



BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Regular Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President Grant Lischka at 5:30pm with all board members present with the exception of Heather Novicke, and Regina Gillum.

2. Invocation will occur was provided by BJHS Principal Daniel Symm

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. OPEN FORUM/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments made.

6. REPRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Campus Spotlight: Bellville Junior High was presented by Principal Daniel Symm, Ms. Jessica Jennings, and selected student representatives from the BJHS Student Council. Please see the presentation and video linked into the online BoardBook that was created and produced by our BJHS Students.

B. Recognition of Students & Staff of the Month

- BHS: Nicole McEnerney (Staff), Harper Lischka (9th), Lauren Sampey (10th), Miriam Castillo (11th), Emma Maggio (12th)
- BJHS: Dustin Adams (Staff), Trenton Harris (6th), Ivan Biedra (7th), Ava Mercer (8th)
- OBI: Melissa Durham (Staff), Tammy Speiss (Staff), Nicole Coghlan (4th), Gavin Luetge (4th), Aurora Orero (5th), Rodrigo Rebolgar Alvarez (5th)
- OBP: Sara Huffman (Staff), Avery Nichols (PK), Asher Speed (K), James Lovejoy (1st), Eleni Soto (2nd), Ellie Jones (3rd), Zayn Martinez (Other)
- WE: Becky Krenek (Staff), Shelby Pacheco (K), Koa Duncum (1st), Briggs Schubert (2nd), Stephen Gates (3rd), River Kautz (4th), Tori Masson (5th)

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 noting targeted improvement plans from each campus and noting plans for Professional Development on Friday, February 13 with a focus on targeted test focus on Friday afternoon. Ms. Jones also shared that we have been awarded a three year grant with year 1 awarded in the amount of \$627,000 for the 2026-2027 school year specifically related to instructional leadership for implementation of the Bluebonnet Curriculum. Ms. Jones also noted that we've been nominated for a Beacon Grant for Bluebonnet implementation and Region 6 has nominated us for that grant. Ms. Jones is working on submitting the application which, if awarded, would recognize BISD as a model school district for other districts across the state to come visit. Ms. Jones noted what an honor it is to have been nominated for the grant and to have such an honor as the commissioner visiting on Friday last week.

1. Campus Instructional Reports were presented by Campus Leaders at the Regular Board Meeting including overview of how each campus has a data-informed, student driven culture focusing on targeted instruction to promote students' academic growth and success on upcoming STAAR assessments;
2. Ms. Jones reviewed updated guidelines for the BISD's PTECH program at the Agenda Review Meeting noting the number of students who have persisted through each of our PTECH cohorts and noting some additional guidelines being put in place to support students in staying on track in their PTECH cohorts. (See report attached in online BoardBook.) Mr. Mahlman discussed parameters for drops/retakes based on current experiences to establish parameters moving forward to support both the success of the student and financial management of the PTECH Program.

B. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

1. Report on Finances & Operational Departments - The monthly Learning Report was presented by Mr. Jurek, Assistant



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Superintendent of Finance & Operations, at the Agenda Review Meeting noting that collections are coming in as scheduled with additional information to be shared on this at the Budget Workshop in March. Grant Lischka asked if Mr. Jurek can break down the revenues side of the budget more specifically to revenues such as grant funds, CTE funds, etc. Mr. Jurek said that yes, he can break down the revenue streams moving forward. Mr. Jurek noted donations and work done for BHS batting cages, and WE shade structures and noting that OBP has a donation to move forward with shade structures for OBP's playground as well which will be noted for action on the agenda at the February 26, 2026 Regular Meeting. Mr. Jurek gave a high level overview of Property Values (CPTD) noting that we are very close to what we budgeted which is a good thing. Mr. Jurek noted that hold harmless funding is something that we're watching with new methodologies given to Appraisal Districts in the fall which caused us to lose all of our hold harmless funding- there are organizations in the state advocating for districts regarding this. Mr. Jurek shared that FNG will be coming to present on our Professional Learning Day on Friday and providing lunch for the staff.

2. Capital Improvement Update was provided by Dr. Coopersmith, Chief Operations Officer, at the Agenda Review Meeting noting the funds remaining in Bond Project expenditures for Package C noting the OBI refresh and demolition are the largest two remaining projects for Package C and noting we are on track to be under budget for the completion of the New Junior High Campus. Package C will be ongoing through next summer with anticipation that all Bond 2023 projects are complete in Fall 2026. Grant Lischka noted concerns that he wants to ensure that the problem relayed by the contractor is actually what the problem is so that the problem doesn't happen again. He reiterated that he wants to be sure we're not going to continue to have a problem. Mr. Buenger noted that they talked to the city that afternoon and who said the issue was not related to the area with the city but that the pipe was blocked from where there is a dip in the pipe and another line connects into it, noting several joints and dips and different kinds of pipes and noting the concern with volume tying into the restrooms.

3. Report on BISD Vision & Action Plans was presented by Dr. Poenitzsch, at the Agenda Review Meeting focusing on development of the Traits of a Brahma and the TASA Visioning Document Refresh. Dr. Poenitzsch gave an overview of the recent events Bellville ISD has hosted for TEA and the Commissioner of Education.

C. GOAL 3: CULTURE Report was presented by Dr. Poenitzsch, Superintendent, was presented at the Agenda Review Meeting noting open positions and plans for recruitment moving forward.

D. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY Report was presented by Dr. Poenitzsch, noted current events for community engagement. Mr. Stein noted how quiet the new junior high is. Mr. Batson asked about Brahmas on the Square not having a booth at Market Days and Dr. Poenitzsch shared that we've elected just to run the store not a booth and the store.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were approved with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Kenneth Stein, with Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson and Jared Lischka voting Yes, (Vote 5-0)

- A. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 22, 2026
- B. Minutes from the Agenda Review Meeting on February 9, 2026
- C. Disposal of outdated/out-of-adoption instructional materials
- D. Budget Amendments and Donations

8 ACTION ITEMS

The following items were approved:

- D. Actions related to OBP Playground shade structures including procurement, donations, and budget amendments with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Jim Batson, with Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson and Jared Lischka voting Yes, (Vote 5-0)



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A. Library purchases for WE, OBP, OBI, BJHS, BHS with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Jim Batson, with Grant Lischka, Sarah

Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson and Jared Lischka voting Yes, (Vote 5-0)

B. The action not to adopt a resolution related to a Daily Prayer Period per SB11 with a motion by Sarah Buegner, seconded by Jared Lischka, with Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson and Jared Lischka voting Yes, (Vote 5-0)

C. Resolution Regarding Wage Payments During School Closures on January 26, 2026 and May 1, 2026 with a motion by Jim Batson, seconded by Jim Batson, with Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson and Jared Lischka voting Yes, (Vote 5-0)

E. Cancellation of the BISD Board Election on May 2, 2026 and related actions including Certification of Unopposed Candidates for Positions 1, and 2 and Order of Cancellation with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Kenneth Stein, with Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson and Jared Lischka voting Yes, (Vote 5-0)

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board remained in Open Session.

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board remained in Open Session.

A. The following items were approved: :

1. Action on administrative contracts as recommended by the Superintendent with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Kenneth Stein, with Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson and Jared Lischka voting Yes, (Vote 5-0)
2. Update on position title for the Director of Inclusive Learning to be the Director of Special Programs with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Jared Lischka, with Grant Lischka, Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson and Jared Lischka voting Yes, (Vote 5-0)

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

- Dr. Poenitzsch shared details for the Board Report at the Agenda Review Meeting.

13. ADJOURN

The board adjourned at pm with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Kenneth Stein

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Pending February 26, 2026

BOARD PRESIDENT: GRANT LISCHKA

BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN