

## **Emergency Meeting**

Friday, January 30, 2026 12:30 PM

Board Room of the Beaumont ISD Administration Building, 3395 Harrison Ave,  
Beaumont, TX 77706-5009

Mrs. Yolanda Avery:	Present
Senior Chief Dunn Sr.:	Present
Mr. Joe Evans Jr.:	Present
Ms. Tillie Hickman:	Present
Mr. Thomas Sigee Sr.:	Absent
Mrs. Denise Wallace-Spooner:	Present

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

I.A. ROLL CALL

### **II. OPEN BOARD MEETING**

II.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

II.B. ACTION ITEMS

II.B.1. Consider Approval of Board Resolution  
Declaring Unforeseen Catastrophe or Emergency and  
Authorizing the Superintendent to approve  
Emergency Purchases related to Water Intrusion at  
Sallie Curtis Elementary



## Board Exhibit Cover Sheet

**Meeting Date:** January 30, 2026

**Agenda Item/Exhibit Number:** **II.B.1**

**Agenda Item Title:** Consider Approval of Board Resolution Declaring Unforeseen Catastrophe or Emergency and Authorizing the Superintendent to approve Emergency Purchases related to Water Intrusion at Sallie Curtis Elementary

**Cabinet Level Presenter(s):**

**Additional Presenter(s):** Kristin Gentry, Randall Maxwell, Mark McClelland

**Executive Summary:** Severe damage has occurred to the chiller pad, mechanical room, and potentially adjacent classroom hallways at Sallie Curtis Elementary due to the apparent failure of a fire riser pipe supplying the sprinkler system. The resulting water intrusion caused sections of the concrete slab to buckle and compromised the subgrade beneath the slab due to erosion. The school has been temporarily closed to assess the extent of the damage, and water service has been shut off to prevent further deterioration. Repairs must be completed before staff and students can safely return to the campus.

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution and Declaration of Unforeseen Catastrophe or Emergency at Sallie Curtis Elementary

**Budget Impact\* (if applicable):**

**Funding Source (if applicable):**

**Compliance with Purchasing Guidelines (list applicable guidelines, including grant requirements):**  
TEC. 44.031(h)

**Policy Reference (if applicable, list policy/regulation):** CH (LEGAL); CH (LOCAL)

**Legal Review (if necessary, list attorney and firm):**

Shannon Allen  
Cabinet Level Presenter's Signature

1/30/26  
Date

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\*CFO Signature (required if there is a budget impact)

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Date

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General Counsel's Signature

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Date

THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
  §     BEAUMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON   §

**RESOLUTION AND DECLARATION OF  
UNFORESEEN CATASTROPHE OR EMERGENCY  
AT SALLIE CURTIS ELEMENTARY**

WHEREAS, Beaumont Independent School District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and is duly organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State;

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the Governing Body of the Beaumont Independent School District (“Board of Trustees”) is authorized by Texas Education Code section 44.031 to enter into contracts necessary for the repair and replacement of school property;

WHEREAS, the Beaumont Independent School District has a substantial interest to protect the health and safety of its students, staff, and community;

WHEREAS, in the event that school facilities have been damaged or undergo operational failures as a result of an unforeseen catastrophe or emergency, Section 44.031(h) of the Texas Education Code authorizes the Board of Trustees to determine that the delays posed by competitive procurement laws would prevent or substantially impair the conduct of classes or other essential school activities;

WHEREAS, severe damage has occurred to the chiller pad, mechanical room, and potentially classroom hallways at Sallie Curtis Elementary due to the apparent failure of a fire riser pipe supplying the sprinkler system. The failure and resulting water intrusion caused sections of the concrete slab to buckle and compromised the subgrade beneath the slab due to erosion. The school has been temporarily closed to assess the extent of the damage, and water service has been shut off to prevent further deterioration.

WHEREAS, in order for staff and students to be able to return to school, repairs must be completed.

WHEREAS, the District intends to do everything possible to restore Sallie Curtis Elementary, as soon as possible, to a full-functioning status for the educational benefit and safety of its students and employees;

WHEREAS, in the event of a catastrophe, emergency, or natural disaster affecting a school district, the Board of Trustees may delegate to the Superintendent the authority to contract for the replacement, construction, or repair of school equipment or facilities under this subchapter if emergency replacement, construction, or repair is necessary for the health and safety of district students and staff pursuant to Texas Education Code section 44.0312;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Beaumont Independent School District formally declares that 1) the damage and water intrusion at Sallie Curtis Elementary is an unforeseen catastrophe and emergency; 2) the delay posed by the procurement methods required by state law would substantially impair the conduct of classes, and other essential school activities; 3) the Superintendent or her designee is authorized to

procure, negotiate, and execute contracts for goods and services that are necessary to mitigate, prevent, restore, and repair all damage related to the pipe failure and water intrusion at Sallie Curtis Elementary School without implementing the procurement methods outlined in Texas Education Code section 44.031; and 4) the Superintendent shall inform the Board of Trustees of all related emergency purchases at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following the purchase.

Passed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

**CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of the Beaumont Independent School District during an Emergency Board Meeting on January 30, 2026. A quorum of the Board of Trustees being then present, it was then duly moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted, and such resolution was then adopted according to the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thomas Sigeo, Sr., President  
Board of Trustees  
Beaumont Independent School District

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Denise Wallace-Spooner, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Beaumont Independent School District

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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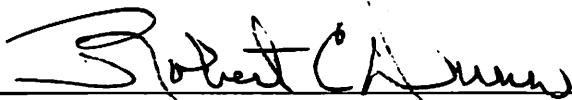
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Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Robert C. Dunn, Sr., Vice President  
Board of Trustees  
Beaumont Independent School District

  
Denise Wallace-Spooner, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Beaumont Independent School District

Date: 1-30-2026

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**III. ADJOURNMENT**

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Board Secretary