Belton Independent School District

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Board Workshop Meeting, October 19, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

Dragon Room, 400 N. Wall Street, Belton TX, 76513

Board Members Present:

Chris Flor
Erin Bass
Rucker Preston
Brandon Bozon
Manuel Alcozer
Jeff Norwood
Riley Beck

Board Members Absent:

1. Call to Order:

Chris Flor, Board President, called the workshop meeting of the Belton Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m.He stated that a quorum of Board Members was present, that the meeting had been duly called, noting that he was joining the meeting remotely, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2. Public Comments:

None.

3. Board Workshop

A. Priority 1 - Professional Learning Communities

The Board received a workshop presentation on Priority 1 of the District's strategic plan (Destination 2031), focusing on the implementation, evaluation, and impact of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) across Belton ISD campuses.

The presentation was led by Gabi Nino, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, alongside Executive Directors Ben Smith, Denise Sharp, and Christy Chandler, with introductory remarks by Superintendent Dr. Malinda Golden. Key areas reviewed during the workshop included:

PLC Foundational Framework: The shift from individual classroom ownership to collective responsibility ("our students") across grade levels and departments.
The Four Driving Questions: Systemic alignment around standardizing essential learning outcomes, common formative assessments, responsive interventions (WIN Time), and enrichment.
Campus Case Studies: Video observations showcasing PLC collaboration at Southwest Elementary School (5th Grade Math) and North Belton Middle School (6th Grade Social Studies).
Implementation Monitoring & Digital Tools: An overview of administrative observation benchmarks, rubric scoring, and the digital Collaborative Team Tool supporting unit planning, lesson internalization, and rehearsal.

Trustee Discussion & Questions

Following the presentation, Board members engaged in a Q&A session with the administration team:

Ms. Erin Bass inquired regarding teacher workload considerations, time management during lesson internalization/rehearsal, and strategies for maintaining small-group flex intervention groups.

Mr. Riley Beck asked about data entry protocols within the digital Collaborative Team Tool and how multi-grade/singleton course teachers access PLC support.

The administration team provided responses outlining schedule supports, ongoing software optimization, and specialized collaborative groupings for single-course educators.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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Chris Flor, Board President

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Rucker Preston, Board Secretary