



Board Meeting Recap

March 30, 2026

Recognitions 100 🏆 📢

Student Pledges - Charter Oak Elementary School

The pledges were led by fourth graders Riley Hand and Carrington Padron from Charter Oak Elementary School.



Student Showcase - Belton New Tech @Waskow Aerospace Engineering

The student showcase featured students from the Aerospace Engineering program at Belton New Tech @Waskow, highlighting the hands-on learning and real-world learning experiences that prepare students for careers in aviation and engineering. Through the program, students explore the design, development, maintenance and testing of aircraft structures, engines and systems. They apply scientific and mathematical concepts to solve complex challenges in aerodynamics, structural design, mechanics, propulsion and robotics. In the first-year course, students are introduced to the history of aviation, the physics of flight, engineering practices and aviation career pathways. These students are supported by their teacher, Ewan Thomson.



Texas Art Educators Association Youth Art Month Spring Exhibition Participant

We are proud to recognize James L. Burrell Elementary fifth grader Aryaman Adhikari for being selected to participate in the Texas Art Educators Association Youth Art Month Spring Exhibition. This statewide exhibition showcases artwork from Pre-K through 12th grade students across Texas and is displayed at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin throughout the month of March. The exhibit highlights the creativity and artistic talent of students from across the state. Aryaman's artwork was selected to be part of this prestigious exhibition and will also be featured online through the Bullock Museum's website. Congratulations to Aryaman and his art teacher, Lindsey Valish, on this outstanding achievement.



Lions Club Peace Poster State Qualifier

We are proud to recognize North Belton Middle School sixth grader Kimberly Lezama for advancing in the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest after earning first place in the Belton Lions Club competition. Her artwork, created in response to this year's theme Together as One, will now advance to the next round of judging alongside other top entries from across Texas. Congratulations to Kimberly and her art teacher, Nick Bottesini.



Texas Theatre Scholar Award

We are proud to recognize 10 students from Belton High School and Lake Belton High School who earned the Texas Theatre Scholar Award. This honor recognizes theatre students who maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 while demonstrating strong character and a commitment to their theatre program, school and community. Theatre students dedicate countless hours to rehearsals, performances, technical production and collaborative work that bring stories to life on stage. Congratulations to the students and their theatre directors, Melissa Stuhff and Ty Carter, on this outstanding achievement.



YMCA Youth and Government Judicial State Qualifiers

We are proud to recognize eight students from Belton New Tech @Waskow who qualified for the YMCA Texas Youth and Government Judicial State Competition. The YMCA Texas Youth and Government program is a hands-on civic engagement experience that empowers high school students to learn by doing. Through participation in mock courts and legal proceedings, students explore the judicial system while developing skills in public speaking, critical thinking and civic leadership. These students are supported by their teacher, Dr. Mark Durfee. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.



CyberPatriot State Qualifiers

We are proud to recognize 14 students from Belton New Tech @Waskow who qualified for the CyberPatriot State Competition. CyberPatriot is the National Youth Cyber Education Program created by the Air & Space Forces Association to inspire students to pursue careers in cybersecurity and other science, technology,



engineering and mathematics fields. At the center of the program is the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, the nation's largest cyber defense competition, where students work to secure virtual networks and defend computer systems from simulated cyber threats. These students are supported by their teacher, Megan Shick. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

Temple Rotary Educator of the Month

We are proud to recognize Janet Sossamon as the Temple Rotary Club's Educator of the Month for February for her outstanding service to students at Lake Belton Middle School. Mrs. Sossamon is a seventh-grade science teacher who brings enthusiasm and a deep commitment to student learning into her classroom each day. She creates engaging lessons that spark curiosity and encourage students to think critically. Her passion for teaching and dedication to her students make her highly deserving of this honor.



Belton Rotary Educator of the Quarter

We are proud to recognize Julie Coggin as the Belton Rotary Club's Educator of the Quarter for her outstanding service to students at Southwest Elementary. Ms. Coggin is a fourth-grade teacher who sets high expectations and believes deeply in the potential of every student. Principal Felicia Gibson shared that a hallmark of Ms. Coggin's classroom is her unwavering belief in student potential and her commitment to ensuring every student strives for excellence.



Department Showcase - Transportation

Belton ISD is proud to recognize the 160 members of the Transportation Department, led by Vickie Tubbs, for their commitment to safely supporting the educational journeys of our students. Whether they are behind the wheel, under the hood, or supporting operations in the office, this team plays a vital role in ensuring students and staff arrive safely to and from school each day. Each year, the department travels more than 1.5 million miles using a fleet of 107 buses and 26 SUVs to serve the district. These dedicated professionals are often the first friendly faces our students see each morning, helping set the tone for a successful day of learning.



Community Partner Recognition - Temple Executive Air Center

We are proud to recognize the Temple Executive Air Center as a valued community partner supporting Belton ISD aerospace and aviation programs. Through mentorship, facility access, and real-world learning experiences, the team at Temple Executive Air Center helps connect classroom learning to real-world aviation and aerospace careers. Their partnership has been instrumental in supporting the development of aviation pathways at Belton New Tech @Waskow. Belton ISD is grateful for Temple Executive Air Center's continued partnership and commitment to investing in the future of our students.



Texas Public Schools Week

Earlier this month Belton ISD joined districts across the state in celebrating Texas Public Schools Week, a statewide recognition of the impact public education has on students, families and communities. To mark the occasion, students from Belton New Tech @Waskow produced a video sharing what public education means through their lens and highlighting the opportunities available to each and every student in Belton ISD. The project was led by their instructor, Mel Peterman. Their leadership and voice serve as a powerful reminder that student involvement is at the heart of what makes our schools meaningful.



Action Items 🏠🔊🙋

Budget Assumptions for Fiscal Year 2026-2027: APPROVED

The annual budget is based on several assumptions that serve as the basis for estimating revenue and expenditures used to develop the budget. The initial budget assumptions to be used for the preliminary development of the 2026-2027 budget are presented for discussion.

**BELTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2026-2027 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS**

DATA ELEMENT	ASSUMPTION/PARAMETER	Initial
Student Enrollment	Demographer's growth projection	13,567
	Student enrollment projection for staffing/funding	13,530
Budgeted Attendance Rate	Based on student attendance for SY 2025 & 2026*	93%
Property Values	Projected growth over prior year local net taxable values	4%
Staff Pay Increase	Pay increases to all staff (average)	TBD
Other compensation increases	New positions due to growth (based on staffing guidelines)	TBD
	Market adjustments (as needed)	TBD
Campus Allocations	Per student allocation guidelines	\$ 1,600,000
Capital Projects	Set aside for facilities improvements	\$ 1,000,000
Employee Benefits	Contribution towards insurance premiums	\$410 per month
* Not a refined average daily attendance rate		

Resolution Regarding Seat Belt Requirements: **APPROVED**

Senate Bill 546 (89th Texas Legislature) amends the Texas Transportation Code to require that all school buses be equipped with three-point (lap-shoulder) seat belts for every seating position, including the driver, by September 1, 2029. Districts facing significant financial hardship may seek an exception by adopting a formal resolution stating their inability to meet this deadline.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BELTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SB 546 SEAT BELT REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 546 (89th Texas Legislature) requires that all school buses operated by or contracted for use by a school district be equipped with three-point seat belts for every passenger, including the operator, with full compliance required no later than September 1, 2029;

WHEREAS, Belton ISD currently operates a fleet that includes a significant number of buses that do not meet the newly mandated safety equipment requirements;

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to replace or retrofit the non-compliant buses creates a substantial financial burden on the District, and current budget conditions do not permit full compliance within the required timeframe;

WHEREAS, SB 546 authorizes a school district to determine, through Board action, that the District's budget does not permit the purchase of compliant buses or retrofitting of non-compliant buses at this time, provided that required reporting to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is completed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the fleet inventory, cost projections, and multi-year capital replacement requirements and finds that full compliance by the statutory deadline is not financially feasible under current funding conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Trustees of Belton ISD hereby determines that the District's current budget does not permit full compliance with SB 546 by September 1, 2029.

2. The Board directs the Superintendent to submit the required SB 546 reporting to the Texas Education Agency, including the fleet inventory, cost estimates, and this Resolution.
 3. The Board further directs the Superintendent to develop a phased, fiscally responsible replacement and/or retrofit plan and to provide updates to the Board as part of annual budget planning.
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Public Hearings & Reports



Bond and Capital Projects Report

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City of Temple Oak Hills Presentation

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Consent Agenda Items

APPROVED

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

1. February 2, 2026 - Workshop Meeting
2. February 2, 2026 - Regular Meeting

B. Unaudited Financial Report for the Month Ending January 31, 2026

C. Gifts, Grants, and Bequests

D. Budget Amendment #5 for 2025-2026

E. Expenditures over \$50,000

1. KYA Services LLC for Playground Equipment at Pirtle Elementary
2. Jean's Restaurant Supply for Kitchen Equipment at Various Campuses

F. Supply, Equipment, and Service Bids

1. RFP #2512-575-405 Printing and Copying Services
2. RFP #2511-350-403 Custodial Supplies (Chemical and Non-Chemical)

G. Change Order #2 with CORE Construction for the Belton High School Additions and Renovations 2022 Bond Project

H. Acceptance and Close-out of the Belton High School Additions and Renovations 2022 Bond Project and Approval of Final Payment

- I. Acceptance and Close-out of the District-Wide Access Control and Camera System Implementation 2022 Bond Project and Approval of Final Payment
- J. Appointment of Election Judges, Alternate Judges and Early Voting Ballot Board for the Board of Trustees May 2, 2026 General Election for Two At-Large Positions
- K. Application for Delay of Teacher Certification Requirements
- L. Resolution Concerning Payments to District Employees During Emergency Closure Due to Inclement Weather and Reduction in Educator Required Days of Service
- M. Local District Update - 2nd Reading
 - 1. FNA(LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Expression
- N. Policy Update 126 - 2nd Reading
 - 1. CQB(LOCAL) Technology Resources: Cybersecurity
 - 2. CQD(LOCAL) (ADD) Technology Resources: Artificial Intelligence
 - 3. FO(LOCAL) Student Discipline
 - 4. GKA(LOCAL) Community Relations: Conduct on School Premises

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