

Belton Independent School District

Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, June 16, 2025 - 6:15 p.m.

Pittenger Fine Arts Center, 400 N. Wall St, Belton TX, 76513

Board Members Present:

Chris Flor

Riley Beck

Rucker Preston

Jeff Norwood

Brandon Bozon

Board Members Absent:

Manuel Alcozer

Erin Bass

1. Call to Order, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Chris Flor, Board Vice President, called the regular meeting of the Belton Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:22 p.m. He stated that a quorum of Board Members was present, noted that Manuel Alcozer and Erin Bass were absent, that the meeting had been duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2.

Recognitions

Student Pledges – Tarver Elementary School

The evening's pledges were led by three bright students from Alice J. Tarver Elementary: Collyn Adams, Lennon Baccari and Noah Perez.

Student Showcase – National History Day

Seventh-grade students Emery Hobson and Sarah Jackson, whose documentary project, Betty Crocker and Women's Roles, earned first place at the Texas State National History Day (NHD) competition. Emery and Sarah's documentary stood out among top student projects from across Texas, earning them a spot at the National History Day competition held in Washington, D.C., earlier this month. They were among six students from Belton ISD who advanced to nationals, continuing our district's strong legacy of success on the national stage.

Technology Student Association National Qualifiers

Seven Lake Belton High School students qualified for the Technology Student Association National Conference as part of Robotics Skills Team 1. The CTE students earned their spot at nationals by demonstrating strong problem-solving, collaboration and technical skills in both regional and state competitions. Their sponsor is Jessica Persilver.

Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Baseball

The District recognized several Belton ISD student-athletes who were named to the Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State teams in baseball. To qualify for this honor, senior athletes must be in good standing with their team, demonstrate strong moral character and maintain an overall GPA of 92 or higher. Class rank and SAT/ACT scores are also considered as part of the selection process.

Belton High School: Collin Sallee and Austin Wood were named to the second team. They are coached by Mark Krueger.

Lake Belton High School: Cameron Bartz and Ty Green earned second-team honors, while Bryce Davis, Jory Holland, Brandon Holley, Tate Lisenbe and Rohde Smith received honorable mention. They are coached by Chris Peacock.

Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Golf

Under the direction of Girls Coach Kelli Widmer, LBHS student Lexie Holler received honorable mention. On the boys' side, coached by David Sims, Hudson Nix was named to the First Team, while Eli Mascarenas and Rawley Soliz earned Honorable Mention.

From Belton New Tech @Waskow, Colton Fry was named to the Second Team, and Ethan Borchers received Honorable Mention. They are coached by Ben Bralley.

Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Softball

Belton ISD recognized three student-athletes who earned Academic All-State honors in softball from the Texas High School Coaches Association. From Belton High School, Jacklyn Munoz and Hailey Schutz were awarded honorable mention under the leadership of Coach Morgan Birkel. From Lake Belton High School, Alexis Ortiz received honorable mention, coached by Kelsie McEachern.

Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Swimming

The Board celebrated three student-athletes from Belton High School who earned Academic All-State honors in swimming through the Texas High School Coaches Association. Under the direction of Coach Christopher Knipp, Raef Airhart and Liliana Nelson were named to the second team, and Mackenzie Gingerich received honorable mention.

Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Track

Belton ISD recognized nine Lake Belton High School student-athletes who earned Academic All-State honors in track through the Texas High School Coaches Association. Under the leadership of Boys Coach Brandin Byrd, Zach Dodd was named to the first team, while Neil Dayawansa and Julian Walker earned second team honors. Travellis Harrison received honorable mention.

Girls coach Rachael Davee guided Natalie Maldonado, Lillian Rivas and Chelsie Miller to second team recognition, with Abigail Rydberg, Emmi Lloyd and Katie Firmin receiving honorable mention.

Track State Qualifiers

The Board recognized Lake Belton High School's Abigail Rydberg, who earned the silver medal in the 5A Girls Pole Vault at the UIL State Track & Field Championships. She is coached by Rachael Davee.

2025 American Legion Texas Boys State Statesmen

Belton ISD recognized Lake Belton High School student Nick DaSilva, who has been selected to attend the prestigious 2025 Texas Boys State program, sponsored by the American Legion.

New Administrator Introductions

Courtney Brewer was appointed as the Principal of High Point Elementary in Belton ISD. Brewer served as the campus's interim principal since February 2025 and brings a strong background in instructional leadership, coaching and relationship-building. She previously served as assistant principal at High Point Elementary, North Belton Middle School and Belton Early Childhood School.

Holly Griffith has been appointed as the Principal of Lakewood Elementary in Belton ISD. Griffith brings more than a decade of experience in education, including the last four years as assistant principal at Lakewood and completed Belton ISD's Aspiring Principals Academy.

Will Yuengel has been appointed as the Principal of the District Alternative Education Program (DAEP) for Belton ISD. With nearly 15 years of experience in education, Yuengel has served as the DAEP Interim Principal since March 2025 and previously as the Assistant Principal beginning in 2022.

Region 12 Bilingual Paraprofessional of the Year

Claudia Carrillo was recently named the 2025 Region 12 BESA Paraprofessional of the Year at the Bilingual/ESL Support Awards Ceremony for her exceptional instructional support and dedication to emergent bilingual students in Belton ISD.

Project Lead the Way Distinguished Schools

Belton ISD announced that Lakewood Elementary, Belton High School and Lake Belton High School have been named 2024-25 Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished Schools. This recognition celebrates schools that are empowering students to develop in-demand, real-world skills through high-quality STEM programming.

Community Partner – Freedom Urgent Care

The Board recognized Freedom Urgent Care as our Community Partner Showcase. Since 2017, Freedom Urgent Care has been a dedicated supporter of Belton ISD's Project Heartbeat.

3. Public Comments Regarding Items on the Agenda

None.

4. Action Items

A. Consider, Discuss and Take Appropriate Action Regarding Selection of Construction Delivery Method for Roy & Jean Potts Belton Swim Center HVAC Replacement Bond Project

Dr. Michael Morgan, Deputy Superintendent, provided the background on this action item and informed the Board that the administration recommends the competitive sealed proposal method as the delivery method offering the best value for construction of the Roy & Jean Potts Belton Swim Center HVAC Replacement Project. The Board approved Hendrix Consulting Engineers for design services for MEP Improvements included in the 2022 Bond Program at the March 24, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Rucker Preston made a motion, seconded by Brandon Bozon, to approve Competitive Sealed Proposals as the delivery method for the Roy & Jean Potts Belton Swim Center HVAC replacement bond project and authorize the Superintendent to issue a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals, establish a selection committee to evaluate and rank the proposals, and bring the recommended ranking back to the Board for approval and contract authorization as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

B. Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding Appointment of Board Committees

Chris Flor, Board Vice President, shared that in accordance with Board Policy BDB(LOCAL), the Board President holds the authority to appoint members to Board committees to best serve District needs. Board committee membership will not exceed two trustees. The Board President is not formally appointed to a committee, and may attend any or all committee meetings. Thereto, committee appointments were made by the Board President on May 15, 2025.

Chris Flor made a motion, seconded by Jeff Norwood, to approve the appointment of Chris Flor and Brandon Bozon to the Budget Committee, Jeff Norwood and Rucker Preston to the Facilities Committee, and Erin Bass and Riley Beck to the Policy Committee. The District Safety & Security Committee requires the appointment of the Board President and at least one additional Board member. Therefore, appointing Manuel Alcozer, Erin Bass and Riley Beck to the District Safety and Security Committee. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

5. Reports

A.	2024-2025	Key	Progress	Measures	Report
Members of Cabinet to include Dr. Michael Morgan, Ms. Gabi Nino, Ms. Melissa Lafferty, Ms. Christine Parks, Mr. Todd Schiller, each provided a final update on each of the Districts five goals and corresponding Key Progress Measures for the 2024-2025 school year. See report.					

B. Academic Progress Report

Ms. Nino presented this report regarding academic progress as measured by End of Course (EOC) STAAR exams in Belton ISD. She provided an overview of EOC District scores that apply "Approaches", "Meets" and "Masters" grade level standards to the following subjects: Algebra I, Biology, English I, US History, and English II. See report.

