



## BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2026

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Grant Lischka at 5:30pm with all board members present, with Grant Lischka leaving at 5:57pm.

#### 2. Invocation did not occur

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 4. OPEN FORUM/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments made.

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

##### A. Campus Spotlight:

- Students and Staff of the Month from each campus:
  - i. BHS: Sidra Richardson, Micha Girts, Hunter Krueger, Ryleigh Davenport, Dustin Sodolak
  - ii. BJHS: Amy Greene, Willow Marek, Vivienne Freitag, Sophia Laredo
  - iii. OBI: Sarah Jordan, Ty Holbert, Reagan Share, Enzo Garza, Julia Rowand, Kayla Bellville,
  - iv. OBP: Angie Carlile, Trinity Thomas, Weton Bock, Daleyza Cervantes, Hypatia Edwards, Jaymian Rueda, Ryder Governale
  - v. WE: Katie Matthies, Julian Valadez, Sebastian Jiminez, Bethany Knebel, Faith Perez, Catt Paredes, Hazel Chastain
- Bellville High School Spotlight: Mr. Dristas shared highlights from multiple programs including Tractor Tech, Art, TAFE, and One-Act Play and also highlighted the BHS College and Career Center funded by the Bellville Education Foundation and the Amazing Job Ms. Richardson is doing her role to help connect kids to their future college and career pathways.

- ##### B. Presentation on the BISD Bilingual/ESL Program was shared by Kandis Krueger, Director of Special Programs. (See Presentation included in the BoardBook Online), notes from the presentation included discussion of efforts to recruit a new bilingual teacher at OBP for kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year, noting the number of bilingual students in each grade level, a review of the early-exit program model, noting slight increase in program enrollment this school year, and noting BISD has students speaking 4 different languages,

#### 6. REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ##### A. GOAL 1: LEARNING: Ms. Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Academics, and Emily Barrera, Director of Teaching and Learning presented this month's Learning Report at the Agenda Review Meeting focused on current and historic College Career and Military Readiness (CCMR) data. (See report included in the Online BoardBook)

-Ms. Jones shared that BISD is a finalist for the BlueBonnet Beacon Grant



- Ms. Jones, Mr. Mahlmann, & Ms. Barrera shared insights in what the future holds for CCMR
- Mr. Jurek shared information on CCMR outcome bonuses (It was noted that while we are in the 57% percentile, we are leaving a large amount of money on the table related to outcome bonuses);
  - At the Regular Board Meeting, Ms. Jones noted that the new tiered ratings for IBC's and CCMR begins with the class of 2030 and noting that advanced math students will begin taking the TSI math test in 8th grade beginning this year.

## B. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

1. Report on Finances & Operational Departments - Mr. Jurek presented at the Agenda Review Meeting noting where the current year's budgets (general, Food Service, and I&S/Bond, and investments) are trending currently; At the Regular Board Meeting Mr. Jurek noted that we currently have three bids out for HVAC various HVAC services and needs including compressors for the BHS Chiller;
2. Capital Improvement Update was provided by Dr. Coopersmith, Chief Operations Officer, noted that more information will be shared at the Regular Board Meeting as we are in an interim period with settle-up on the new junior high, final scopes and pricing for Package C projects, and details for the OBI transition. Dr. Coopersmith provided general safety audits noting 5 of 6 exterior door audits have been conducted with 100% passing rate and sharing that the state will be conducting a Vulnerability Study on April 8.
  - G. Lischka suggested looking at expanding student parking lot options instead of resurfacing the stadium parking lot;
  - K. Stein asked if the gravel road to ag can be paved and if there's a way to create smoother edges on the parking lots and road areas and asked if parking could be added in place of the Schuman lot near the current ag building;
  - Summation of what's being considered for parking at BHS:
    - Resurfacing the main parking lot
    - Adding on to Ag parking
    - Paving the gravel road to Ag
    - Resurfacing the Redneck Parking Lot
    - Adding on spaces to the Redneck Parking Lot
    - Resurfacing the Stadium Parking Lot
  - At the Regular Board Meeting, Dr. Coopersmith & Dr. Poenitzsch provided a review and updates on Bond Package C scope. (See attachment in Board Packet.)
    - Jared Lischka asked about pulling these scopes out of the bond package and bidding separately; Mr. Jurek & Dr. Coopersmith explained the timeline and for that process;
    - Heather Novicke asked about whether there is a need to keep Smartboards instead of moving toward TV's for classroom technology; Heather Novicke reiterated hesitancy to pull working SmartBoards out of classrooms;



