



Board Meeting Recap

April 20, 2026

Workshop - Temple College

Temple College President Dr. Christy Ponce presented an update from the college and shared information about new opportunities for free and reduced tuition for students residing in the Temple College taxing zone and/or those who meet income eligibility requirements. The presentation is included here and you can watch the workshop by clicking on the link below.



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Student Pledges - Sparta Elementary School

The pledges were led by students Jameson Davenport-Yates and Murphy Ruiz-West from Sparta Elementary School.



Student Showcase - LBHS Interdisciplinary Research Symposium

Tonight's student showcase featured students from Lake Belton High School's inaugural Interdisciplinary Research Symposium, highlighting advanced research and scientific inquiry across science and career and technical education programs. Through research posters and professional presentations, students from AP Biology, Pathophysiology, AP Environmental Science, and Pharmacy Technician courses demonstrated critical thinking, collaboration and real-world problem-solving while exploring future pathways in science and healthcare. These students are supported by their teacher, Rychel Soto.



Choir Solo & Ensemble State Qualifiers

Belton ISD is proud to recognize 79 choir students who qualified for the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in May. These students competed at the UIL Region Solo and Ensemble contest in February and earned the highest rating for their solo performances and/or small ensemble performances. The music performed represents the highest and most rigorous level in UIL competition, reflecting exceptional talent, preparation and dedication. These students are supported by their teachers, Tonya Lovorn and Terrance Livingston.



National History Day State Qualifiers

Belton ISD is proud to recognize 46 students who qualified for the National History Day State Contest in Austin, including 9 elementary students, 14 middle school students and 23 high school students. National History Day represents a year-long research journey in which students conduct intensive primary source research, develop original theses and defend their work before panels of expert judges. Students who advance to state are among the top 1% of young historians in Texas, an accomplishment that reflects exceptional scholarship, critical thinking and presentation skills. These students are supported by their sponsors, Stacey Bovell, Corinna Capraun, Richard Clubine, Richard Russo, Chris Lemley, Eli Jackson, Christina Botha, Debra Hosch and Elizabeth Howson.



National Merit Finalists

Belton ISD is proud to recognize Lake Belton High School seniors Dhruv Bhat and Alex Yuen for advancing to finalist standing in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program, one of the nation's most prestigious academic honors. After earning Semifinalist recognition in the fall, both students advanced by meeting the program's rigorous academic, testing and application requirements. Fewer than one percent of U.S. high school seniors earn this distinction, placing Dhruv and Alex among the top scholars in the country. As finalists, they are now eligible to compete for National Merit



Scholarships that will be awarded later this year. This extraordinary achievement reflects years of dedication, intellectual excellence and relentless perseverance, and it is a proud moment for Lake Belton High School and the entire Big Red community.

SkillsUSA District 10 State Qualifiers

Belton ISD is proud to recognize 60 students who qualified for the SkillsUSA District 10 State competition across multiple career pathways. SkillsUSA supports students in trade, technical and skilled service programs by developing leadership, workplace readiness and advanced technical skills. Through competition in architecture and construction, hospitality and tourism, health science, arts and A/V technology, transportation, and law and public service, students demonstrate the real-world knowledge and career preparation needed for high-demand industries. These students are supported by their teachers, Michael Carrillo, Mackenzie Pennacchio, CoryLynn Upton, Alyssa Vargas, Brittany Truitt, Brent Sharp and Willie Ward.



Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Basketball

We are proud to recognize nine student-athletes who were named to the Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Basketball teams. This honor celebrates student-athletes who demonstrate excellence both in the classroom and on the court, reflecting outstanding academic achievement, discipline and dedication throughout the basketball season. These students are supported by their coaches, Phil McCaslin, Zane Johnston and Tiffney Barnes.



Texas High School Powerlifting Association Academic All-State

We are proud to recognize 11 Lake Belton High School student-athletes who earned Texas High School Powerlifting Association Academic All-State honors. This recognition celebrates student-athletes who have demonstrated excellence in both academics and athletics, balancing the demands of elite competition with outstanding performance in the classroom. Their achievement reflects discipline, perseverance and a strong commitment to success. These students are supported by their coach, Greg Rudolph.



