## BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 27, 2026

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER
   The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Board President Grant Lischka with all board members present.

2. Invocation was provided by Mr. Daniel Symm

3. Pledge of Allegiance took place at the Regular Board Meeting

4. OPEN FORUM/COMMUNICATIONS
   Public comments were made by Cassandra Bryant noting that the Board's silence in not reaching out to Carol Holmes following the June 24, 2026 Board meeting confirms their agreement with empowering bullying in BISD against students and staff. Noting that BISD attempts to destroy honest and faithful teachers and that she stands in front of the Board to hold bullies accountable and noting her belief in the power of social media based on the views of her posts.

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS
   A. Presentation of the Delinquent Tax Report by Leslie Schkade with Purdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott at the Regular Board Meeting. See the online BoardBook for the complete report.
   B. Presentation of the Property Value Report by Greg Cook, Austin County Chief Appraiser was provided at the Regular Board Meeting noting an approximate 11% increase in property values largely resultant from previous new improvement/new build homes built in the area beginning in 2024.
   C. The annual SHAC report was presented by Dr. Coopersmith, Chief Operations Officer, at the Agenda Review Meeting discussing the various SHAC initiatives and reason for prioritization of SHAC priorities and presentation relative to a comprehensive school health approach. (See complete report available in Online BoardBook.)

6. REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A. GOAL 1: LEARNING
      Ms. Jones shared data for TELPAS, AP, & CCMR Results at the Agenda Review Meeting. Ms. Jones presented BHS AP scores with % Passing with a score of three or higher and areas for student attainment of CCMR Standards; Ms. Jones noted that the way in which TELPAS progress is measured changed in 2026 compared to prior years;

   C. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP
      1. Mr. Jurek reviewed the monthly Finance & Operations Report at the Agenda Review Meeting. Mr. Jurek noted additional revenues from SHARS and state revenue and noted that expenditures are tracking as expected with some anomalies where prior general budget expenditures are being covered by current grants such as LASO; Mr. Jurek reviewed progress

with our Food Service Department under Ms. Smith's leadership and reviewed one-time capital expenditures for 2025-2026 in addition to review of the District's investment report. Mr. Jurek additionally asked for input regarding the 2026-2027 I&S Tax rate for consideration. The Board provided feedback regarding the value of defeasance and savings in interest payments over time. Mr. Jurek warned of a potential deficit for the I&S budget if the minimum rate was passed. The Board discussed wanting to see a maximum I&S tax rate of .21 cents. (See documents included in the BoardBook online.)

2. Dr. Coopersmith provided the Capital Update at the Agenda Review Meeting noting the current status of the demolition for O'Bryant Intermediate and noting that the parking lot and road for OBP traffic flow will not be in place until Fall 2026 due to delays with an AT&T system located in the area where reconstruction was planned and prior delays with additional abatement needed for total demolition of OBI. Dr. Coopersmith noted delays with the work being done at the BHS Student parking lot - some of which has been weather related. New OBI outside classroom is being delayed by weather currently; Access for move into OBI is scheduled for the week of July 20-24 and TESCO furniture will be delivered across all campuses July 20-31. (See documents included in the BoardBook online.)

    a. Dr. Coopersmith shared information with the Board regarding the use, frequency, and role of drug dogs at BHS; Frequency is approximately 2-3 times per year and as needed with miscellaneous extracurricular activities; Dr. Coopersmith reiterated that the dog is managed and cared for in accordance with Bellville PD's procedures for their K9 unit;

    b. Dr. Coopersmith shared a copy of the ESC 6 Three Year Security Audit with the Board.

3. Dr. Poenitzsch shared the Leadership Update noting key questions to guide Fall 2026 Listening Tours and Board Visioning conversations to plan moving forward to revisit and define what BISD aims to accomplish for all kids;

D. GOAL 3: CULTURE
Dr. Poenitzsch reviewed the monthly Culture Report at the Agenda Review Meeting (see documents in BoardBook online.)

E. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY
Dr. Poenitzsch reviewed the monthly Community Report at the Agenda Review Meeting (see documents in BoardBook online.)

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
The following items were approved with a motion by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Jim Batson with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0)

A. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on June 25, 2026
B. Minutes from the Agenda Review Meeting on July 13, 2026
C. Minutes from Board Retreat on July 24, 2026
D. Budget Amendments and Donations
E. Surplus property from across all campuses

8 ACTION ITEMS

The following items were approved

A. TASB Policy Update 127with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Regina Gillum with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0);
B. Action on Policy FL Local regarding the designation of "Directory Information" with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded by Kirby Cannon with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0);
C. OER adaptations to the Bluebonnet Curriculum with a motion by Regina Gillum, seconded by Kenneth Stein, with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0);
D. For the 2026-2027 school year, the BISD Board of Trustees delegates contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) Section 11.1511 (c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, Section 48.257 and TEC Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) of the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Heather Novicke, with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0);
E. Increase meal prices in order to comply with required regulations with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Regina Gillum, with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0);
F. BISD Office & School Supply Bids with a motion by Jim Batson, seconded by Heather Novicke, with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0);
G. BISD Custodial Supply Bids with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Regina Gillum, with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0);
H. BISD Copier Bids with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Kenneth Stein, with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0);
I. BISD 2026-2027 Emergency Operations Plan with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Jim Batson, with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0)
J. Updates to the 2026-2027 BISD Student Code of Conduct with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Heather Novick, with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0)

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in Closed Session at 6:16pm with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Heather Novicke:

A. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, assignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (551.074);
B. Discussion of Superintendent's summative annual evaluation, contract, and compensation (551.072)
C. For the purposes of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (551.072)
D. Consultation with attorney on matters permitted under section (551.071)

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:57pm

A. The Board took action on the following items

2. Action on the Superintendent's contract with a 1% increase in base pay with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Heather Novicke, with Regina Gillum, Jim Batson, Kenneth Stein, Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kirby Cannon, and Heather Novicke voting yes; No members voting No (Vote 7-0)

No action was taken on the following items:

A. 1. Action related to discussion of real property.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

Reminders for upcoming events were shared.

12. ADJOURN

The board adjourned at 6:59pm with a motion by Sarah Buenger and seconded by Kenneth Stein.

13. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

A. Taxpayer Impact Statement

**BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Pending July 27, 2026.**

Grant L Lischka ____________________________________________ Kenneth Stein ____________________________________________

BOARD PRESIDENT: GRANT LISCHKA BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN