



BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Sarah Buenger at 5:30pm with all board members in attendance, with the exception of Heather Novicke and Jared Liscka.

2. Invocation was provided by Principal Daneil Symm

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. OPEN FORUM/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no open forum public comments.

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. The BHS FFA Ag Issues Team presented their topic focused on Heat Issues and Regulations. (The BHS Ag Issues Team placed first in District competition and will be heading on to Area next.)

B. Dr. Mark Lukert, Vice Chair of the TASB Board of Directors presented Dr. Poenitzsch with the TASB 2024 Texas Superintendent of the Year Award and \$5,000 check to Bellville ISD.

C. Cameron Aaron with Patillo, Brown, & Hill, L.L.P. presented the findings from Bellville ISD's 2024 Financial Audit noting a clean audit noting clean financial statements and compliance with all federal and audit financial standards for management and reporting.

D. Departmental Spotlight: Business & Finance Team including Dennis Jurek (Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Operations), Amber Klausmeyer (Accounting Director), Veronica Shillings (Payroll Coordinator), Alys Travis (PEIMS Coordinator), Jennifer Sampey (Accounts Payable and Purchasing Coordinator), and Shannon Houston (Administrative Assistant)

6. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. GOAL 1: LEARNING was presented by BISD Campus Principals noting instructional leadership activities and progress toward campus-specific 2024-2025 campus academic goals;

B. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

1. Financial report was presented by Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Dennis Jurek noting a change in our pay structure from TEA of which Bellville ISD was not informed (relative to dates of payments) and reviewing the report for tracking bond expenditures;

a. Discussion of the BISD Fund Balance Strategy (see enclosed)

2. A Capital Improvement Update was presented by Dr. Michael Coopersmith, Chief Operations Officer noting bond projects are currently on schedule and pouring should begin at the end of this week. Additionally:

a. Dr. Coopersmith, Mr. Higginbotham, and Mr. Jurek shared the bids received for adding the necessary controls at BHS and the preference to move forward with Neva as a result of customer service and functionality frustrations BISD has experienced with Unify; and discussed the MEP evaluation for the Aaon units at the BHS performance gym with a recommendation to replace the units with Aaon units.

b. Dr. Poenitzsch shared discussion of next steps in response to the requests a parent shared regarding fencing to be added to the park at the BISD Administration Building (see notes in Community Report).



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3. A report on the Vision, Strategic Action Plan was presented by Dr. Nicole Poenitzsch, Superintendent, at the Agenda Review Meeting.

C. GOAL 3: CULTURE -Dr. Poenitzsch, Superintendent, provided a culture report noting open positions and recent transitions.

D. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY-Dr. Poenitzsch Superintendent provided a report noting recent discussions and responsive actions relative to a parent's request for a fence at the admin park.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were approved with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Kenneth Stein. (Vote 5-0)

- A. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on October 24, 2024
- D. Budget Amendments and Donations

8. ACTION ITEMS

The following were approved:

- A. Waiver for remote homebound instruction for a BHS student with a motion by Jim Batson, seconded by Regina Gillum (Vote 5-0)
- B. BISD Financial Audit with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Kenneth Stein (Vote 5-0)
- C. BISD Fund Balance Allocations with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Jim Batson (Vote 5-0)
- E. Uncommitted funds balance for softball field renovations with a motion by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Regina Gillum (Vote 5-0)

No action was taken on the following items:

- D. Scope of work, costs, and related budgetary actions for renovations and improvements at the BHS Softball Complex (see notes for timeline of next steps to procure bids).

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board remained in open session.

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board remained in open session.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

- Reminder of December 6, 2024 Board Activities

12. ADJOURN

The board adjourned at 8:06pm with a motion made by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Jim Batson.

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 19, 2024

BOARD PRESIDENT: SARAH BUENGER

BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN