

Minutes of Special Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Brazosport Independent School District



A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brazosport Independent School District was held Monday, January 13, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Brazosport Independent School District Administration Building 301 W. Brazoswood Drive Clute, TX 77531.

Board Members Present: Mason Paul Howard, President
Scott Schwertner, Vice-President
Jerry Adkins, Secretary
Joe Rinehart, Assistant Secretary
Liz Cuellar, Member
Chris Dunn, Member
Ken Schulte, Member

Board Members Absent: None Absent

Superintendent: Danny Massey

1. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Mason Howard at 6:01 p.m.
A. Declaration of a Quorum

2. INVOCATION led by Mr. Mason Howard

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mr. Joe Rinehart.

4. AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

- January is School Board Recognition Month, a time to honor and express appreciation for school board members, the largest group of locally elected officials in Texas. These dedicated volunteers contribute countless hours to ensure students receive a high-quality education, demonstrating their commitment to their communities and the future of Texas.

The 2025 theme, *Leadership for Tomorrow's Texas*, emphasizes the vital role trustees play in preparing students for college, careers, and beyond. In Brazosport ISD (BISD), the Board of Trustees serves not only their local areas but all children and staff across the district. Their tireless efforts and countless hours contributed by BISD's Board of Trustees benefits students, staff, and the broader community. BISD will formally recognize their service and leadership at the January 2025 meeting with a formal proclamation.

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- The purpose of the BISD Educator Spotlight Award is to recognize outstanding teachers across our district. These are teachers who go above and beyond for not only students but for their co-workers, as well. They are knocking instruction out of the park; they are collaborative team members and support all learners. These teachers lift their co-workers and students, and, their overall performance is spectacular!

January Spotlight Teachers

- Secondary Spotlight Teacher- Ms. Gloria Ramirez a teacher at Lighthouse Learning Center exemplifies our core values of Accountability, Growth, and Belief. Respected by staff, students, and parents alike, she consistently puts kids first, whether by offering daily encouragement, listening to their stories, or making time for their needs. Her unwavering dedication and willingness to go the extra mile inspires students toward a more productive future.
- Elementary Spotlight Teacher- Ms. Gail Gonzales is an exceptional first-grade teacher whose dedication and passion make her a cornerstone of the Brannen community. She fosters a supportive environment where every child feels valued, encouraged, and inspired to thrive. As a veteran teacher, Gail combines experience with openness to new ideas, consistently striving for the best outcomes. Beyond her classroom, she supports her team with creativity and care, making her a beloved teacher, teammate, and friend. Mrs. Gonzales’s kindness, positivity, and dedication have an immeasurable impact, and we are grateful for the joy she brings to teaching every day.

Brazosport ISD is very proud of these recipients for their accomplishments and recognition.

- Brazosport Independent School District welcomes the newest team members and is happy to introduce:
 - Bridgette Percle as the Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE).
 - Nicole Larson as the Director of the Education Foundation

5. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS is a time for general comments in regard to Agenda items. Individuals wishing to speak must sign up before the meeting begins.

The following individuals addressed the Board about The Dow Chemical Company Application J0008

- Riley Bennington

6. 6:37 p.m. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE APPLICATION OF THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY (COMPTROLLER APPLICATION NO: J0008) FOR TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT - State law provides that a public meeting be held to discuss this topic. Public participation in the discussion is invited. Hearing ended at 6:54 p.m.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

B. Monthly Financial Statement

C. Purchases Exceeding \$50,000

D. Annual Review of Investment Policies and Strategies

E. Public Comments Regarding the Consent Agenda

Mr. Chris Dunn made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Joe Rinehart. Motion carried 7/0.

8. ACTION

- Public comments will be allowed before a vote is taken on each Action Item.

A. Consider Application of The Dow Chemical Company (Comptroller Application No: J0008) for tax incentive agreement and Board Declaration of Conditional Intent Pursuant to Government Code §403.611(b)

Mr. Jerry Adkins made a motion that the Brazosport ISD Board of Trustees accept The Dow Chemical Company application and declare that it is willing to agree and accept the terms described in Government Code §403.604 as they pertain to any as yet undrafted agreement; and, direct the final terms to be set forth in an agreement pursuant to Government Code §403.612 be presented to the Board for final consideration after the consent of The Dow Chemical Company and the Governor's office have been obtained, seconded by Scott Schwerner. Motion carried 7/0.

B. Order for School Board Trustee Election

Mr. Scott Schwertner made a motion that the Brazosport ISD Board order an election for, Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three (3) trustees to the Brazosport Independent School District Board of Trustees, and that the Chief Financial Officer be instructed to post notice of the election and have an election notice published, in accordance with law, seconded by Mr. Joe Rinehart. Motion carried 7/0.

C. Consider and Approve An Order Calling A May 3, 2025, Bond Election

Mr. Joe Rinehart made a motion that the Brazosport ISD Board of Trustees officially order an election to be held on May 3, 2025, for the purpose of allowing the electors to consider two propositions allowing the District to issue and sell bonds, by adopting the *Notice of Bond Election and Order Calling Bond Election*, seconded by Mr. Ken Schulte. Motion carried 7/0.

D. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda (if applicable) – No items pulled.

9. REPORTS

- Public comments will be allowed on each Report.

A. Board Committee Reports

Mr. Ken Schulte reported on the impressive and beautiful Brazosport HS CTE building and the recent ribbon-cutting event. Mr. Joe Rinehart reported on the Soccer Season.

Mr. Scott Schwertner reported on the upcoming Brazosport Education Foundation Throwback Prom in February. Mr. Jerry Adkins reported on the data update for the Boys and Girls Club, Brazoria County Day in February and the School Coalition events to be held in Austin, Texas.

The Brazosport ISD Board of Trustees were very appreciative of the overwhelming gifts received in recognition of Board Appreciation Month 2025.

10. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

A. Scheduling and Upcoming Events

I. Regular Board Meeting – February 17, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

11. 7:34 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION may be called for the purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 through 551.146.

A. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney

B. Section 551.72, For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of Real Property

C. Section 551.074, Personnel Matters (Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal, Complaint)

D. Section 551.082, For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel

12. RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION at 8:20 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no objections, Mr. Mason Howard adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Board President or Presiding Officer

Board Secretary or Presiding Officer