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3. Report on BISD Vision & Action Plans was presented by Dr. Poenitzsch, at the Agenda Review Meeting focusing on routine leadership efforts. Noting largest discussions and scopes of work are currently related to work with DAC, work with the TIA committee, and work to summate 2026 LAS data and 2027 LAS Baselines and scales.
4. Review and Discussion of BISD Board Operating Procedures and Board Policies BBE, DEA, DEAA, and GBA was presented by Board President Grant Lischka at the Agenda review meeting; he also requested that the team review the policies listed for further discussion at the Regular Board Meeting; and reminding Board Members that the team has access to information beyond what is public knowledge to honor the confidential nature of the content; It was also relayed that the Board's role relative to budgeting and compensation is to set the budget while administrative roles are to operate within the designations accordingly; Mr. Lischka asked Mr. Jurek to clarify the difference between Object and Function noting that objects are specific within functions; Mr. Lischka relayed the difference between informally asking for information and the process for formal requests for public information; Mr. Jurek shared that information regarding public information requests is available on the Bellville ISD website; Mr. Lischka shared that salary, budget, contracts, voting records for the Board, etc. are open records;
5. Katelyn Krenek, Student Board Representative shared her Student Board Report at the Agenda Review Meeting (See report included in the Online Board Book);

C. GOAL 3: CULTURE Report was presented by Dr. Poenitzsch, Superintendent, was presented at the Agenda Review Meeting noting open positions and the efforts of the TIA committee; Mrs. Buenger commented positively on the opportunity to participate in the TIA committee, and Mr. Stein commented positively on his experience being part of Learning Walks at OBI with Ms. Jones and Ms. Barrera.

D. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY Report was presented by Dr. Poenitzsch, noted current events for community engagement and noted Brahmanette soccer advancing to playoffs and Bruce White's naming of THGSCA Sports Writer of the Year.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were approved with a motion by Jared Lischka, seconded by Jim Batson with Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson, Regina Gillum, Jared Lischka, and Heather Novicke voting Yes, no members voting No (Vote 6-0);

- A. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 26, 2026
- B. Minutes from the Budget Workshop on March 16, 2026
- C. Minutes from the Special Board Meeting on March 16, 2026
- D. Minutes from the Agenda Review Meeting on March 16, 2026
- E. Budget Amendments and Donations
- F. Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials Survey 2026-2027



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- G. Amendment of applicable dates for Employee Pay Resolution to include January 26, 2026 and May 1, 2026.

## 8 ACTION ITEMS

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

- A. Projects to be funded through available Bond Interests earnings (will be presented at the Regular Board Meeting) with a motion by Jim Batson, seconded by Regina Gillum with Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson, Regina Gillum, Jared Lischka, and Heather Novicke voting Yes, no members voting No (Vote 6-0);
- B. Capital improvement projects and related actions with a motion by Kenneth Stein, second Jim Batson, with Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson, Regina Gillum, Jared Lischka, and Heather Novicke voting Yes, no members voting No (Vote 6-0);
- C. Bellville ISD's TIA Application and Guidebook with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded by Regina Gillum with Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson, Regina Gillum, Jared Lischka, and Heather Novicke voting Yes, no members voting No (Vote 6-0);
- F. Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) 2025 and Middle School RLA with a motion by Regina Gillum, seconded by Jim Batson with Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson, Regina Gillum, Jared Lischka, and Heather Novicke voting Yes, no members voting No (Vote 6-0);
- G. Purchase of instructional materials through IMRA with a motion by Regina Gillum, seconded Heather Novicke, with Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson, Regina Gillum, Jared Lischka, and Heather Novicke voting Yes, no members voting No (Vote 6-0);
- I. Recommendation from the District Advisory Committee regarding SB 401 and participation of homeschool students in BISD extracurricular activities with a motion by Jim Batson, seconded by Regina Gillum with Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson, Regina Gillum, Jared Lischka, and Heather Novicke voting Yes, no members voting No (Vote 6-0);
- D. Update 2026-2027 BISD Academic Calendar with a motion Heather Novicke, seconded by Kenneth Stein with Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson, Regina Gillum, Jared Lischka, and Heather Novicke voting Yes, no members voting No (Vote 6-0);

No action was taken on the following items:

- D. Consider recommendation for surplus material auction services
- E. Consider action on declaration of surplus items for auction item for auction from BJHS and OBI
- H. Consider action on MOU with West End Ballpark

## 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 7:04pm with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded by Jim Batson with Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson, Regina Gillum, Jared Lischka, and Heather Novicke voting Yes, no members voting No (Vote 6-0);



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## 10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:58pm.

### A. The following items were approved:

1. Teacher contracts for the 2026-2027 school year with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded by Regina Gillum with Sarah Buenger, Kenneth Stein, Jim Batson, Regina Gillum, Jared Lischka, and Heather Novicke voting Yes, no members voting No (Vote 6-0);

## 12. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

## 13. ADJOURN

The board adjourned at 7:59pm with a motion by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Heather Novicke.

**BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Pending April 30, 2026**

BOARD PRESIDENT: GRANT LISCHKA

BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN