

Board BRIEFS

DECEMBER 2023



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BELTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT **BOARD BRIEFS**

December 15, 2023
Regular Board Meeting



James L. Burrell Elementary Bobcats Collyn Adams and Jude Sutton Led the Pledges



Board of Trustees Approves \$500 Retention Bonuses for Staff

At the December 11, 2023, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, the board unanimously voted to recognize and appreciate the hard work and dedication of Belton ISD's staff by approving an expenditure of a one-time \$500 retention bonus for all regular employees. Trustee Janet Leigh stated, "This is a privilege to be able to do this for our staff." This decision reflects the board's appreciation for the valuable contributions of the district's personnel despite the lack of funding from the legislature. The board recognizes the critical role that educators and support staff play in shaping each and every student's educational experience. Secretary Erin Bass stated, "Everyone is worth this investment because everyone has an impact on our students."

Trustee Jeff Norwood stated, "The greatest resource we have is our people. The state of Texas has decided to hold staff hostage. We are going to take \$1.3 million and give it back to our staff. I wish it could be more. We just appreciate all that they do. We will continue to work with the state to get

you the raise you deserve.” Vice President Chris Flor echoed their sentiment and stated, “This is a continued investment in our staff.”



Superintendent's REPORT



This month, we celebrated each and every. Our Fine Arts Department is no exception as they hosted the first ever Tuba Christmas in Belton ISD. This event was unique because our tuba players had the opportunity to play the melody and unite tubas from across Belton ISD middle and high schools to assemble as one musical community to make history.

We also celebrated the Special Olympics Bowling Competition. It is important that each and every student be in an environment where they are able to thrive, compete, and celebrate their accomplishments. These athletes clinched 7 gold, 8 silver and 4 bronze medals during the annual Texas Special Olympics Area 12 Bowling Tournament.

We are incredibly thankful for our foundation, BEEF. The BEEF Prize Patrol provided teachers with grants and support to help foster exceptional learning experiences for students throughout our district. The support of BEEF is critical to our mission as a school district.

Dr. Matt Smith
SUPERINTENDENT



Consent Agenda HIGHLIGHTS

Unaudited financial reports for the month ending November 30, 2023

These reports represent the financial activity as of the close of the prior month for the General Fund 199, the Child Nutrition Fund 240, and the Debt Service Fund 599, and the 2022 Bond Fund 622.

Expenditures over \$50,000

- Delcom Group for 92 Dell laptop replacements for staff
- Apple for 110 MacBook replacements for staff
- Weaver Technology for server and storage upgrade
- Longhorn Bus Sales for 10 new buses

Administrative Recommendations

- Approve the Interlocal Agreement with Region 13 Purchasing Co-op for the 23-24 school year
- Approve the resolution nominating a representative to the Tax Appraisal District Board of Directors
- Approve the Gas Line Easement at Belton High School
- Authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute an Agreement for a Local On-System Improvement Project with the Texas Department of Transportation.
- Approve vendors, BrandEra, Center for Education School Operations, Proscalar and VV Sopher, LLC, for Communications, Creative and Marketing Services.
- Approve the list of vendors in ranked order for Kitchen Repairs and Services.

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