



BELLVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 27, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Board President Grant Lischka with all board members present with the exception of Kirby Cannon joining at 5:39pm.

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.

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. Jamie Zavodny with Parkhill presented information to the BISD Board of Trustees, who is being recommended to provide Long-Range Facility Master Planning Services following a multi-round review process. (See presentation included in the Online BoardBook.)

6. REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. GOAL 1: LEARNING

Ms. Jones shared academic data in the monthly Learning Report specific to science data that was recently received, re-test results for BHS EOC tests, and official summative 2026 for each campus and the district. (See complete report included in the Online BoardBook.) Mr. Lischka asked about discrepancies in CCMR data from previous reports. Ms. Jones, Ms. Barrera, & Mr. Mahlmann relayed the difference attributed to % scores vs. scale scores and a data error in OnDataSuite.

C. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

- 1. Mr. Jurek reviewed the monthly Finance & Operations Report at the Agenda Review Meeting. Mr. Jurek noted year-end budget amendments and overall tracking as anticipated and noting Food Services is trending toward a balanced year-end budget pending August participation rates and sharing that Food Service is going through the required audit this year. (See documents included in the BoardBook online.) Through discussion it was shared that campus Turkey Luncheons will take place a week earlier than normal as to not overlap with dates when auditors are in-district. Mr. Jurek also relayed that we will be moving toward offering ParentPay as an option for on-campus fee collection (not athletic events). There is a convenience fee for use of the ParentPay service option.
- 2. Dr. Coopersmith provided the Capital Update at the Agenda Review Meeting noting OBI projects are almost complete, remaining items to be completed by during or before fair break include OBP Parking and road for Traffic Flow and extension of side walks at OBI & BJHS, and the drainage swell in BHS parking lot being widened during fair break to improve the impact the current depth has on vehicles driving over it. (See documents included in the BoardBook online.)



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3. Dr. Poenitzsch shared the Leadership Update noting key questions to guide Fall 2026 Listening Tours and Board Visioning conversations to plan moving forward to revisit and define what BISD aims to accomplish for all kids;

D. GOAL 3: CULTURE

Dr. Poenitzsch reviewed the annual Culture Report at the Agenda Review Meeting with summative data from Exit Surveys, Entry Surveys, and Stay Surveys (see documents in BoardBook online.)

E. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY

Dr. Poenitzsch reviewed the monthly Community Report at the Agenda Review Meeting (see documents in BoardBook online.)

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were discussed for action at the Regular Board Meeting:

- A. Minutes from Budget Workshop on July 27, 2026
- B. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on July 27, 2026
- C. Minutes from Investment Hearing on August 17, 2026
- D. Minutes from Agenda Review Meeting on August 17, 2026
- E. Budget Amendments and Donations
- F. Designation of 10 Non-Business Days in response to PIA Requests
- G. MOU with Texas AgriLife (and Washington County 4H)
- H. Library Purchases

8 ACTION ITEMS

The following items were discussed for action at the Regular Board Meeting

- A. Defeasance Resolution
- B. Adoption of the General Operating Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year
- C. Adoption of the Interest and Sinking Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year
- D. Adoption of the Food Service Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year
- E. Proposed I&S Tax Rate
- F. Adoption of the BISD Tax Rate
- G. Certified Appraisal Roll
- H. Investment Policy Resolution
- I. Provider for Master Planning Services

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board remained in Open Session

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board remained in Open Session.



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11. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

Reminders for upcoming events were shared.

12. ADJOURN

The board adjourned at 6:56pm with a motion by Sarah Buenger and seconded by Heather Novicke.

13. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

A. Taxpayer Impact Statement

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Pending August 24, 2026.

BOARD PRESIDENT: GRANT LISCHKA

BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN