



BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 23, 2025

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Grant Lischka at 5:30pm with all board members in attendance.

2. Invocation was provided by BJHS Principal Daniel Symm

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. OPEN FORUM/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no open forum public comments.

5. PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

A. Campus Spotlight: Bellville High School took place at the Agenda Review Meeting

B. BISD Board Appreciation Month will occur at the Regular Board Meeting

C. BHS Fall Student Award Recipients will occur at the Regular Board Meeting

6. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. GOAL 1: LEARNING was presented by Natalie Jones, Chief Academic Officer at the Agenda Review Meeting focusing on the executive team's transition to align with the 4 Disciplines of Execution to focus on our Wildly Important Goals

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 we are trending as expected at this point in the year and previewing things to come at next week's budget workshop including collection rates and that we are at 33% expended at this point in the year. Mr. Jurek also noted that we've completed the light upgrades to the LED lights at the Admin Building park.

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 and shared pictures of the concerns that have been shared regarding field conditions following recent rain. Dr. Coopersmith also shared updates on HVAC controls, roof updates, and an update on the transportation parking lot.

3. A report on the Vision, Strategic Action Plan was presented by Dr. Nicole Poenitzsch, Superintendent, at the Agenda Review Meeting reiterating focus on Wildly Important Goals, the launch of the Learner Portfolio, and sharing information on legislative updates with plans for joint Austin County Legislative Priorities.

C. GOAL 3: CULTURE -Dr. Poenitzsch, Superintendent, provided a culture report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting open positions and recent transitions.

D. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY-Dr. Poenitzsch Superintendent provided a report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting the intent to create an opportunity to connect with community leaders on a weekly basis beginning in January.



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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 December 19, 2024
- B. Minutes from the Agenda Review Meeting on January 16, 2025
- C. Budget Amendments

8. ACTION ITEMS

The following were approved:

- A. Approval of the 2025-2026 BISD Academic Calendar and waiver for 2100 minutes for general professional development with a motion by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Jim Batson, (Vote 7-0)
- B. Order of Election for the Bellville ISD School Board Election with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Regina Gillum, (Vote -0)
- C. Notice of Election for the Bellville ISD School Board Election with a motion by Regina Gillum, seconded by Heather Novicke, (Vote 7-0)
- D. Joint Election Agreement with Austin County for the May 3, 2025 Election with a motion by Jared Lischka, seconded by Regina Gillum, (Vote 7-0)
- E. Purchase of four replacement HVAC units at Bellville High School through Honeycutt as the approved vendor in the amount of \$137,470 and related budgetary actions pending insurance approval, with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded by Kenneth Stein, (Vote 7-0)

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in closed session at 6:02pm with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Kenneth Stein (Vote 7-0)

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:22pm

- A. The Board took action to extend Dr. Poenitzsch's contract for an additional year, maintaining a five year contract beginning July 1, 2025 with a motion Grant Lischka, seconded by Kenneth Stein, (Vote 7-0)

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

12. ADJOURN

The board adjourned at 7:23pm with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Regina Gillum (Vote 7-0)

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 23, 2025

BOARD PRESIDENT: SARAH BUENGER

BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN