

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 28, 2025, 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. Joe Rinehart

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mr. Jerry Adkins

4. AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

- On February 24th, 4 students from Clute Intermediate joined students from all over the state of Texas at the Regional Great History Challenge competition at Angleton Junior High. All 4 students from CIS qualified for the National competition that will be held on May 23-25, 2025, in Orlando, Florida. Those students are: Decker Percle, Ramiro Manzanares, Samuel Rivera, Brayan Evenez, along with teacher and coach Nicholas Hein.
- Students in honors history classes participated in the Texas History Day competition for the first time this year. The theme for 2025 was “Rights and Responsibilities”. Thirty-six students qualified for the regional meet held in Sugar Land in February. Three of our students placed first or second in that competition, making them eligible to compete at the state level. On Saturday, April 5th, students from around the state met at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin to showcase their knowledge and talent. The following BISD students participated in the state competition:
 - Brooks Adams - 5th grade - Rasco Middle School - Lincoln’s Legacy (Teacher: Lexie Burse)
 - Kayla Rodriguez-Hernandez - 6th grade - Rasco Middle School - Silenced: Afghan Women’s Rights (Teacher: Jeffrey Perales)
 - Tiah Tijerina- 6th grade - Rasco Middle School - The Chicano Movement (Teacher: Erin Cobb)

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

- **Business Professionals of America — BPA**

At the BPA State Leadership Conference in Dallas, 9 BISD students represented with excellence! Over 4,000 students competed, attended leadership sessions, and networked with professionals.

Congratulations to:

- Angel Pina – 1st in Presentation Management Team, 2nd in Small Business Management Team, and a Texas Executive Council Candidate!
 - Angelina Leija - State qualifier in Human Resource Management
 - Abigail Araica – 1st in Advanced Office Systems and Procedures, and elected Texas Associate Vice President!
 - Brianna Cervantes - State qualifier in Advanced Office Systems & Procedures
 - Deja El-Amin – 2nd in Small Business Management Team, 3rd in Payroll Accounting
 - Ashley Blanco – 3rd in Health Research Presentation
 - Natalya Vallejo - State qualifier in Administrative Support Research Project and Small Business Management Team
 - Sydney Mendoza – Texas Executive Council Candidate and state qualifier for Advanced Spreadsheet and Small Business Management
- And to their Sponsor: Amanda Thiede

- **Texas Association of Future Educators — TAFE**

At the Teach Tomorrow Summit in Galveston, BISD future educators showcased their creativity and passion for teaching.

Advisors: Cameron Peters and Mary Ashley Jimenez

National Qualifiers include:

- Kayde Huber & Rami Elyoussef – Project Visualize: Service
- Caroline Odom & Adelyn Bonnot – Children’s Literature Pre-K Focus
- Rosie Rios – Children’s Literature Spanish Kinder–3rd
- Two teams qualified for nationals in the category Interactive Bulletin Board, Middle School Focus:
 - Caroline Odom & Annie Luker, and
 - Chip Dobson & Leon Hudzietz

Gold Award Winners:

- Olivia Guffey & Paris Ponce – Project Visualize: Appreciation
- Olivia Bonnot & Katherine Odom – Children’s Literature Kinder–3rd
- Leon Hudzietz – Teacher Created Materials Middle School
- Lindsey Nichols & James Mann – Interactive Bulletin Board Elementary

Bronze Awards also went to

- James Mann & Kayleigh Johnson – Children's Literature Pre-K Focus
- Olivia Guffey – Children’s Literature Kinder–3rd

- **SkillsUSA**

BISD welders

- Travis Bell – 1st Place Welding 1 (Gold Medal), State Qualifier
- Ricardo “Ricky” Arizmendi IV & Vicente Calvillo – 1st Place Project: BBQ Pit Reverse Flow
- Victor Martinez- Masonry
- Mauricio Torres- Electrical Construction and Electrical Trades Exhibit
- Kaia Gara, Jose Barrera, Taryn Pool, and Michael Salinas- Teamwork (Team Build)
- Kaylene Martinez-Garibay- Carpentry

- Ulizes Varela- Technical Drafting and elected district officer
- **The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo — HLSR**

In a highly competitive project showcase, BISD's Tier 1 team earned:

- Reserve Champion – Project Execution
- Reserve Champion – Best of Show

Team members:

- Tristen Thompson
- Luke Lindsey
- Stuart Pittman
- Enrique Romo
- Kurtis Stanislaw
- Guillermo Hernandez
- Eliazar Rubio
- Jackson Cobb and
- Jorge Espinoza

This Tier 1 project was evaluated in four categories, and BISD earned Reserve Champion (2nd Place) in both 'Project Execution' and overall 'Best of Show.'

We are extremely proud of every BISD student who competed in BPA, TAFE, SkillsUSA, and HLSR. Your hard work and achievements reflect the power of hands-on learning and high-quality CTE instruction. This concludes our recognitions for this year's Career and Technical Student Organization competitions.

