

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, April 20, 2026, 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 6:00 p.m.

A. Declaration of a Quorum

2. INVOCATION led by Mr. Chris Dunn.

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mr. Scott Schwertner.

4. AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

- **Brazosport ISD is very proud of the following recipients for their accomplishments and recognition.**

Name That Book Competition

The annual Name That Book Competition took place on March 26th & 27th. We are so very proud of EVERY student who participated in the annual 2026 Name That Book Competition!

- K-2 Division
 - TW Ogg Elementary
 - Kayla Cummins - Librarian, Melissa Williams - Sponsor, Karlee Garsee - Sponsor
 - Meili Garnier, Camila Guardiola, Arika Khilari-Aou, Betty Lamb, Gloria Lamb, Joaquin Valencia
 - K-2 BIL Division
 - Ogg Elementary
 - Kayla Cummins - Librarian, Nirvana Almanza - Sponsor
 - Jaylen Aguirre, Hugo Alvarez, Rodrigo Castillo, Lucca Gomez, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Marcelo Zamora
- 3-4 Division
 - Brannen Elementary

- Joani Wallace - Librarian
- Stella Clinton, Ruth Butler, Walker Wallace, Isabella Fernandez, James Schilthuis, Noah Allen
- 5-6 Division
 - CIS Team 2
 - Deani Peters - librarian
 - Ayana Khilari-Aou, Toshiki Arai, Olivia Ricca, Tinsley Knopp, Ian Santoyo
- 7-8 Division
 - CIS Team 1
 - Deani Peters - librarian
 - Dante Andrade, Jayden Mendoza, Macauley Navarro, Blyss Mafo
 - Honorary Member: Ty Cervantes

Career and Technical Education:

Career and Technical Education Student Organizations give students a platform to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-world challenges, all while building leadership, teamwork, and career-ready skills. From business to health science, from agriculture education, BISD students are leading the way.

Tonight, we celebrated our outstanding CTE student competitors and their dedicated sponsors:

Business Professionals of America — BPA

Brazosport High School Business Professionals of America (BPA) had 13 students compete at the 2026 Texas BPA State Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, in March and brought home multiple top finishes. *Students who qualified will advance to the BPA National Leadership Conference, May 6–10, in Nashville, Tennessee.

- Travis Hodges*- 1st Place Advanced Interview and 2nd Place Podcast Production Team
- Abigail Araica*- 1st Place Advanced Office Systems and Procedures and 4th Place Administrative Support Team
- Mariah Rodriguez*- 2nd Place Payroll Accounting and 2nd Place Podcast Production Team
- Osman Higareda*- 2nd Place Graphic Design Promotion
- Ashley Blanco*- 3rd Place Health Research Project
- Aline Ramirez*- 4th Place Administrative Support Team and 8th Place Intermediate Word Processing
- Maria Loaeza Rafaela- 4th Place Administrative Support Team, 9th Place Basic Office Systems
- Osman Higareda - 5th Place Digital Communication and Design Concepts

Congratulations to these outstanding BPA students and special thanks to Sponsor: **Amanda Thiede**

Industrial Craft Competition, HLSR

Brazosport ISD's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program continues to showcase excellence as the Brazoswood High School welding team earned top honors at the prestigious Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Industrial Craft Competition, held at NRG Arena in Houston.

Competing against some of the region's most skilled high school welding programs, Brazoswood students demonstrated exceptional technical ability, precision, and professionalism throughout the multi-day competition. Their efforts resulted in an impressive list of accolades, including:

- Grand Champion – Overall
- Grand Champion – Safety
- Grand Champion – Built to Specification
- Reserve Grand Champion – Presentation
- 3rd Place – Project Controls

The Industrial Craft Competition challenges students to apply real-world skills in fabrication, welding, planning, and communication while working under the same pressures and expectations found in industry settings. Through this experience, students gain valuable hands-on knowledge that directly prepares them for future careers in the skilled trades.

The team members representing Brazoswood Welding and earning Grand Champion status are:

- Victor Corona
- Kevin Cartajena
- Miguel Hernandez
- Tristen Thompson
- Jackson Closs
- Fernando Reyes
- Carlos Peraza
- Axel Garribay
- Zkyler Gensmer
- Jayden Haagenon
- Sponsor, Mr. Michael Strobel

Thank you for your continued dedication to these students, Mr. Strobel, and Congratulations to each of you on this outstanding accomplishment.

