



BELLVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 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 with the exception of James Haisler and Heather Novicke

2. Invocation was provided by Mr. Jezisek, OBI Principal

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. OPEN FORUM/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments.

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. Department Spotlight: Special Programs including Required Annual Reports for was presented by Ms. Krueger, the Director of Special Programs, at the Agenda Review Meeting (See presentation included in online BoardBook for detailed information).

Notes from the annual presentation include:

- 25th year for filing BE/ESL waiver, (we would need to hire 8 Bilingual certified teachers to avoid filing the waiver; we actively recruit each year and offer a stipend for certified BE teachers);
- Bilingual/ESL students account for approximately 11% of the BISD Student Population; Ms. Krueger noted the BE/ESL program is centralized through our O'Bryant Feeder Pattern noting the highest BE/ESL Student Populations concentrated at OBP & BHS and shared % BE/ESL enrollment in each grade level.
- Ms. Krueger also provided academic performance data relative to performance on STAAR compared to "all" students; Ms. Krueger shared that the standard for attaining language proficiency and exiting the BE/ESL program is changing at the state level. Ms. Krueger noted that BE/ESL instructional training for all staff took place in August and will take place again on September 25 and shared activities to parental engagement.
- Following the review of BE/ESL, Ms. Krueger shared insights on our student population being served through Special Education noting a significant increase in initial evaluations for special education, noting Dyslexia now qualifying as a specific learning disability, and noting a change in how special education funding is being determined based on the state's new intensity model.
- Ms. Krueger also reviewed information for students enrolled in 504 and Dyslexia programs noting the requirement for students in Dyslexia to receive dyslexia intervention five days a week for 45 minutes a day in a small group setting of 5 students per group.
- Ms. Barrera (Director of Teaching & Learning) then shared information on the district's GT Program with a review of how students are identified for GT services and noting how the GT population aligns (or disaligns) with the general student population and noting efforts to expand our nomination and screening process to make progress toward greater alignment



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between the general population and GT student population. Ms. Barrera also discussed the GT Service model, noting a goal of 90 minutes a week in a pull-out model (K-5) and noting GT students served through advanced courses in grades 6-12. Ms. Barrera noted resources used on campuses to engage GT students and noted partnership with Academy for GT professional development for administrators and GT teachers. Following the GT program review,

- Ms. Barrera shared insights into the BISD MTSS system, focusing primarily on the academic side of MTSS (Multi-tiered system of support). Ms. Barrera shared efforts to enhance Tier II instruction and Tier III Data-Informed, Student Driven intense interventions and individual student goal setting and progress monitoring and noted that she and Ms. Rettig are part of an intervention pilot learning cohort.
- B. Campus Spotlight: O'Bryant Primary occurred at the Regular Board Meeting (See video included in BoardBook online.)
- C. Campus Students & Staff of the Month were recognized at the Regular Board Meeting

6. REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. GOAL 1: LEARNING

Ms. Jones shared academic data in the monthly Learning Report at the Agenda Review Meeting, sharing the timeline for reviewing and refreshing the BISD Academic Pathways noting the Industry-Based Certifications offered; Ms. Jones also shared information on the BISD Learning Scoreboard for the year noting Lead Measures, (present data), and School Improvement Planning & Action Steps (See report included in BoardBook online for additional details); Ms. Jones also shared insights into plans for return to a 7 period schedule and removing FLEX which would require students to attend summer school or lose a choice elective option in order to provide the required testing intervention requirements during the school year.

1. Principals Instructional Leader Reports were presented by principals at the Regular Board Meeting; See instructional reports included in BoardBook online outlining Goals and action steps for continuous improvement.

C. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

1. The monthly Finance & Operations report was shared at the Regular Board Meeting by Mr. Jurek, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations, noting year-end updates to the budget for 2025-2026 with an expectation of approximately \$1M being available to contribute to fund balance. Mr. Jurek also noted current budget trends for 2026-2027 and efforts to monitor this year's enrollment, ADA, and weighted funding relative to the current year's budget. (See full financial report included in online BoardBook.)
2. Dr. Coopersmith provided the Capital Update at the Agenda Review Meeting noting updates on Package C: parking and traffic flow for OBI; Grading will begin this week and next, AT&T is slated to remove the box that has been an issue on Sept. 25/26; on track to pour concrete during fair break; BHS drainage issue is slated to be addressed during fair break by may cause an issue if weather interferes or cause a hindrance to parking for football game during fair break; OBI is in punch list phase; Sidewalk between OBI & BJHS should be poured during fair break. Old fencing at the admin park is going to be removed in the coming month; (See documents included in the BoardBook online.) Dr. Coopersmith also mentioned that an Eagle Scout is pursuing a project to put restrooms at the BHS Tennis Court area and noted Mr. Jurek



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will share additional information next week as well; Dr. Coopersmith noted efforts to look into adding lighting between the stadium and BJHS through solar powered light poles.

3. Dr. Poenitzsch shared the Leadership Update noting a pause on previously intended Fall 2026 Listening Tours outside of DAC with intent to be strategic in what all we're pursuing - Academic Conversations, LRFPC conversations;
4. Student Representative Board Report did not occur at the September Board meeting and will be moved to the October Board meeting.

D. GOAL 3: CULTURE

Dr. Poenitzsch reviewed the annual Culture Report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting current enrollment, a trend in seeing an increase of enrollment in online programs and investigation of of a local online option; and noted current mid-semester/mid-year openings;

E. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY

Dr. Poenitzsch reviewed the monthly Community Report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting community engagement events for the month.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were approved with a motion by Jim Batson, seconded by Sarah Buenger with Kirby Cannon, Sarah Buenger, Jim Batson, Grant Lischka, Kenneth Stein, and Regina Gillum voting yes. No members voting no (Vote 6-0)

- A. Minutes from Tax Rate & Budget Hearing on August 24, 2026
- B. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on August 24, 2026
- C. Minutes from Agenda Review Meeting on September 21, 2026
- D. Budget Amendments
- E. MOU with 4H and Texas AgriLife for Austin County

8 ACTION ITEMS

The following items were approved at the Regular Board Meeting:

- A. Board Certification of Compliance with certain laws required (TEC. Sec. 39.008) with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Kenneth with Kirby Cannon, Sarah Buenger, Jim Batson, Grant Lischka, Kenneth Stein, and Regina Gillum voting yes. No members voting no (Vote 6-0)
- B. Agreement and Cost for Master Facilities Planning Services with Parkhill to include the scope of Facilities Assessment (including athletic facilities but not including BJHS) and an educational adequacy assessment for Bellville High School in the amount of \$43,900 with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Regina Gillum with Kirby Cannon, Sarah Buenger, Jim Batson, Grant Lischka, Kenneth Stein, and Regina Gillum voting yes. No members voting no (Vote 6-0)
- C. Addition of bleachers at the BHS Tennis Courts and related budgetary actions in the maximum amount of \$41,750 with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Jim Batson with Kirby Cannon, Sarah Buenger, Jim Batson, Grant Lischka, Kenneth Stein, and Regina Gillum voting yes. No members voting no (Vote 6-0)



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9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board remained in Closed Session at 6:44pm with a motion Sarah Buenger, seconded by Regina Gillum, with Kirby Cannon, Sarah Buenger, Jim Batson, Grant Lischka, Kenneth Stein, and Regina Gillum voting yes. No members voting no (Vote 6-0)

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:25pm.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

Reminders for upcoming events were shared.

12. ADJOURN:

The board adjourned at 7:27pm with a motion by Kenneth Stein and seconded by Kirby Cannon.

13. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

A. Taxpayer Impact Statement

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Pending September 28, 2026.

BOARD PRESIDENT: GRANT LISCHKA

BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN