

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item
July 21, 2025

Item: Recognitions

Contact Person: Christine Parks

Presented for: ☐ Action ☒ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☒ None ☐ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Goal 2: Ensure exceptional learning experiences for each and every student.

Goal 4: Develop a district-wide culture of value, support, and growth amongst all students and staff.

Background Information:

Student Pledges – Leon Heights Elementary School

This evening, the pledges were led by Leon Heights Elementary students Ava Littlefield and Hayes Dubberly.

Ava will be in 2nd grade this fall. Her favorite subject is math, and she absolutely loves her school! When she's not in class, Ava enjoys swimming, building with LEGOs and playing with her friends. Her friends describe her as sweet, outgoing and a little bit silly—in the best way!

Hayes is heading into 1st grade. His favorite part of school is P.E., and outside of school, he loves shooting hoops, swimming and reading *Pizza and Taco* books. His friends say he's funny, smart, and just plain awesome.

HOSA International Qualifiers

We are proud to recognize three exceptional students from Belton and Lake Belton High Schools who have qualified as international competitors in HOSA—Future Health Professionals.

Tristan Hernandez and Anya Jinadatha from Belton High School advanced in the categories of phlebotomy and research poster, while Olivia Gallant from Lake Belton High School qualified in personal care. These students earned their spots on the international stage by excelling at the National Leadership Conference.

Their achievement reflects not only their skill and dedication but also the strength of Belton ISD's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Health Science program. We are proud of their hard work and the support they've received from their sponsors, Stephanie Yaryan and Mary Keeton.

Please join us in celebrating these future healthcare professionals and their remarkable accomplishments.

Department Showcase – Custodial Department

This month's department showcase shines a spotlight on the hard-working team in BISD Custodial Services, led by Custodial Director Maria Garcia and Supervisors Francisca Guzman and Nathan Coleman.

This dedicated team of 116 custodians works year-round to maintain clean, safe and welcoming campuses across the district—covering more than two million square feet of space each day. Among them are 19 lead custodians who guide and support their teams in delivering high standards across all facilities.

We're grateful for the essential role this team plays in preparing our buildings for a successful school year and supporting a healthy environment for our students and staff. They are truly World-Class Employees!

New Administrator Introduction

Amber Ross, Hubbard Branch Elementary Principal

Amber Ross has been named principal of Hubbard Branch Elementary in Belton ISD. With more than 20 years of experience in public education, she has served as a classroom teacher, assistant principal and principal. Ross joined Belton ISD in 2024 and previously served as assistant principal at Chisholm Trail Elementary. She is known for her student-centered leadership, strong instructional background and commitment to building thriving school communities. Ross holds a bachelor's degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Walden University.

Community Partner Recognition – Belton Education Foundation

Tonight, we are proud to recognize the Belton Education Foundation (BEF) as our Community Partner Showcase.

BEF plays a vital role in supporting students and staff across Belton ISD through generous classroom grants, scholarships, and professional development opportunities. Their impact is driven by a committed team of board members, executive committee members, and a three-person staff—each bringing diverse perspectives from across the Belton ISD community.

Last year alone, the foundation awarded \$124,797.26 in classroom grants to 36 teachers and \$375,500 in scholarships to 174 students—directly funding innovative ideas, student opportunities, and meaningful postsecondary dreams.

With a shared commitment to fostering innovation and excellence in education, the foundation continues to be a driving force behind powerful learning experiences for students and staff. We are grateful for their partnership and their ongoing investment in the success of Belton ISD.

Fiscal Implications:

None.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

None.