



BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2026

AGENDA REVIEW BOARD MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President Grant Lischka at 5:30pm with all board members present.

2. Invocation will occur at the Regular Board Meeting

3. Pledge of Allegiance will occur at the Regular Board Meeting

4. OPEN FORUM/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments made at the Agenda Review Meeting

6. REPRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Presentations and recognitions will occur at the regular board meeting

A. Recognition of December Students & Staff of the Month

B. Recognition of Fall Student Award Recipients

C. Presentation of Donation from the BISD Education Foundation for provisions for the College & Career advisor position at BHS

6. REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. GOAL 1: LEARNING - The monthly Learning Report was presented by Ms. Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Academics, at the Agenda Review Meeting. Ms. Jones reviewed data related to a mid-year review for lead measures related to academic goals. Ms. Jones reviewed middle of the year MAP performance and data digs that have taken place with campus leaders to look at projected STAAR accountability ratings and steps moving forward to promote progress and increased ratings.

B. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

1. Report on Finances & Operational Departments - The monthly Learning Report was presented by Mr. Jurek, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations, at the Agenda Review Meeting noting all expenditures and revenues are tracking normally for mid-year and noting that large expenditures related to completion of the BJHS campus should be expected in the coming month. Mr. Jurek noted local projects include the West End Shade structure (donated by West End PTO); Mr. Jurek noted we have had some delays in payments for food service due to the previous government shutdown. Mr. Lischka requested to see a list of past and current bond schedules for paying down previous debts. Mr. Jurek noted that our investments accounts are currently earning at or above the guaranteed rates and noted that BISD did move funds from Cadence to the LoneStar Pool earning at a higher rate.

2. Capital Improvement Update was provided by Dr. Coopersmith, Chief Operations Officer, was presented at the Agenda Review Meeting noting that the new junior high campus is now open and that there are still punch-list, clean-up, and small items being completed. We have three payments remaining on Packages A & B. Dr. Coopersmith noted that the restroom and storage addition are complete at West End Elementary. Dr. Coopersmith noted some of the scopes being defined for Package C such as renovation at the old junior high, auction items to be disposed of at the current junior high, and items to be disposed of at the current OBI campus. There was some discussion around the time frame for demolition of OBI and what will remain.

3. Report on BISD Vision & Action Plans was presented by Dr. Poenitzsch,

C. GOAL 3: CULTURE Report was presented by Dr. Poenitzsch, Superintendent, was presented at the Agenda Review Meeting noting open positions and discussion around the time frame for administrative and teacher contracts. Dr. Poenitzsch noted that we've received lots of positive feedback on the district's support through



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loss and transitions.

D. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY Report was presented by Dr. Poenitzsch, noting a successful ribbon cutting and opening event for BJHS and upcoming events.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were discussed at the Agenda Review Meeting for action at the Regular Board Meeting:

- A. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on December 15, 2026
- B. Minutes from the AGenda Review Meeting on January 12, 2026
- C. Budget Amendments and Donations
- D. MOU with Austin Country AgriLife

8 ACTION ITEMS

The following items were discussed for action at the Regular Board Meeting.

- A. 2026-2027 Academic Calendar with the Board recommending to remove the day off in April to maximize instructional days before STAAR testing and instead end the school year on May 26. A revised calendar will be presented at the Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Order of Election for the Bellville ISD School Board Election on May 2, 2026 for positions 1 and 2
- C. Notice of General Election for the May 2, 2026 School Board Election on May 2, 2026
- D. Joint Election Agreement with Austin County for May 2, 2026 School Board Election
- E. District of Innovation Plan for 2026-2031
- F. BISD Local Accountability System for 2027-2029
- G. Hybrid Learning Program with the leadership team explaining the details of what is being proposed for a 7-12 pilot option for Hybrid Learning for the 2026-2027 school year.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in closed session at 6:51pm with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Jared Lischka.

11. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

There was no action taken on any items following the Executive Session.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

- Dr. Poenitzsch shared the list of OBP books requested for purchase in February.
- The Board discussed moving meeting dates to Monday's and Thursday's for the remainder of the spring/summer.

13. ADJOURN

The board adjourned at 7:37pm with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Regina Gillum.

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Pending January 22, 2026



BOARD PRESIDENT: GRANT LISCHKA



BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN