

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Boerne Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Boerne Independent School District was held Monday, November 18, 2024, beginning at 5:00 PM in the BISD Board Room, 235 Johns Road, Boerne, TX 78006.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Garrett Wilson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

II. ESTABLISH QUORUM

President – Garrett Wilson

Vice President – Kristi Schmidt

Secretary – Courtney Darter-Bruce

Members - Maritza Gonzalez-Cooper, Carlin Friar, Dallas Pipes, Rich Sena

III. CLOSED SESSION

Garrett Wilson announced at approximately 5:02 p.m., the board will convene in Closed Session to discuss the following items; pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551 of the Texas Open Meeting Act for the following purposes:

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 - Deliberation regarding matters related to employment, appointments, resignations, terminations, retirements, and reassignments.

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.0821 - Deliberation of personally identifiable information about a public school student.

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 - Discussion of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 - Discussion of board member roles and responsibilities.

IV. OPEN SESSION

At approximately 6:32 p.m., the board reconvened in Open Session.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence led by Fair Oaks Elementary Students
Students from Fair Oaks Ranch Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags. A moment of silence was then observed.

B. Commendation of Student, Staff, and Community Achievements

-Champion Boys & Girls Cross Country Teams

-Elizabeth Leachman (CHS)

-Boerne High School Boys Cross Country Team

-Champion Girls & Boys Water Polo Teams

-Bexon Harrison (CHS) & Cayden VanDyne (CHS)

-Logan Fritcher, Braden Bays, & Jaxon Baize (BHS)

-2024 Orchestra All-Region Members

-Jenny Breuer (CHS)

C. Core Values in Action: Student Recipient

The Core Value student recipient was recognized.

D. BEF Wow Moment

The BEF Wow Moment was presented.

E. Visitor Comments/Testimonials

Shawn Crow – Spoke on the subject of the P-Tech cybersecurity program.

Irvin Smith – Spoke on the subject of the P-Tech cybersecurity program.

Corey Jones – Spoke on the subject the P-Tech cybersecurity program.

Hayden Jones – Spoke on the subject of the P-Tech cybersecurity program.

Sylvester Perez – Spoke on the subject of athletic facilities.

Richard Herbst – Spoke on the subject of thanks and the Kendall County Retired Teachers Association.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED 7-0.

VI. CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, REGARDING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Request for Approval of Routine Personnel Items

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT AS PRESENTED IN CLOSED SESSION.

MOTION WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED 7-0.

Natalie Benke was announced as the Principal of Champion High School and stood to be recognized along with the members of her family in attendance.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings

B. Purchasing Report

C. Consider Approval of New Courses at the Secondary Level for 2025-2026

D. Consider Approval of the 2025-2026 Middle School & High School Course Catalogs

E. Consider Approval of Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver

F. Consider Approval of MOUs Between Boerne ISD and Institutes of Higher Education (Alamo Colleges & Tarleton State University)

G. Consider Approval of Texas Women's University Clinical Affiliation Agreement

H. Consider Approval of Clinical Practice MOU with Texas A&M University

I. Appointment of Kendall County Appraisal District Board Members and Voting Resolution for Bexar and Comal Appraisal District Board Members

J. Consider Approval of Superintendent Evaluation Instrument

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED 7-0.

VIII. GOVERNANCE

A. Board Member Reports

Rich Sena – Provided a brief update on the upcoming legislative session noting important items related to public school funding and advocacy. The legislative session will begin January 12, 2025. Mr. Sena noted that another trip to Austin to promote BISD’s legislative priorities will be planned in early 2025. Mr. Sena thanked Dr. Craft for the formation of the BSAC committee. Members of the committee may also attend trips to Austin to assist in advocacy efforts.

Kristi Schmidt – Provided a report from the recent PTO President’s meeting. A guest speaker from the Boerne Sunrise Rotary spoke to the group. Other topics of discussion included the BEF giving day and attendance updates. Kristi also noted that VWES held it’s first fundraiser and raised approximately \$40,000.

Garrett Wilson – Provided an update from the Finance committee meeting. Compensation scenarios as well as appraisal district voting resolutions were some of the topics of discussion.

Maritza Gonzalez-Cooper – Provided a safety & security update noting that two district officers were invited to attend a special training course in Waco and were excited for the opportunity. Also noted, Boerne ISD is working with Comfort ISD on safety initiatives.

Dallas Pipes – Provided a brief recap from the Content Filter Committee which examines what sites are allowed/disallowed in the district. Topics of discussion included, content filtering practices, filtering software and the staff utilized to block and unblock sites. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2025.

IX. REPORTS

A. Superintendent

1. District Updates

Dr. Craft provided the district update. Current enrollment is 11,102. Last Monday was Veterans Day and Dr. Craft enjoyed attending many campus Veterans Day ceremonies across the district. Dr. Craft continues Listen and Learn visits at the secondary campuses this fall which consists of the Superintendent and up to three board members meeting with students to gain helpful insights and honest feedback. Elementary school Listen & Learn meetings will begin in the spring semester and Dr. Craft is looking forward to hearing from those students as well. Dr. Craft noted that the fall survey responses doubled from last year. Principals and department leaders are reviewing the survey data now. A parent survey is planned for the spring semester. Dr. Craft thanked the board for their support in her continued professional development. Dr. Craft recently graduated from the First Time Superintendent Academy. The 2025-2026 calendar survey will be distributed to the community tomorrow and will remain open throughout the Thanksgiving break. Another BSAC committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow and meeting resources are posted online. Dr. Craft wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving break.

B. Strategic Plan Updates

1. Goal 1 - Student Success: Early Childhood Programs – Pre-Kindergarten
Renee Munn provided a report on early childhood programs.

2. Goal 4 - Family & Community Engagement: Creating Connections
Krista Pomeroy provided a report on family and community engagement.

C. Technology

1. Annual Technology Report

Sean Babcock presented the annual technology report.

X. ACTIONS

A. Business

1. Consider Mid-Year Compensation Proposal

MOTION WAS MADE FOR THE BISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION PROPOSAL TO INCREASE HOURLY PAY BY \$1.25 PER HOUR FOR IDENTIFIED POSITIONS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025 AND PAY \$300 PER STAFF AS A RETENTION INCENTIVE.

MOTION WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED 7-0.

2. Monthly Financial Report and Board Action on Financial Matters Directly Related to those Reports (Including Budget Amendments, Investments, Donations, and Tax Collection Reports)

Wes Scott presented information regarding the monthly financial report.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR THE BOERNE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS, DONATION REPORT, AND TAX COLLECTION REPORTS AS PRESENTED.

MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED 7-0.

XI. FUTURE BUSINESS ITEMS

December 16, 2024 Meeting - Future Business

Approval of upcoming year's calendar

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 9:22 PM.

MOTION WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED 7-0.

Garrett Wilson, President

Courtney Darter-Bruce, Secretary

Date of Board Approval