



# SCHOOL BOARD RECAP

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY BRYANT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS FOR PARENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of minutes from Dec 18 school board meeting
- Approved 10 transfer requests
- Approved out of state travel request for BHS Robotics to travel to Tyler, Texas, on Feb 21, 2026, for the UT Tyler VEX V5 Robotics tournament.

## BOARD TRAINING HOURS

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Kim Billingsley | 27.75 |
| Craig Leone     | 38    |
| Ben Lewellen    | 11.5  |
| Tanikus Farmer  | 12    |
| Tyler Nelson    | 17.5  |
| Nelly Valentin  | 47.5  |
| Scott Walsh     | 34.5  |

- Includes training hours received during previous calendar year (includes eligible carry-forward hours)
- 6 hours required annually

## BOARD ACTION

The Board approved revisions to the 2025–2026 Secondary Student Handbook that update Honor Graduate requirements. These changes are designed to encourage more students to pursue the Merit and Distinction diploma pathways and to align Bryant's requirements with the new state framework established by Acts 340 and 341 (ACCESS Act).

The Board also voted to purchase one 83-passenger activity bus to continue the district's planned, periodic replacement of trip buses within the transportation fleet.

## CELEBRATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

### *School Board Appreciation*



Each January the district recognizes the service and contributions made by Bryant's seven volunteer school board members. Parkway Elementary's Happy Club assisted with this year's Board Appreciation. Students read a love letter to Bryant Schools and presented Board members with illustrated canvases, created by PES art instructor Joella Peck. Salem Elementary also provided special gifts.

## 2025 7A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



The Hornets secured a second consecutive Class 7A State Football Championship and their 7th title in the last eight seasons. Under third-year Head Coach Quad Sanders, a remarkable coaching staff, and dedicated student athletes, the Hornets have kept the championship tradition alive, adding another trophy to an already remarkable run.

## STUDENT SENATE

Members of the Student Senate leadership team presented the Board with a message for Board Appreciation month.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Karen Walters updated the Board on the following:

- BHS Additions
- Bryant to host 6A State Basketball Tournament, Mar 3–7
- Chamber Banquet at BJHS — Jan 20
- Interim Testing
- MLK Holiday — Mon, Jan 19
- All-Regional Band Results
- BHS AP Honor Roll Silver (Formerly Bronze)
- Upcoming Fiscal Session — Legislature

## THANK YOU TO BOARD

Bryant's school board members serve out of a deep commitment to students, families, and the community. Their leadership helps ensure that Bryant Public Schools continue to provide high-quality educational opportunities and a strong foundation for student success. Our deepest appreciation is extended to Nelly Valentin, Dr. Scott Walsh, Kim Billingsley, Ben Lewellen, Dr. Tyler Nelson, Craig Leone, and Tanikus Farmer whose leadership leaves a lasting legacy of opportunity and success for Bryant Public Schools.

**January 15**  
**Meeting Agenda**