BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 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.

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. Campus Spotlight: West End Elementary will occur at the Regular Board Meeting
   B. Recognition of Students & Staff of the Month will occur at the Regular Board Meeting
   C. Presentation from Parker Hebert, a BHS Student and Eagle Scout, occurred at the Agenda Review meeting noting design and funding plans for a restroom addition at the BHS Tennis Court Area as his Eagle Scout project and the District's role in agreeing to the project and commitment for potential contribution (at-risk) for projection completion and ongoing maintenance.
      a. Parker shared that he is a sophomore at Bellville High School and his plans to earn his Eagle Scout rank in-part through leading a community service project- specifically constructing restrooms at the high school tennis court area noting safety concerns and the inconvenience with using the stadium restrooms as has been done thus far. The total project costs is approximately $48,000 and he has received approximately $11,000 in pledges and a donation of plumbing supplies in the amount of $9,000. Mr. Jurek shared and explained the agreement the Board would need to take formal action on to agree to commitment to the project. The Board inquired about fundraising efforts, oversight of the work, and permits/insurance, and timeline, etc.

6. REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A. GOAL 1: LEARNING
      Ms. Jones shared academic data in the monthly Learning Report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting beginning of the year MAP STAAR performance projections and current levels of CCMR attainment for each of the graduating classes currently at (and recently graduated) at BHS noting the class of 2026 graduating at 89% College, Career, and Military Ready which will be reflected on the District's 2027 accountability rating.

   B. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

      1. The monthly Finance & Operations report was shared at the Agenda Review Meeting by Mr. Jurek, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations, noting the District's qualification at Payment Class III, and noting expenditures tracking along as expected and in alignment with prior year's expenditures noting an initial appearance of 25% expenditures relative to poverty value insurance payments up front as required; and also noting TRS on behalf payments

monthly rather than one-time at year end. Mr. Lischka asked about the appearance of a $43,900 deficit- Mr. Jurek noted it reflects the expenditure for tennis court bleachers and will be transferred as a budget amendment from fund balance to balance out. Mr. Jurek noted that participation in food service and food expenditures are slightly down for the current school year. Mr. Jurek noted that food service is currently going through a routine audit as part of an annual cycle. Mr. Jurek also gave an update on the standing of all Bond funds expended to date noting allocations for bond funds and bond interest funding all within budget. Mr. Lischka requested a list of all projects done in the bond and through bond interest.

2. Dr. Coopersmith provided the Capital Update at the Agenda Review Meeting noting capital expenditures for bleacher additions at the tennis courts and noting completion of Bond Packages A&B for construction of the new junior high and noting additional projects completed in packages A, B, & C including things such as BHS parking, and expanded scopes at West End and OBI. The side walk to connect BJHS & OBI to the cross walk in between was completed over the fair break and the OBP traffic flow and parking lot will be completed in the months ahead. Dr. Coopersmith also noted that a fence on the tennis court fell down with last week's winds and three quotes have been received for repair of the oldest court at the BHS Tennis complex. (This will be brought as a budget amendment at the Regular Board Meeting.) Dr. Coopersmith noted that repairs to the court are bid to cost between $20,000-$38,000 with none offering a long-range guarantee due to suspected foundational issues that would take $270,000 to repair. Dr. Coopersmith indicated the intent to go with the lowest bid. Ms. Novicke asked about how to fix the timer/breaker on the lights for the tennis courts. Mr. Jurek indicated they are investigating the issue.

3. Dr. Poenitzsch shared the Leadership Update noting review draft master schedules for the 2027-2028 school year with 6-12 returning to a traditional schedule and noting review of the District's Local Accountability System for renewal and agendas for community-based advisory committees and sharing campus profiles relative to ratings across the district.

C. GOAL 3: CULTURE

Dr. Poenitzsch reviewed the annual Culture Report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting current enrollment, a trend in seeing an increase of enrollment in online programs and investigation of of a local online option; and noted current mid-semester/mid-year openings;

D. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY

Dr. Poenitzsch reviewed the monthly Community Report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting community engagement events for the month and celebrating the success of the District wide pep-rally on October 16.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

A. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on September 28, 2026
B. Minutes from Agenda Review Meeting on October 19, 2026
C. Budget Amendments

8 ACTION ITEMS

The following items were approved at the Regular Board Meeting:

A. Consider actions related to procurement of the turf at the BISD Stadium. Coach Rowe shared images comparing the condition of the turf in the tenth season on the field in comparison to new turf installments and discussed some of the advancements in available materials related to filler and heat mitigation, etc. Mr. Jurek shared insights on process options for procurement and recommendations for the process of turf replacement in Bellville ISD- specifically noting the recommendation to use a job-order contractor and committee to evaluate options and noting the recommended weighting factors for the rubric. Estimated costs are $550K-$750K. Dr. Poenitzsch and Mr. Jurek noted that funds have been reserved in the construction fund balance for several years with the district knowing that the replacement cost would come up ten years after installation and noted the interest earnings on the funds reserved over the past ten years have generated a little over $1.2M in interests earnings which covers the cost of replacement at this time.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board remained in Open Session.

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board remained in Open Session.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

Reminders for upcoming events were shared.

12. ADJOURN:

The board adjourned at 7:04pm with a motion by Sarah Buenger and seconded by Regina Gillum.

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Pending October 26, 2026.

BOARD PRESIDENT: GRANT LISCHKA

BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN