

# Belton Independent School District

## Workshop Meeting Minutes

Board Workshop Meeting, September 16, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

Dragon Room, 400 N. Wall Street, Belton TX 76513

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### Board Members Present:

Manuel Alcozer  
Chris Flor  
Erin Bass  
Rucker Preston  
Jeff Norwood  
Janet Leigh

### Board Members Absent:

Suzanne McDonald

### 1. Call to Order:

Manuel Alcozer, Board President, called the workshop meeting of the Belton Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m., that the meeting had been duly called, noting Suzanne McDonald was absent, and notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

### 2. Public Comments:

None.

### 3. Board Workshop:

#### **A. Legislative Priorities**

Dr. Malinda Golden led a discussion regarding the role of school boards and advocacy in Texas, priorities of the Board, and Legislative Priority development ahead of the 89th Texas Legislative Session.

Dr. Golden shared with the Board the recent work around Legislative Priority development to include listening circles with PTA/PTO Leaders, municipal, faith-based and non-profit leaders, as well as school principals and community members. The listening circles included a list of questions that each group answered together, and Dr. Golden facilitated the same questions with the Board of Trustees. The questions are as follows:

1. My favorite teacher growing up was \_\_\_\_\_ because she/he \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Can you share with us the best day of school your child or a child close to you ever had in school?
3. As a parent/community member, in what ways do you hope our school prepares students for a successful life and career?
4. Is there something we don't currently have/offer at our schools that you wish we did that in your opinion would support students?
5. The biggest benefit of public education today is ...
6. What story from our schools do you wish legislators knew?

Each Board member shared their responses and perspectives to each question, with the exception of question 3 due to time constraints. Dr. Golden then shared the Legislative Priorities timeline, spanning from September 2024 through January 2025, when the 89th Texas Legislature meets, and informed the Board of the community's great interest in supporting the Belton ISD Legislative Priorities at the Capitol in the Spring.

The input shared by the Board of Trustees at this meeting will be themed, incorporated into the Belton ISD Legislative Priorities, and brought forward for review as a draft at the Policy Committee Meeting on October 1, 2024. Dr. Golden informed the Board that she hopes to have a final version for consideration and potential adoption at the October 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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Manuel Alcozer, President

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Erin Bass, Secretary