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-Transition Center-Sara Evans, Special Education Teacher
- Elementary- A.P. Beutel Elementary- Wendi Holland, 1st grade Teacher

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. No public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

B. Monthly Financial Statement and Quarterly Investment Report

C. Purchases Exceeding \$100,000

D. Administrative-Professional-Non-Certified Employment Contract

E. Library Materials Approval

F. Guaranteed Maximum Price for Demolition of Old Brazoswood High School Natatorium

G. Consider authorization for a construction contract with Noble Building & Development for the construction of a security vestibule at Freeport Intermediate School and Related Actions

H. Public Comments Regarding the Consent Agenda

Mr. Jerry Adkins pulled Consent Agenda Items:

- 6.F. Guaranteed Maximum Price for Demolition of Old Brazoswood High School Natatorium, and
- 6.G. Consider authorization for a construction contract with Noble Building & Development for the construction of a security vestibule at Freeport Intermediate School and Related Actions

Mr. Jerry Adkins made a motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda (Items A, B, C, D, and E), seconded by Mr. Ken Schulte. Motion carried 7/0.

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

7. ACTION

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

A. Close Rasco Middle School

Mr. Chris Dunn made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve to close Rasco Middle School, and for the 5th-grade students to attend the Lake Jackson Elementary School they are zoned to, and for the 6th-grade students to attend Lake Jackson Intermediate School. The Prekindergarten students zoned to Brannen Elementary will attend Beutel Elementary, as presented, seconded by Mr. Scott Schwertner. Motion carried 7/0.

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Joe Rinehart		
Liz Cuellar		
Chris Dunn		
Ken Schulte		

B. Instructional Calendar 2027-2028 & Consider Modifications of the 2026-2027 Adopted Calendar

Mr. Scott Schwertner made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve Instructional Calendar Draft A for the 2027-2028 school year & approve the modifications to the 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar as presented, seconded by Mrs. Liz Cuellar. Motion carried 7/0.

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Scott Schwertner		

Jerry Adkins		
Joe Rinehart		
Liz Cuellar		
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Ken Schulte		

C. Instructional Materials Adoption & Renewals

Mr. Ken Schulte made a motion that the Board of Trustees move to approve the purchase of the new Instructional Materials and Renewals for \$1,891,764.75 as presented, seconded by Mr. Chris Dunn. Motion carried 7/0.

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D. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Certification

Mr. Jerry Adkins made a motion that the Board of Trustees ratify that each subject in the required curriculum meets the certification requirements and students have access to instructional materials that cover all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, seconded by Mr. Joe Rinehart. Motion carried 7/0.

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E. Consider and Approve Order Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Brazosport Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Tax Bonds, Taxable Series 2026; Authorizing the Redemption Prior to Maturity of Certain Outstanding Bonds; and Containing Other Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Chris Dunn made a motion that the Board of Trustees adopt an order authorizing the issuance of *Brazosport Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026*, and that the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to approve the amount, interest rate, price, including terms thereof, and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto, seconded by Mr. Ken Schulte. Motion carried 7/0.

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Joe Rinehart		
Liz Cuellar		
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Ken Schulte		

F. Items Pulled from Consent Agenda (if applicable) –

Mr. Jerry Adkins made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items:

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- 6.G. Consider authorization for a construction contract with Noble Building & Development for the construction of a security vestibule at Freeport Intermediate School and Related Actions, seconded by Mr. Chris Dunn. Motion carried 7/0.

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8. REPORTS

- Public comments will be allowed on each Report.

A. 2027 Budget Planning Update presented by Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Ludy Cansino.

B. 2025-2026 District Improvement Plan 3rd Quarter Review presented by Director of State & Federal Programs, Ms. Lisa Herrera.

C. Student Outcomes Update: Practice State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) presented by Deputy Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Brian Cole.

D. Facilities Update presented by Director of Maintenance & Capital Projects, Taylor Segouin.

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

9. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

A. Scheduling and Upcoming Events

- I. Regular Board Meeting – May 18, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

10. 8:14 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 8:47 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no objections, Mr. Mason Howard adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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Ken Schulte		

Board President or Presiding Officer

Board Secretary or Presiding Officer