Powerlifting State Qualifiers

We are proud to recognize 14 student-athletes who qualified for the state powerlifting meet. Earning a spot at the state level reflects exceptional strength, discipline and dedication, as these student-athletes have competed at a high level throughout the season while representing Belton ISD with pride. These students are supported by their coaches, Barry Campbell, Ryan Grave and Greg Rudolph.



Swimming State Qualifiers

We are proud to recognize 14 student-athletes who qualified for state swimming competition across Belton ISD. These swimmers earned state placements across a range of events, including relay competitions as well as freestyle and butterfly races, reflecting exceptional speed, endurance

and dedication in the pool. These students are supported by their coaches, Chris Knipp, Jaynie Ferguson and Jack Prud'homme.



Wrestling State Qualifiers

We proudly recognize two Belton High School wrestlers for outstanding achievements at the state wrestling meet. Melissa Farmer earned a 5th-place finish at 235 pounds, becoming the first student-athlete in program history to medal at state. Jacob U'ren also advanced as a state qualifier, contributing to a season that produced a school-record 15 regional qualifiers. These students are supported by their coach, Caleb Newcomer.



Department Showcase - Facilities, Grounds & IPM

This month's department showcase highlights Belton ISD's Facilities, Grounds and Integrated Pest Management teams, whose behind-the-scenes work ensures every campus and district property remains safe, functional and ready for learning. Together, these departments maintain more than 2.4 million square feet across 20 campuses and 28 ancillary buildings, care for 292.5 mowable acres, support athletic and irrigation systems, and respond quickly during emergencies such as severe weather, debris removal and campus safety needs. Their work ranges from facility maintenance and energy management to groundskeeping, pest prevention, irrigation and daily inspections of play areas and campuses. The Facilities team is led by Rodney Marek, Grounds is led by Andrew Linklater, and IPM and irrigation operations are led by Kenneth Wilson and James Glenn.



Community Partner – Fort Hood School Liaison Officers

Tonight, we are proud to recognize the Fort Hood School Liaison Officers, who serve through Child and Youth Services, as valued community partners supporting Belton ISD's military-connected students and families. Through their partnership with our district, these dedicated professionals help military families navigate school transitions, stay informed on district programs and requirements, and access resources that support student success. Belton ISD is grateful for the Fort Hood School Liaison Officers' continued advocacy, partnership and commitment to serving our military-connected students and families.



Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding the Adoption of the Vision, Mission, Values & Beliefs, and Strategic Objectives: APPROVED

The Strategic Plan Charter, which the Board approved in February 2026, initiated a comprehensive process engaging the Board of Trustees and key stakeholders, including members of our staff, parents, students, and the broader community. This collaborative effort has culminated in a proposed recommendation outlining BISD's vision, mission, values, and strategic objectives for the future. The subsequent strategies and performance measures for this plan will be developed at a later date and presented to the Board of Trustees in a forthcoming session. Ultimately, the complete strategic plan is designed to govern the District's operational focus over the next five years. Updates regarding the progress of the strategic objectives will be formally reported during future board meetings.



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Consent Agenda Items



APPROVED

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

1. March 30, 2026 - Workshop Meeting
2. March 30, 2026 - Regular Meeting

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

C. Gifts, Grants, and Bequests

D. Budget Amendment #7 for 2025-2026

E. Expenditures over \$50,000

1. Security Camera Refresh - Middle Schools

F. Supply, Equipment, and Service Bids

1. RFQ #2601-600-406 Architectural and Engineering Services
2. RCSP #2602-475-404 for the Joe M. Pirtle HVAC Replacement Bond Project

G. Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials and TEKS Coverage

H. School Library Advisory Council Recommendation for Library Materials Purchase

I. Audit Engagement Letter for 2025-2026

J. Administrator Contract Renewals and/or Extensions and Professional Contract Renewals for 2026-2027

K. Brazos River Authority Right of Entry Agreement at Chisholm Trail Elementary

L. Construction Delivery Methods and Delegation of Authority for Repairs and Restoration of Storm Damage

M. Renewal Regional Day School Program for the Deaf Shared Services Agreement

N. Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with City of Temple After-School Daycare

O. Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with Central Texas YMCA

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