

BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Beal City Board of Education was called to order by President Denise McBride at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Denise McBride, Brian Locke, Curt Gottschalk, Rod Cole, Tom Gross, Bob Pasch, and Andy Reihl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Member Tom Gross read a section on 'Student Achievement and Accountability for all students' in the Board's Mission Statement.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.7/0

Special Presentations:

- **Chadd Fletcher, Athletic Director - State Championship Football Team invite to the State Capital.**
Beal The City's 2025 Champion Football Team visited the State Capitol on March 5, where they received a guided tour and enjoyed a lunch provided by BC graduate Courtni (Hauck) Storrer. Later, Chadd connected with the MSU Football coach, and the team toured the field, locker rooms, and film room. They also watched a 'hype' video and learned about the expectations of a Division 1 player, followed by a Q&A session.

Public Participation:

Jennifer Davis spoke on behalf of their foreign exchange student from Italy, Greta Cesari, whom they are hosting this year. Greta has embraced her academic, athletic, and social experiences at Beal City, participating in volleyball and track and field while maintaining a 3.9 GPA last semester. As Italy does not have a high school graduation ceremony, Greta hopes to complete her full Aggie experience by participating in the 2025 commencement ceremony, pending approval.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Andy Reihl, to approve the February 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk, to approve February 25, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Brian Locke, to approve March 7, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 7/0.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Jason Lundin welcomed comments, concerns, and feedback from attendees. He encouraged everyone to watch a video of students singing the Beal City school chant beneath John Engler's photograph at the state building.

In his administrative update, Jason noted that next Wednesday, March 26, will mark his first anniversary at Beal City. The first three months focused on reviewing and observing, while ongoing efforts continue to clarify roles, responsibilities, and capacity within the district. He emphasized the need for accountability, noting that while COVID led to a more relaxed approach, five years have passed, and it is time to ensure expectations are met. He also shared that tonight's District Improvement Team (DIT) meeting was productive.

Regarding AI policies, Ben Eggenberger reported that the AI Task Force, consisting of all 10 districts, is working to establish a common usage framework. They are refining existing resources, intending to finalize guidelines before the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Additionally, Jason announced that the MACUL Conference will take place this week, with attendees including Kyle Carter, Jen Courtright, Ben Eggenberger, and himself.

Approval of Bills:

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Brian Locke, to approve the February 2025 payments as presented:

- General Fund: \$236,432.94
 - Hot Lunch: \$19,310.84
 - Student Activity Account: \$7,385.01
 - Athletic Fund: \$26,360.61
 - Arbiter Sports: \$4,677.50
 - Capital Projects 2023 Checking: \$20,328.17
- Motion carried 7/0.

Bond Update:

Parking Lot expansion (48 spots) to go into an alternate plan if funding is available.

Cold Storage, Team Room, and Practice Field will go in the same bid.

Wolgast to request updated drawings and/or issue an addendum from IDI for the exceptions noted.

STEM Room: The Board approved the drawings/specs for this portion of the project. (Exception: Learning Lab 1 - floor to be LVT. Learning Lab 1 - acoustics reviewed, acoustic panels on walls and ceiling. Learning Lab 2 - sealed concrete floor. Ensure transition strips are done where applicable in flooring changes.

Cold Storage Building: The Board approved the drawings for this portion of the project. (Exception: Add gutters to the building to ensure water runs away from the building)

Football Field/Track: The Board approved the drawings/specs for this portion of the project, also okay with the schedule of November 2025 demo with Spring 2026 completion. (Exception: Review the Bypass Drainage System with current drawings/specs as well as the seed mix the company is using)

C2.3- Additional parking is an alternate

Wood trusses vs. Steel trusses will reduce the cost of the project. Special thanks to Wolgast for finding this cost savings. Comments regarding specs from Andy to Wolgast regarding some details of the project.

Motion by Brian Locke, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the Team Room based on specs and drawings with changes to add epoxy flooring and substitute metal trusses for wood trusses. Team rooms/bathrooms are to be epoxy floors with fine grit to them. Motion carried: 7/0

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the STEM Lab addition based on specs and drawings with the addition of LVT on the classroom side floor, the concrete floor on the lab side, and the addition of acoustic adaptations. Motion carried: 7/0

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the Cold Storage Building based on specs and drawings with the addition of eve troughs and ...[fill in details] Motion carried: 7/0

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the Football Field/Track project (including the timing) based on specs and drawings, specifically, the practice field project this year, and track and game field next year. Motion carried: 7/0

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve looking into pricing to have the same Sports Turf Drainage system to the practice field, in addition to the game field. Motion carried: 7/0

Personnel:

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Bob Pasch, to recognize the retirement of Dan Beckwith and Bill Gross. President McBride and Treasurer Tom Gross noted their appreciation for both individuals for their time and dedication to the Beal City School District for many years. Motion carried 7/0.

Executive Session:

Motion by Brian Locke, seconded by Bob Pasch, to enter into executive session for negotiations under MCL 15.268(c) at 9:10. Motion carried 7/0.

Rod Cole left the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Motion by Brian Locke, seconded by Tom Gross, to exit executive session at 10:12. Motion carried 6/0.

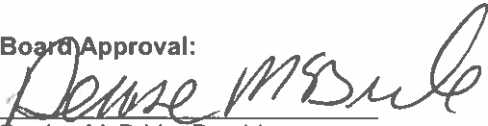
Adjournment:

Motion by Brian Locke, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:14 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Recording Secretary:

Richelle Williams

Board Approval:

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Denise McBride, President

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Curt Gottschalk, Secretary