



BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 27, 2024

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. Meeting was called to order by President Sarah Buenger at 5:35pm with all board members in attendance.
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.
5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS
 - A. Recognition of the BISD Museum Committee was presented by Board Secretary Kenneth Stein and BISD Superintendent, Dr. Nicole Poenitzsch to honor the individuals who have been dedicated to capturing BISD's history through creation of the BISD Museum: Museum Committee Members included- Cindy Frank, Lori Jackson, Joyce Knolle, Joy Mueller, Mary Ann Novosad, Leigh An nSchultz, Earnestine Seals, Kenneth Stein, Melanie Stein, Laura Swearingen, Janet Wilson. Ms. Novosad shared news about what is in the works for the museum relaying their efforts to digitize all of the existing documents, artifacts, yearbooks, and HoofBeat editions.
 - B. The Bellville ISD Board of Trustees was recognized for being awarded the 2024 Region 6 Board of the Year;
 - C. Auxiliary Department Spotlights were shared by each of the leaders of our auxiliary teams: JD Higginbotham shared quotes from the grounds, maintenance, and custodial team members and gave insight into the quantity of work orders responded to in the course of a year (approximately 1,600 per year) and reviewed the nature and scope of the work of each of his teams - sharing high regard for the work ethic and teamwork of our maintenance, grounds, and auxiliary teams especially through the extreme demands created by extreme weather disasters BISD experienced this past spring; Ms. Werner, Director of Child Nutrition shared information about her Child Nutrition Team and and districtwide child nutrition operations: 21 team members across five campuses serving approximately 223,463 lunches, and 69,552 breakfasts equally about 1338 meals per day, and noted items received through grant awards and new menu items coming in 2024-2025 including crispy beef tacos, crispy chicken tacos, loaded fries with pulled pork, gooey grilled cheese, and fruit parfait in a cone; Mr. Jurek presented the transportation report on behalf of our new Transportation Director Dena Weaver noting plans for route efficiencies in the 2024-2025 school year specifically related to shuttle routes to the BISD Learning Center and noting the efficiency and work of the mechanic on our transportation team;
 - D. Dr. Coopersmith, Chief Operations Officer reviewed the 2023-2024 Annual School Health Advisory Council Report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting the various efforts of SHAC to promote health and wellness throughout the school year. (See report attached in the online Board Book at www.bellvilleisd.org)
 - Efforts include: Dating Dilemmas, NARCAN on campuses, Safety Day, Vaping Education, Internet Safety.
 - Mr. Stein expressed desire for Water Safety to be brought back into SHAC's efforts.
6. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. GOAL 1: LEARNING
 - Ms. Natalie Jones, Chief Academic Officer reviewed the available data related to STAAR scores that have been received so far. (Not all data related to A-F Accountability ratings have been received yet); Additional talking points included:



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- Note that while 2023 Ratings were not released, Bellville ISD was projected to be a “B” district;
- Noting the changes to the test format (including written responses on tests across grade levels- which are graded by Artificial Intelligence and noting an increased percentage in the amounts of “zeros” awarded for responses this year through “computer-grading” versus human grading from last year) and online administration;
- In 2023-2024 self-contained Lifeskills students were required to take the general education STAAR test where in prior years our students were eligible to take STAAR Alt. 2;
- Across the state and region scores in Science and math have dropped; and
- Reminder that our efforts to increase college, career, and military readiness is based on lagging data;
- See report included in the online BoardBook at www.bellvilleisd.org for additional details.

B. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

1. Financial report was presented by Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Dennis Jurek at the Agenda Review Meeting. Mr. Jurek noted that the general fund report is tracking in accordance as planned as we look ahead to year-end reports and noting bond funds and projects to be updated in the coming months. Ms. Buenger noted liking the additional reports being included each month, making it more clear to track expenditures.
2. A Capital Improvement Update was presented by Dr. Michael Coopersmith, Chief Operations Officer at the Agenda Review Meeting, noting: the OBP Chiller has not yet been delivered, this is slated for July; the OBP roof should be complete by July 15th; the West End Renovation project is on track to be completed by the July 31 deadline; OBP GroundBreaking is scheduled for June 18. We’ve put out a CMAR package for Softball to receive bids for the scopes of work that we’ll bring to the Board once we have the cost information and outcome of the opinion sought by the attorney general. HVAC packages approved last week will begin benign installed in July on our campuses. Dr. Coopersmith shared pictures of work progressing at BJHS & WE and an updated timeline for decision making at the Regular Board Meeting.
3. A report on the Vision, Strategic Action Plan, BISD Learning Center, and Long-Range Facilities Plans was presented at the Agenda Review Meeting by Dr. Nicole Poenitzsch, Superintendent, noting: Leadership Events in June:
 - A. Dr. Poenitzsch reviewed 2023-2024 Local Accountability Ratings noting improvement on all campuses with all rating as a B and noting that these ratings will be weighted at 50% with A-F Accountability ratings for each campus so long as each campus is a C independently.

C. GOAL 3: CULTURE -Dr. Poenitzsch, Superintendent, provided a report sharing that nearly all teaching positions are filled and all positions are expected to be filled by the end of next week.

D. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY-Dr. Poenitzsch Superintendent provided a report noting year-end enrollment, safety training enhancements planned for over the summer to include all auxiliary departments and continued efforts of appreciation through staff onboarding.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were approved under the consent agenda with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Heather Novicke, (Vote 7-0):



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- A. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 23, 2024;
- B. Minutes from the Special Board Meeting on June 4, 2024;
- C. Minutes from the Special Board Meeting on June 13, 2024;
- D. Minutes from the ESSA Public Hearing on June 17, 2024;
- E. Minutes from the Agenda Review Meeting on June 17, 2024;
- F. Budget Amendments including earnings/reimbursement for the State UIL Football Game and a donation from the Davoody Foundation for the Bellville Playmakers;
- G. MOU's with Bellville Police Department for SRO's and Security and Escort Services
- H. Board Policy Update 123

8. ACTION ITEMS

The following were approved at the Regular Board Meeting:

- A. The 2024-2025 BISD Strategic Action Plan with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Regina Gillum (Vote 7-0);
- B. Submission of a waiver for days with a greater than 10% variance (decline) in attendance rates from the previous year with a motion by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Heather Novicke; (Vote 7-0);
- C. Updates to the 2024-2025 BISD Code of Conduct with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded by Kenneth Stein; (Vote 7-0)
- D. The BISD 2024-2025 Innovative Courses list with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded by Regina Gillum; (Vote 7-0);
- E. The BISD "No Pass, No Play List" for the 2024-2025 School Year with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Jim Batson, (Vote 7-0);
- F. 2024-2025 Instructional Reporting and Grading Guidelines with a motion by Regina Gillum, seconded by Kenneth Stein, (Vote 7-0);
- G. Actions related to repairing the BHS Greenhouse and related budgetary actions with a motion by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Heather Novicke, (Vote 7-0);
- H. Action to purchase dishwashers for BHS & OBP with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Heather Novicke, (Vote 7-0)

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board remained in Open Session.

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board Remained in Open Session

- A. No action was needed outside of item B listed below;
- B. A motion was made by Grant Lischka regarding the summative annual evaluation, and contracted compensation amount of \$170,000 per year with a second by Jim Batson, (Vote 7-0)

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

This will occur at the Regular Board Meeting.

13. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:48pm with a motion made by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Regina Gillum (vote 7-0).

BOARD APPROVED: JULY 25, 2024