C. 2022 Bond Projects Report

Dr. Morgan provided an update on the 2022 Bond Projects. Actions for considerations in relation to the 2022 Bond include HVAC for the natatorium, purchase of elementary student devices, final deductive change orders for Hubbard Branch and Southwest Elementary schools, acceptance and close-out of security vestibules, and Hubbard Branch Elementary. Dr. Morgan provided an update on the status of the remaining projects at BHS, LBMS, Southwest and the Delta Program.

Riley Beck inquired about the possibility of using remaining bond funds to retrofit buses with 3 point seat belts as now required by the 89th legislative session. Dr. Morgan informed the Board that administration is pending a determination from Districts Bond Counsel.

Dr. Morgan continued, speaking to MEP Projects to include HVAC improvements at specific campuses and upgraded classroom lighting at Lakewood Elementary and Belton Middle School, and a brief financial update. See report.

D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Malinda Golden spoke about how the Belton ISD Vision, Values and Beliefs, and Journey of a Graduate are the District's guiding documents from the Belton ISD Community and revealed a graphic that incorporates each of these guiding documents into one visual that reflects how these documents work together. Dr. Golden thanked Belton Education Foundation (BEF) for their support of our students by awarding nearly \$1.5 million in scholarships, and spoke to end-of-year and summer events.

E. Board Highlights

Rucker Preston shared about being a part of Graduation, attending the Leadership Retreat and BEF scholarship events, and Bond Advisory Committee Meetings. Brandon Bozon spoke about the Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) conference and Riley Beck applauded teachers for the countless hours spent supporting students beyond their workday, especially during the final weeks of the school year. Chris Flor shared his experience at SLI as a Board Member mentor, attending with new Board members Riley Beck and Brandon Bozon.

6. Consent Agenda: Consider and Take Appropriate Action

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

1. May 7, 2025 - Special Meeting
2. May 12, 2025 - Workshop Meeting
3. May 12, 2025 - Regular Meeting

B. Unaudited Financial Report for the Month Ending May 31, 2025

C. Gifts, Grants, and Bequests

D. Budget Amendment #9 for 2024-2025

E. Expenditures over \$50,000

1. Renewal of Imagine Learning for Credit Recover Online Courses
2. Renewal of Vets Securing America for Armed Services
3. Renewal of Red River for Cisco Webex Cloud System
4. Renewal of NCS Pearson License for Digital Assessment Library
5. CDW-G for Student Device Refresh at Elementary Schools
6. SAVVAS Learning Licenses for Texas myView Literacy K-5
7. Texas Equipment Solutions for New Dehumidification Units at Roy & Jean Potts Swim Center

F. Renewal of Resolution Regarding the Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organizations

G. County Extension Agents as Adjunct Staff Members

H. Renewal 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding for OnRamps with the University of Texas at Austin

I. Foreign Exchange Student Waiver

J. Hazardous Transportation Conditions

K. Interlocal Agreement with Region 16 TexBuy Purchasing Cooperative

L. Change Order #2 with American Constructors for Hubbard Branch Elementary Bond Project

M. Change Order #2 with CORE Construction for Southwest Elementary School Bond Project

N. Acceptance and Close Out of the Security Vestibules District Wide and Approval of Final Payment

O. Acceptance and Close Out of Hubbard Branch Elementary and Approval of Final Payment

P. Local Policy Update 124 - 2nd Reading

1. DH(LOCAL) Employee Standards of Conduct
2. FFG(LOCAL) Student Welfare: Child Abuse & Neglect
3. GKA(LOCAL) Community Relations: Conduct on School Premises

Q. District (LOCAL) Policy Updates - 2nd Reading

1. FL(LOCAL) Student Records

Jeff Norwood made a motion, seconded by Rucker Preston, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

7. Public Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

None.

8. Closed Session (Texas Government Code, Subchapters D and E)

The Board did not convene in Closed Session.

- A. Student Disciplinary Matter - Texas Government Code, Section 551.082
- B. Personnel - Texas Government Code, Section 551.074
- C. Consultation with Attorney - Texas Government Code, Section 551.071

10. Reconvene in Open Session

The Board did not convene in Closed Session.

11. Adjourn

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Chris Flor, Vice President

Erin Bass, Secretary