

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item
June 15, 2026

Item: Recognitions

Contact Person: Christine Parks

Presented for: Action Report Only

Supporting Documents: None Attached Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Priority 1: Students - Ensure exceptional learning experiences that bring our “Journey of a Graduate” to life for each and every student.

Priority 2: Staff - Attract, support, and retain exceptional educators and staff to ensure every student is guided and supported by an outstanding team.

Background Information:

Student Pledges – James L. Burrell Elementary School

This evening, the pledges were led by incoming third graders Ryker Cottrell and Brynlee Hargrave from James L. Burrell Elementary School.

Ryker loves science and enjoys spending time building with LEGOs. Outside of school, he stays busy playing football and basketball and spending time with family friends. His friends describe him as kind, helpful and cheerful.

Brynlee enjoys reading and writing and loves spending time creating arts and crafts, swimming and playing softball. Her friends describe her as a caring, hardworking student who is always willing to help others.

Unified Track State Qualifiers

This evening, we are proud to recognize the Lake Belton High School Unified Track team for qualifying for the Special Olympics Texas Unified State Track and Field Meet and earning a third-place state finish.

Made up of 46 student-athletes, the team reflects Lake Belton High School's commitment to supporting and celebrating each and every student. Unified athletics brings together students of all abilities as teammates, fostering inclusion, teamwork and meaningful connections.

Under the guidance of coaches Tiffney Barnes and Stephanie Townsel, the team demonstrated perseverance, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the season.

Golf State Qualifiers

We are proud to recognize Belton New Tech @Waskow's Samantha McKenzie for qualifying for the UIL 3A State Golf Tournament.

Under the leadership of Coach Ben Bralley, Samantha earned the opportunity to compete among the state's top golfers through her dedication, skill and hard work throughout the season.

We congratulate Samantha on this outstanding accomplishment and her continued success both on the course and in the classroom.

Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Golf

Once again, we are proud to recognize Belton New Tech @Waskow student-athlete Samantha McKenzie for earning First Team All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Coached by Ben Bralley, Samantha's recognition reflects her dedication, hard work and success in competition. Earning First Team All-State honors places her among the top student-athletes in Texas.

Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Softball

Congratulations to Belton High School student-athletes Iris Molina, Lauren Vazquez and Kenadie Vanderveer for earning Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Under the leadership of Coach Morgan Birkel, Iris Molina and Lauren Vazquez were named to the Academic All-State Second Team, while Kenadie Vanderveer earned Honorable Mention recognition.

These honors reflect the commitment of our student-athletes to excellence both in the classroom and in competition. We are proud to recognize their achievement.

Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Track

Congratulations to Belton High School's Palu Muringathuparambil and Christian Porter for earning Academic All-State honors in track from the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Under the leadership of Coach Emily Pinkerton, these students demonstrated a commitment to excellence both on the track and in the classroom.

These recognitions reflect the dedication, discipline and hard work required to succeed at the highest levels of academics and athletics. We are proud to recognize their achievement.

Heller Award Recipient

Tonight, the spotlight shines on Belton High School senior Malachi Santana for earning Best Lead Performer Male at the 13th Annual Heller Awards for Young Artists for his performance in *Seussical**. This prestigious honor recognizes Malachi as one of Central Texas' top high school musical theatre performers.

Under the direction of Tonya Lovorn and Melissa Stuhff, Malachi's talent, dedication and passion for the arts have earned him a place in the spotlight.

Please join us in celebrating this incredible achievement!

Community Partner Recognition – Texas Nativescapes

We are excited to recognize Texas Nativescapes for its generosity and support of Belton ISD.

This month, their team donated and applied sand topdressing to the Wilson-Kerzee Field, providing an in-kind contribution that will help improve and maintain a space used by students, staff and the community. This investment reflects the kind of partnership that helps our programs thrive and our facilities remain a source of pride.

We are grateful for their commitment to supporting the students and families of the Big Red Community. Please join us in thanking Texas Nativescapes for making a lasting impact.

Fiscal Implications:

None.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

None.