



BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2025

AGENDA REVIEW MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President Grant Lischka at 5:30pm with all board members in attendance with the exception of Jared Lischka, Regina Gillum, and Katelyn Krenek.

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 made.

5. ESSA Public Hearing occurred at the Agenda Review Meeting

Matthew Mahlmann, Director of Future Readiness presented information on BISD plans for application and use of 2025-2026 Federal Grant Funds through ESSA Federal Programs: Title I Part A, Title II Part A, Title III Part A, and Title I vPart A. Mr. Mahlmann shared award variances from 2024-2025 to estimates for 2025-2026 noting planning amounts are relatively the same (slightly lower for the upcoming school year). Mr. Mahlmann reviewed grant requirements and gave an overview of how BISD uses available funds for efforts to help all students succeed in meeting state standards in a safe environment.

6. PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

There were no Presentations/Recognitions

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. GOAL 1: LEARNING reports will be provided by Principals at the Regular Board Meeting.

B. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

1. Financial report will be provided by Mr. Jurek at the Regular Board Meeting.

2. A Capital Improvement Update was presented by Dr. Michael Coopersmith, Chief Operations Officer shared updates on the progress of each wing of the new BJHS building. The building continues to be on track and on budget at this time; Softball Update: pressbox and new sound system is going in this week and with the recent extensive amounts of rain the new field conditions did drain appropriately; the additional parking lot at softball should still be complete this summer but is currently delayed due to the recent rain. The West End Gym, storage, and restroom addition is underway this summer; OBP Interior renovations are underway as well- tile installation on the walls should begin this week. The additional staff restroom will be complete in late summer as well; Replacing the air gaps at the high school are underway as well; Dr. C noted that the red paints do not match perfectly. We are waiting on quotes for renovation of Room 304 to transition our life skills program. The board discussed the location and need for the retention ponds at the new BJHS site.

3. Dr. Coopersmith presented the annual SHAC report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting the committee's main focus areas including: 1) Provision of the Dating Dilemmas program to 8th graders; 2) NARCAN on campuses; 3) Safety Day provided to 3rd graders through Texas AgriLife; 4) Vaping Education provided through selected videos presented to students during FLEX in junior high; and 5) Internet Safety provided through AgriLife with both secondary campuses interested in providing this in future years. Dr. C noted that to boost member engagement, the committee has started to meet virtually rather than only in person.



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4. Dr. Poenitzsch shared a brief review of the district's leadership activities including stakeholder engagement committees at the Agenda Review Meeting.
 - a. Dr. Poenitzsch shared a copy of a high-level legislative update and relayed that legislative updates will be addressed in more detail during the Board's Retreat on June 23, 2025.
5. Dr. Poenitzsch reviewed the 2025 Local Accountability Scores noting improvement for all campuses from 2024 to 2025; also noting all campuses receiving a score of a B with West End receiving an A and noting that the district will have to determine renewal of the plan for 2027, to be reviewed and/or delivered in the 2025-2026 school year.

C. GOAL 3: CULTURE -Dr. Poenitzsch, Superintendent, provided a culture report at the Agenda Review Meeting noting open positions and upcoming new hires that have been recommended.

D. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY-Dr. Poenitzsch Superintendent provided a report at the Agenda Review Meeting.

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 23, 2025
- B. Minutes from Agenda Review Meeting on June 16, 2025
- C. Declaration of surplus property for disposal of outdated curriculum materials
- D. Budget Amendments and donations

8. ACTION ITEMS

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

- A. A Facilities Naming Policy: CW (Local)
- B. Selection of a Bank Depository based on bids with recommendation of Industry State Bank/Cadence Bank; Mr. Lischak reviewed the comparisons of the bids and information ascertained from the interview process noting a variance of approximately \$200,000.
- C. Bids for resurfacing the parking lot will not be available until June 20, 2025; Dr. Coopersmith noted anticipating bids within a range of approximately \$100,000 if not more to correct drainage and/or resurface the transportation site.
- D. Updates proposed to the 2025-2026 Campus Handbooks and BISD Code of Conduct were reviewed.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in closed session at 6:27pm with a motion by Sarah Buenger, seconded by Heather Novicke, vote (5-0)

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

- A. Board Retreat on June 23, 2025 at 9:30am at the BISD Administration Building.

12. ADJOURN

The board adjourned at 6:44pm with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded Sarah Buenger



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BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 23, 2025

BOARD PRESIDENT: GRANT LISCHKA

BOARD SECRETARY: KENNETH STEIN