

Belton Independent School District

Special Meeting Minutes

Special Board Meeting, June 4, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

Dragon Room, 400 N. Wall St. Belton, TX

Board Members Present:

Manuel Alcozer
Rucker Preston
Chris Flor
Jeff Norwood
Brandon Bozon
Riley Beck

Board Members Absent:

Erin Bass

1. Call to Order:

Manuel Alcozer called the special meeting of the Belton Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m. He stated that a quorum of Board Members was present, noting Ms. Erin Bass was absent, that the meeting had been duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2. Public Comments:

None.

3. Strategies to Address Capital Projects and Operational Needs

Dr. Malinda Golden reminded the Board they commissioned a Budget Advisory Committee in August 2024, to explore methods by which to reduce the budget, and provided additional strategies to address capital projects and operational needs that included:

1. Disaster Pennies - In the year following a disaster, school districts can increase their tax rate, without voter approval, to help cover costs associated with responding to the disaster, such as facility repairs, cleanup, or other related expenses.
2. Voter Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) - A VATRE is a special election asking voters to approve a tax rate that exceeds the voter-approved tax rate for school districts.
3. Revenue Bond - A revenue bond is a municipal bond that finances a specific project or facility. The principal and interest is paid from revenues produced by the facility.

4. Action Item:

A. Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding Commission of a Bond Advisory Committee

Dr. Morgan provided the Board with an overview of replacement cycles, the condition of aging facilities, safety security items, and programmatic needs. Over the last four years the District has conducted a detailed Facilities Assessment and developed a Long Range Master Facility Plan. Within these are identified and pressing needs that largely fall into categories of Safety and Security, Replacement Cycles, and Programmatic Needs.

Dr. Golden presented a Bond Advisory Committee Charter to evaluate potential packages to address the most pressing needs that could be addressed through a future bond as well as allow opportunities for community input through surveying and stakeholder feedback opportunities throughout June and July so we could bring back finds and initial recommendations at a Board workshop in July.

Chris Flor made a motion, seconded by Jeff Norwood, to approve the commissioning of a Bond Advisory Committee as presented. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Manuel Alcozer, President

Erin Bass, Secretary