BRYAN ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, August 18, 2025

The Bryan ISD Board of Trustees met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Boardroom, 801 South Ennis Street, Bryan, TX 77803.

Board members present:

Felicia Benford:	Present
Joel Bryan:	Present
Leo Gonzalez:	Present
Julie Harlin:	Present
David Stasny:	Present
David Stennis:	Present
Ruthie Waller:	Present

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Welcome**
3. **Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags**
Principal Michael Gibson introduced his Jane Long Intermediate School students, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
Principal Rebecca Ryberg introduced her Sam Rayburn Intermediate School students, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.
4. **Spotlight**
    4.A. Auxiliary Employee of the Month
    Mr. Rick Scott, Custodial Supervisor, recognized Ms. Maria Zamora, Head Custodian at the Bryan ISD Administration Building
5. **Public Comment on Agenda Item**
1 Speaker - Wiley Tarver
6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Item**
No comments
7. **Board Member Reports**
    7.A. Superintendent's Report on Student and Staff Celebrations
    Ms. Carrabine highlighted several Back-to-School events, beginning with the Convocation theme, "You Make the Difference." Attendees showed their unity in matching t-shirts generously donated by Hector and Olivia Badillo. She also recognized Board Member Felicia Benford for her inspiring message at Convocation. Special thanks were extended to the Bryan City Council for joining the Community Pep Rally and to TNT Security for sponsoring the fireworks display.
    7.B. Finance Board Committee Report on Property Values, the Employee Benefits Timeline, and Upcoming Purchase Requests
    Board Member David Stennis shared information related to the Board Finance Committee Meeting on August 14th.
8. **Information Items**

8.A. State Accountability Update
Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Barbara Ybarra provided an update on the State Accountability System.
8.B. Overview of the Process and Timelines Related to Informational Sessions for Health Insurance Benefits
Chief Financial Officer, Norma Friddle, provided an update on Health Insurance Benefits

9. **Consent Agenda**

I move approval of all the items listed on the consent agenda. This motion, made by Julie Harlin and seconded by Felicia Benford, Passed.

Felicia Benford:	Yea
Joel Bryan:	Yea
Leo Gonzalez:	Yea
Julie Harlin:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea
Ruthie Waller:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.A. Consider approval of the meeting minutes for July 21, 2025
9.B. Consider Approval of Financial Statements and Purchasing Report for July 2025
9.C. Consider Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Brazos County for Joint Election and Election Administration for the November 4, 2025, Election
9.D. Consider approval of the adoption of Order and Notice of the Board of Trustees Election for November 4, 2025
9.E. Consider a Purchase Request over $50,000 for the Texas Instructional Leadership training with Education Service Center Region 6 through the Learning Acceleration and Support Grant (LASO) Funds.
9.F. Consider Approval of Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisers for the 2025-2026 School Year
9.G. Consider Approval of Updates to Local Board Policies
9.H. Consider Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending June 30, 2025
9.I. Discuss and Consider Approval of Amendments to the District of Innovation Local Innovation Plan
9.J. Consideration and/or Action to Approve an Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to Delegate Contractual Authority to the Superintendent
For the 2025-2026 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding.

10. **Action Items**

10.A. Consider Approval for the Close Out of Phase 2 Construction for Sadberry Intermediate School
I move approval of the final payment in the amount of $77,241 to Drymalla

Construction and a deductive change order in the amount of $1,439,147, as presented. This motion, made by Leo Gonzalez and seconded by Felicia Benford, Passed.

Felicia Benford:	Yea
Joel Bryan:	Yea
Leo Gonzalez:	Yea
Julie Harlin:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea
Ruthie Waller:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Drymalla Construction reached substantial completion for Sadberry Intermediate School in June 2023 for Phase 1 and February 2025 for Phase 2. The Punch List has been completed and all closeouts have been received by Bryan ISD and PBK Architects. There is a deductive change order, resulting in a savings in the amount of $1,439,147.00 and a final pay amount of $77,241.00. This project was funded using 2020 bond funds.

10.B. Consider Approval for the Close Out of the Ruby Haliburton Auxiliary Complex

I move approval of the final payment in the amount of $470,339.39 to Drymalla Construction and a deductive change order in the amount of $2,006,217, as presented. This motion, made by Joel Bryan and seconded by David Stennis, Passed.

Felicia Benford:	Yea
Joel Bryan:	Yea
Leo Gonzalez:	Yea
Julie Harlin:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea
Ruthie Waller:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Drymalla Construction reached substantial completion for the Ruby Haliburton Auxiliary Complex in April 2025. The Punch List has been completed and all closeouts have been received by Bryan ISD and PBK Architects. There is a deductive change order, resulting in a savings in the amount of $2,006,217.00 and a final pay amount of $470,339.39. This project was funded using 2020 bond funds.

10.C. Discuss and Consider Approval over $50,000 for the Purchase of Buses

I move approval of the purchase of three (3) 77-passenger buses from Longhorn Bus Sales in the amount of $459,051.00, to be funded by the Internal Transportation Service Fund, as presented. This motion, made by Leo Gonzalez and seconded by Felicia Benford, Passed.

Felicia Benford:	Yea
Joel Bryan:	Yea
Leo Gonzalez:	Yea
Julie Harlin:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea

Ruthie Waller: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Administration recommended the purchase of three (3) 77-passenger buses from Longhorn Bus Sales in the amount of $459,051.00. These buses will be utilized for daily student transportation routes and will also support extracurricular activities, including field trips. The district has qualified drivers in place to operate these buses, ensuring they can be put into immediate service to maintain fleet reliability, meet transportation demands, and ensure student safety. This purchase will be funded by the Internal Transportation Service Fund.

10.D. Discussion and Consideration of an Order Calling a November 4, 2025 Bond Election to be Held in the Bryan Independent School District, Making Provision for the Conduct of Said Election and Resolving Other Matters Incident and Related Thereto

I move to adopt an order calling a bond election to be held by the Bryan Independent School District on November 4, 2025, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related thereto. This motion, made by Ruthie Waller and seconded by Felicia Benford, Passed.

Felicia Benford: Yea

Joel Bryan: Yea

Leo Gonzalez: Yea

Julie Harlin: Yea

David Stasny: Yea

David Stennis: Yea

Ruthie Waller: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

11. Closed Session

Board President Stasny called for a closed session at 7:33 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074, and 551.0821 for the subjects allowed.

11.A. Discuss Issues Pertaining to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee - Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074

11.B. Discussion Related to a Public School Student Wherein Personally Identifiable Information will Necessarily be Revealed - Texas Government Code Sections 551.0821

11.C. Discuss Legal Requirements and Financial Terms of JETI Tax Incentive Program - Texas Government Code Section 551.087

11.D. Discussion Related to Critical Infrastructure and Emergency Management Measures - Texas Government Code Section 418.181

12. Reconvene in Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:03 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

13. Discuss and Consider Approval over $50,000 for the Purchase of Mandated Safety Equipment

I move approval of the purchase for the mandated safety equipment in the amount of $191,976 with shipping from CoolVu, as presented. This motion, made by Leo Gonzalez and seconded by Felicia Benford, Passed.

Felicia Benford: Yea

Joel Bryan: Yea

Leo Gonzalez: Yea

Julie Harlin:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea
Ruthie Waller:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

14. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

President

Secretary