

# Belton Independent School District

## Special Workshop Minutes

Special Board Workshop, July 28, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

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

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### Board Members Present:

Manuel Alcozer      Brandon Bozon  
Chris Flor          Riley Beck  
Erin Bass

### Board Members Absent:

Rucker Preston  
Jeff Norwood

### 1. Call to Order:

Manuel Alcozer, Board President, called the workshop meeting of the Belton Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 5:01 p.m., noted that Jeff Norwood and Rucker Preston were absent, that the meeting had been duly called and notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

### 2. Public Comments:

Gregory Daniel - School Bonds  
Jeff Howard - School Bonds

### 3. Board Workshop Regarding Potential Bond Projects

Dr. Malinda Golden shared with the Board that the Bond Advisory Committee was brought together to prioritize safety and security, programmatic, and replacement cycle needs. The committee met three times from early June through mid-July to discuss options, and at their final meeting determined a recommendation to move forward to the Board.

Dr. Michael Morgan provided an overview of the District's long-range facility planning to include the facility assessment, Long Range Facility Planning Team, the development of the Facility Master Plan, the Bond Oversight Committee and Bond Advisory Committee. Mr. Morgan also spoke to the development of the capital improvements budget, established to ensure funds would be available for reinvestment into facilities, and to implement best practices. He also spoke to the history of school buildings and bonds in Belton ISD, noting that 9 out of the past 11 bonds included renovations, and only two were school buildings only.

Jennifer Ritter, Financial Advisor with Specialized Public Finance, provided a summary on bond capacity to include the calculations below:

0 cent increase capacity - \$149,780,000

1 cent increase capacity - \$161,720,000

3 cent increase capacity - \$167,955,000

Phased capacity - increases capacity to approximately \$200M, only issued as value allows. \$120M initially, and approximately \$40M in the next two years. See report.

Matt Gamble with Baseline provided a report to the Board regarding bond propositions and community survey results. See report.

Dr. Morgan provided a review of all potential propositions and the progression of specific line items within each proposition based on feedback from the Bond Advisory Council and taking bond capacity into consideration. Proposition A is a general bond, Proposition B is for improvements at both Tiger and Bronco Field, Proposition C is for student and staff devices, and Proposition D includes improvements to the Natatorium. See report.

The Board engaged in thoughtful conversations about each proposition, weighed in on each of the projects and discussed bond capacity options.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Manuel Alcozer, Board President

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Erin Bass, Board Secretary