently shows grit and determination in his learning, reflecting Belton ISD's commitment to preparing students for success beyond the classroom.

We are proud to honor TJ with the Journey of a Graduate Milestones Award.

Congressman John Carter Career & Technical Education Award

The Congressional District Texas-31 Career & Technical Education Award, presented by Congressman John Carter, recognizes outstanding high school students who have demonstrated excellence and commitment in Career & Technical Education programs. The award highlights students who have completed rigorous CTE coursework, developed industry-aligned skills, and prepared for high-skill, high-wage careers through real-world learning experiences and career pathways.

For the 2026 recognition, Ethan Curtis was selected to represent Belton ISD, reflecting his dedication, achievement, and career readiness through his CTE pathway. This honor recognizes Ethan's professionalism, technical skill development, and preparation for future success in college, career, and the workforce. Ethan was unable to attend the official recognition ceremony, but his accomplishments proudly represent Belton ISD and the strength of its Career & Technical Education programs.

Temple Rotary Educator of the Month

Belton ISD is proud to recognize Mrs. Gabby Manibusan as the Temple Rotary Club's Educator of the Month for January for her outstanding service to students at James L. Burrell Elementary.

Mrs. Manibusan is a dedicated fourth-grade teacher who creates a structured, supportive classroom where students feel safe, confident and empowered to think critically. She encourages problem-solving, independence and strong academic growth.

Beyond her classroom, she serves as her grade-level team leader, represents her campus in the district science cohort and partners with the Bell County Farm Bureau to bring innovative, hands-on learning opportunities to students. She also supports colleagues by sharing strategies to better serve gifted and talented learners.

Mrs. Manibusan's leadership and commitment to students make her highly deserving of this honor. Belton ISD is proud to celebrate her as the Temple Rotary Educator of the Month.

AP School Honor Roll by College Board

Belton ISD is proud to announce that Belton New Tech @Waskow has been named to the 2025 AP School Honor Roll for the third consecutive year.

This recognition highlights the campus's commitment to expanding access to Advanced Placement courses, strengthening college readiness and fostering a strong college going culture. Congratulations to the dedicated AP teachers whose work made this achievement possible

Department Showcase - Career & Technical Education

This month's department showcase highlights Belton ISD Career and Technical Education, a key part of the district's Career Readiness Department alongside Advanced Academics and MCJROTC.

Through hands-on, real-world learning, CTE prepares students for future careers while providing opportunities to earn industry-recognized certifications. In the past year, 930 students earned 1,116 industry-based certifications.

Belton ISD is recognized as a CTE District of Distinction, reflecting the strength of its programs and the dedication of its educators. Denise Ayres leads the department as Director of PK–12 Career Readiness.

Community Partner – Johnson Brothers Ford

Tonight, we are proud to recognize Johnson Brothers Ford as a valued community partner supporting Belton ISD automotive programs.

Through generous donations of automotive parts and employment opportunities for students, Johnson Brothers Ford helps connect classroom learning to real-world industry experience.

Belton ISD is grateful for Johnson Brothers Ford's continued partnership and commitment to investing in the future of our students.

Fiscal Implications:

None.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

None.