



BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

AGENDA REVIEW MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President Sarah Buenger at 5:30pm with all board members in attendance.

2. Invocation was provided by Daniel Symm, BJHs Principal

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. OPEN FORUM/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no open forum public comments.

5. PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

- A. Steve Lackey spoke to the Board of Trustees regarding the Ziekse's Foundation's desire to step back from support and maintenance of the park at the administration building and relinquishing the name of Zieske of the Park as the Foundation has now been restructured.
- B. Campus Spotlight for O'Bryant Primary School was presented by Principal Tiffany Nipp as created by the OBP 2nd Grade GT Students.

6. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. GOAL 1: LEARNING was presented by Natalie Jones, Chief Academic Officer at the Agenda Review Meeting focusing on mid-year data and progress on Wildly Important Goals: 100% use of HQIM in learning walks in the last month; Writing to Learn and Classroom Talk went up to 68% and increased occurrence of learning walks as well. Additionally, 91% of core teams are meeting for an instructional focus. Ms. Jones also shared insights on the topics covered on the February 17 Professional Learning Day.
 - 1. Campus Instructional Reports were presented by each of our campus principals sharing data from their learning walks, their collaborative instructional planning time with teachers, and instructional goals and action steps to promote students' academic growth and attainment of achievement expectations.

B. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

- 1. Financial report was presented by Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Dennis Jurek at the Agenda Review Meeting noting that there are no significant changes from last month, everything is trending as expected. State revenue appear to be lagging as a result of our payment schedule and we will likely need to make continued adjustments to funding revenues due circumstances reviewed in January with audits and appeals at the state level dating as far back as settlements from 2011-2017. Mr. Jurek also noted some discrepancies relative to revenues for frozen property values- this is being investigated to determine if we need to file an appeal as there appear to be some miscalculations. At the Regular Board Meeting, Mr. Jurek shared that our tax attorney is preparing an appeal on our behalf.
- 2. A Capital Improvement Update was presented by Dr. Michael Coopersmith, Chief Operations Officer at the Agenda Review Meeting noting progress on the softball field, that we are nearing substantial completion. The scoreboard will be shipped this week. Mr. Batson asked about a fence around the practice field, at this time it is not planned to have side fencing Pricing for side fencing was requested. Mr. Lischka noted that after a heavy rain there was a lot of silt washed off on the concrete. Dr. Coopersmith noted that it was surface material that was tracked, not new surface material.



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On the New JH, there are nine slabs to be poured. We are at 40% complete with all of the steel onsite by the end of next week. Roofing should begin going up at the beginning of March. Dr. Coopersmith also discussed proposals coming for replacement of the Aeon Units in the BHS gyms >\$400,000 with approximately \$200,000 left in the bond package for HVAC at BHS. These units are currently deemed to be at end-of-life. Also getting pricing for regrading the transportation parking lot area and concrete options. (Parking at transportation is not part of the bond package.)

3. A report on the Vision, Strategic Action Plan was presented by Dr. Nicole Poenitzsch, Superintendent, at the Agenda Review Meeting focusing on the launch of the Learner Portfolio, Local Accountability Surveys, and hosting the FRSLN.
4. Grant Walling will share the Student Board Report was shared at the Regular Board Meeting: he noted seniors demonstrating leadership with underclassmen, that learning has improved this year compared to last in his classes,

C. GOAL 3: CULTURE -Dr. Poenitzsch, Superintendent, provided a culture report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting open positions and the addition of a position for a College and Career Advisor as funded through the generous donations made to the BISD Education Foundation.

D. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY-Dr. Poenitzsch Superintendent provided a report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting weekly meetings with community leaders and February community engagement opportunities.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were approved with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Jared Lischka, (Vote 7-0)

- A. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 23, 2025
- B. Minutes from the Budget Workshop on January 23, 2025
- C. Minutes from the Special Board Meeting on February 10, 2025
- D. Minutes from the Board Workshop on February 10, 2025
- E. Minutes from the Special Board Meeting on February 17, 2025
- F. Minutes from the Agenda Review Meeting on February 17, 2025
- G. Budget Amendments and Donations

8. ACTION ITEMS

The following were approved:

- A. Bond Package C including restroom additions at West End, OBP interior refresh, transition of OBI to the existing BJHS in the amount of \$3,722,395 with a motion by Jared Lischka, seconded by Heather Novicke (Vote 7-0);
- B. Resolution for designation of BISD Investment Officers (Amber Klausmeyer and Dennis Jurek) with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded by Kenneth Stein, (Vote 7-0)
- C. OBI's Targeted Improvement Plan with a motion by Regina Gillum, seconded by Jim Batson (Vote 7-0)
- D. Updates to policy EIC (Local) related to Academic Achievement and Class Rank with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Regina Gillum (Vote 7-0)
- E. Policy Update 124 with a motion by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Jim Batson, (Vote 7-0)
- F. Policy CFB (Local) policy update (Capitalization Guidelines) with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Heather Novicke (Vote 7-0)
- G. Proposal for BHS Performance Gym HVAC Replacement in the amount of \$443,236.00 from Air Tech Brazos Valley, (Board guided to prioritize bond proceeds and bond interest earnings for coverage of this cost) with a motion



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by Grant Lischka, seconded by Regina Gillum (Vote 7-0);

- I. Resolution Regarding Wage Payments During School Closings for February 21 & 22 with overtime pay for those who were required to report that day to respond to weather related issues with a motion by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Jim Batson (Vote 7-0)

No action was taken on the following:

- H. Third party Benefits Administrators for Bellville ISD Employee Benefits

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board remained in Open Session.

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- a. The board approved the following items:
 1. Administrative contracts as recommended by the Superintendent with a motion by Jim Batson, seconded by Kenneth Stein (Vote 7-0)
 2. The Organizational Structure was updated for the naming of Chief Academic Officer as Assistant Superintendent of Academics and Instructional Strategist as Director of Teaching and Learning with a motion Kenneth Stein, seconded by Jared Lischka (Vote 7-0)

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

12. ADJOURN

The board adjourned at 6:31pm with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Heather Novicke.

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 27, 2025)

BOARD PRESIDENT: SARAH BUENGER

BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN