

Minutes of Regular 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 26, 2026~~, **DUE TO SEVERE WINTER STORM MEETING Rescheduled to Tuesday, January 27, 2026**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Brazosport Independent School District Administration Building, 301 W. Brazoswood Drive, Clute, TX 77531.

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

Board Members Absent: Mason Paul Howard, President

Superintendent: Danny Massey

1. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Scott Schwertner at 6:00 p.m.
A. Declaration of a Quorum

2. INVOCATION led by Mr. Chris Dunn.

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mrs. Liz Cuellar.

4. AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

- **Mission First, Team Always Educators**

The purpose of the Mission First, Team Always Educator award is to recognize staff members who prioritize student success with purpose and integrity, foster collaboration and trust to strengthen the team, and embrace innovation and lifelong learning to prepare students to be Future-Ready. Brazosport ISD is proud to announce this month's recipients:

- Secondary-Clute Intermediate School- Yolanda Wilcox- BEST Teacher
- Elementary- O.M. Roberts Elementary- Fran Faulk- Special Education Teacher

- Each January, Brazosport ISD recognizes School Board Recognition Month and honors our volunteer school board members—the largest group of locally elected officials in Texas. These dedicated trustees give countless hours to ensure students receive a high-quality public education and to serve the future of our community.

The 2026 theme, ***Our Future Is Public***, reflects the vital role trustees play in strengthening public education and investing in the future workforce and Texas economy. In Brazosport ISD, the Board of Trustees serves all students and staff across the district, providing stable, consistent leadership that supports long-term vision and student success.

Brazosport ISD sincerely thanks our Board of Trustees for their service, leadership, and continued commitment to public education and our community’s future and will recognize them with a formal proclamation.

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

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.

Mrs. Bailey Hammonds addressed the Board about School Policy.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes
- B. Monthly Financial Statement
- C. Purchases Exceeding \$50,000
- D. Bid Awards
- E. Annual Review of Investment Policies and Strategies
- F. Approval to Join the PEPPM (Pennsylvania Educational Purchasing Program for Microcomputers) Cooperative Purchasing Program
- G. Update 126 Local Policy Revisions Affecting Local Policies:
 BE, BED, CJ, CJA, CLE, CQB, CQD, CSA, CV, DBD, DEC, DFBB, DGBA, DH, EEP, EFA, EHBAF, EIA, FA, FEF, FFAC, FFB, FFF, FFG, FNG, FO, GF, and GKA
- H. Board Resolution Juvenile Justice and Youth Diversion Grant Program
- I. Public Comments Regarding the Consent Agenda

Mr. Jerry Adkins made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Ken Schulte, Motion carried 6/0.

Board of Trustees Voted Yay	Board of Trustees Voted Nay	Board of Trustees Absent
		Mason Howard
Jerry Adkins		
Scott Schwertner		
Joe Rinehart		
Liz Cuellar		
Chris Dunn		

Ken Schulte		
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7. ACTION

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

A. Order for School Board Trustee Election

Mr. Chris Dunn made a motion that the Board order an election for Saturday, May 2, 2026. from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing two (2) 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 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Liz Cuellar. Motion carried 6/0.

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Scott Schwertner		
Joe Rinehart		
Liz Cuellar		
Chris Dunn		
Ken Schulte		

B. Consider Approval of the Audited Financial Report for the Year that Ended August 31, 2025

Mr. Joe Rinehart made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the 2024-2025 audit report, as presented by the certified public accounting firm of KM&L, LLC, seconded by Mr. Ken Schulte. Motion carried 6/0.

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Liz Cuellar		
Chris Dunn		
Ken Schulte		

C. Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Related Action Items

Mr. Ken Schulte made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the CBOC-related items as presented and approved by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, seconded by Mr. Chris Dunn. Motion carried 6/0.

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Scott Schwertner		

Joe Rinehart		
Liz Cuellar		
Chris Dunn		
Ken Schulte		

D. Class-Size Exceptions for Freeport Elementary School

Mr. Jerry Adkins made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve a Class-Size Exception for the Freeport Elementary 1st grade bilingual classroom that is currently above the 22:1 class-size ratio and utilize paraprofessional support as presented, seconded by Mrs. Liz Cuellar. Motion carried 6/0.

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

8. REPORTS

- Public comments will be allowed on each Report.

A. Brazosport College Dual Credit Report presented by the President of Brazosport College, Dr. Vincent Solis.

B. Facilities Update presented by the Chief Operations and Technology Officer, Mr. Monty Burger.

C. 2026 Budget Update and 2027 Budget Development Calendar and Planning Process presented by the Chief Financial Officer, Ludy Cansino.

D. Board Committee Reports presented by Brazosport ISD Board President, Mr. Mason Howard.

Mr. Ken Schulte and the Board of Trustees thanked Mr. Ty Morrow, Mr. Monty Burger, and the BISD Transportation team members for securing and prepping campuses and buses for the reopening of our district after the severe winter storm on January 26, 2026.

9. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

A. Scheduling and Upcoming Events

I. Regular Board Meeting – February 16, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

10. 7:35 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

11. RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION at 8:15 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no objections, Mr. Scott Schwertner adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Board Vice-President

Board Secretary or Presiding Officer