- We are pleased to announce OM Roberts, Brannen, and Polk Elementary for the earned recognition on the ERP (Educational Results Partnership) Honor Roll list. This list recognizes top public schools, school districts, and charter schools in Texas that have outperformed their peers in closing achievement gaps, particularly among higher-poverty and historically disadvantaged student populations. The Texas Honor Roll is presented by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence in collaboration with the Texas Business Leadership Council and other business leaders across the state.
- The purpose of the BISD Educator Spotlight Award is to recognize outstanding teachers across our district. These are teachers who go above and beyond not only for students but for their co-workers, as well. They are knocking instruction out of the park; they are collaborative team members and support all learners. These teachers lift their co-workers and students, and their overall performance is spectacular!

April Spotlight Teachers

- **Secondary Spotlight Teacher** - Ms. Kriste Center Brown, History Teacher from Brazos Success Academy, exemplifies passion, dedication, and excellence in education. Her love for teaching history is evident in every lesson, and she brings the subject to life in a way that deeply engages and inspires her students.
- **Elementary Spotlight Teacher** - Ms. Erica Cray, Science Teacher from Lanier Elementary, consistently goes above and beyond to make science meaningful and engaging for her students. Her passion for continuous learning is evident, as she seeks opportunities to grow professionally and takes initiative in leading science professional development to support her colleagues.

Brazosport ISD is very proud of these recipients for their accomplishments and recognition.

- An Extra-Mile Award was presented to **Justin and Kathryn Phillips** for creating the Legacy Flag Football League for BISD 5th & 6th-grade students. The flag football league had games for six weeks on Saturday mornings at Slade Field and had 56 players participating last fall and 56 players participating this spring. 31 current Brazoswood football players serve as coaches and referees, and student trainers volunteer their time to be available. Last fall, our student logged over 490 volunteer service hours supporting this opportunity for our 5th & 6th-grade students to participate in a flag football League. Legacy League Mission Statement: At Legacy League, our mission is to empower the next generation through the game of football. Guided by the belief that every touchdown scored today is a step toward shaping the leaders of tomorrow, our high school players volunteer their time to mentor, coach, and inspire young athletes. We are dedicated to nurturing teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship in a positive environment where young players develop both on and off the field. By fostering this connection, we aim to create a lasting impact that extends beyond the game, preparing today's youth to become tomorrow's role models.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the students, teachers, and the support of the parents in helping BISD to set a standard of excellence.

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.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding a Non-Agenda item - Stephen F. Austin STEM Academy

- Rocky Thomas
- Wes Tidwell
- Nikki Hardesty

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

B. Budget Amendments

C. Monthly Financial Statement

D. Purchases Exceeding \$50,000

E. Administrative/Professional/Non-Certified Employment Contract Recommendations

F. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Certification

G. Public Comments Regarding the Consent Agenda

Mr. Jerry Adkins made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Ken Schulte. Motion carried 7/0.

7. ACTION

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

A. Instructional Calendar 2026-2027

Mr. Joe Rinehart made a motion that the Brazosport ISD Board of Trustees approve the Instructional Calendar Draft A for the 2026-2027 school year as presented, seconded by Mrs. Liz Cuellar. Motion carried 7/0.

B. Cancellation of District 3 and 4 Trustee Election

Mr. Scott Schwertner made a motion that the Brazosport ISD Board of Trustees accept the accompanying *Certification of Unopposed Candidates for Other Political Subdivisions*, approve the *Order of Cancellation*, and declare the unopposed candidates for Districts 3 and 4 elected to office, seconded by Mr. Joe Rinehart. Motion carried 7/0.

C. Consideration and possible approval of notifying TEA of intent to change the fiscal year start date from September 1 to July 1, effective July 1, 2026

Mr. Scott Schwertner made a motion that the Brazosport ISD Board of Trustees approve notifying the Texas Education Agency of the intent to change the fiscal year start date from September 1 to July 1, effective July 1, 2026, seconded by Mr. Chris Dunn. Motion carried 7/0.

D. Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Related Action Items

Mr. Chris Dunn made a motion that the Brazosport ISD Board of Trustees approve the 2014 & 2019 bond reallocations as presented, seconded by Mr. Ken Schulte. Motion carried 7/0.

E. Guaranteed Maximum Price for Rasco Middle School Stacking Lane Project

Mr. Jerry Adkins made a motion that the Brazosport ISD Board of Trustees approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$1,162,194 from Stewart Builders for the Rasco Middle School Stacking Lane Project, seconded by Mr. Joe Rinehart. Motion carried 7/0.

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

8. REPORTS

- Public comments will be allowed on each Report.

A. 2026 Budget Planning Update and Guiding Principles Survey Results presented by Chief Financial Officer, Ludi Cansino.

B. Preliminary Employee Compensation Report – 2025 - 2026 presented by Chief Human Resources Officer, Jennifer Nabors.

C. 2024-2025 District Improvement Plan 3rd Quarter Review, presented by Assistant Superintendent of Compliance & Data Quality, Ron Redden.

D. Student Outcomes Update: Practice State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR), presented by Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Brian Cole

E. Board Committee Reports - None

9. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

A. Scheduling and Upcoming Events

10. 8:28 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.

Board President or Presiding Trustee

Board Secretary or Presiding Trustee