BRYANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MAY 2026

SCHOOL BOARD RECAP

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved minutes from Apr 16, May 4 & May 14 board meetings
- Approved 27 board transfers
- Approved out-of-state travel:

1. BHS HOSA to Indianapolis for Leadership Conference
2. BHS Hornet Media to Atlanta for SkillsUSA
3. BHS Basketball to Memphis for Team Camp; travel to Columbia for Midwest Showcase
4. BHS Journalism to Richardson, TX for media workshop
5. BHS Football to North Texas 7 on 7; additional travel to out of state opponent named at later date

STUDENT SENATE

Incoming president Lauren Hall provided a Student Senate progress report from the past school year.

BOARD CHANGES

Nelly Valentin was honored for her service as board president for the past year.

After many years of service the following board members submitted resignation letters effective June 1:

Mr. Craig Leone - At Large Position A
Elected in March 2020, Mr. Leone has served for 6 years.

Dr. Tyler Nelson - Zone 1
Dr. Nelson served over 8 years after his appointment in February 2018.

Dr. Scott Walsh - Zone 5
Dr. Walsh, appointed in June 2015, has served for 11 years.

We are grateful for their servant hearts, commitment, and lasting impact on Bryant Schools.

CELEBRATIONS / RECOGNITIONS










BOARD RECOGNITION SLIDESHOW

BOARD ACTION

Approved the proposal with the Flippen Group for the Capturing Kids' Hearts Program and Professional Development.

Approved bids for 2026-27 school year:

1. Custodial supplies
2. Food Service paper products
3. Milk and juice
4. Food
5. Produce
6. Bread

PRE-K RATES

Mrs. Tisha Long, Pre-K Director, provided information about current Pre-K rates and funding, along with recommendations for the 2026-27 school year.

STUDENT DATA

Jana Catlett, ESOL Coordinator, presented Title III data and Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy.

FINANCE

Superintendent Karen Walters presented the April 2026 monthly financial update.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Karen Walters updated the board on the following:

1. Shout out to the transportation department and other staff for response to Nashville Bus Wreck
2. Catastrophic Funds for Ice Storm Damage: Approved by the state for $25,681.80 will go toward $50,000 deductible
3. Bryant Middle School Fire Alarm: District approved to receive $460,593.33 in Partnership Funds; Project cost estimate is $1 million
4. Test Data Available
5. Gratitude for a Great Year
6. June Work Session cancelled; next regular meeting is June 18
7. BHS addition update
8. Baseball State Championship Game is Friday, 7pm; broadcast on PBS, arkansastv.gov/sports

May 21 Board Agenda

COMPLETE MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES AS WELL AS A SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT BRYANTSCHOOLS.ORG.