



**Agenda of Workshop Meeting - The Board of Trustees
Belton Independent School District
Monday, December 14, 2020**

A Working meeting of the Board of Trustees of Belton Independent School District will be held Monday, December 14, 2020, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Pittenger Fine Arts Center, 400 N. Wall Street, Belton, TX 76513.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comments**
- 3. Board Workshop: Update on Goal #1: Engage the community in setting direction for the future of Belton ISD.**
 - A. Develop Legislative Priorities for BISD 2
 - B. Discuss Values and Beliefs Statements 7
- 4. Adjourn**

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]



Develop Legislative Priorities for Belton ISD
Board Workshop Discussion - December 14, 2020

To support the board in their roles as advocates for public education during the upcoming Texas legislative session by discussing policy topics of interest for development of 2021 Belton ISD Legislative Priorities.

One of the primary responsibilities of a school board is to serve as an advocate for public schools.

Board members are the link between the school system and the public. As advocates for public education, board members help grow community support for public schools...

Texas Association of School Boards

Challenges facing lawmakers & advocates:

- Budget deficit
- New leadership in the House
- COVID-19 precautions

What legislative topics are of interest to you as a Belton ISD Board Member?



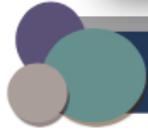
Board Workshop
Discuss Values and Belief Statements
December 14, 2020

Discuss the creation of Values and Belief Statements shared by the Board of Trustees and Superintendent.

Why create these statements for BISD?

- Creates shared voice of Board
- Establishes common agreements
- Provides foundation for administrative work
- Preserves the foundation of BISD as we grow
- Helps ensure Board impact on our system

What are some examples?



Belief Statements

1. We believe all students have the capacity to learn and excel.
2. We believe a safe, secure and supportive environment is paramount to learning.
3. We believe in living our core values of leadership, character, commitment, service and learning.
4. We believe engaging, interactive and authentic teaching creates empowered, inspired learners prepared for our changing world.
5. We believe technology is a relevant tool that enhances learning in and beyond the classroom.
6. We believe in a Professional Learning Community (PLC) that fosters collaboration for continuous improvement.
7. We believe transparent, clear and timely communication among all is critical to success.
8. We believe measures of success go beyond standardized testing.
9. We believe public education is defined by the local community with limited state involvement.

Belief Statements incorporated into the Schertz-Cibolo ISD Strategic Plan.

What are some examples?

Texas

[Grapevine Colleyville ISD](#)

Texas

[Alvin ISD](#)

Texas

[College Station ISD](#)

New York

[Fairport Central School District](#)

North Carolina

[Charlotte-Mecklenberg Schools](#)

How does this fit with our other work?

Current State of BISD

- Data
- Facilities Assessment
- Curriculum Audit
- Training
- Feedback Loops



Setting Direction for the Future

- Goals
- Journey of a Graduate
- Values & Beliefs
- Vision



Crafting a Strategic Plan

- Roadmap to our set direction
- Defines the “how”

What should the Board do next?

- Look at other districts
 - What do they state that resonates with you?
- Informally ask others in our community
 - What do we believe about schooling in BISD?
 - What do we value in the Big Red Community?
- Brainstorm statements
 - I/We believe...
 - I/We value...



Discussion & Questions

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Clarity. Kindness. Unity in Purpose.