Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 22, 2026

Hays CISD Board of Trustees

These minutes are a record of the actions taken by the Hays CISD Board of Trustees in the meeting held on the above date. The complete video of the meeting is accessible at www.hayscisd.net for those who wish to hear the specific details of the discussions on the agenda topics presented.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hays CISD was held on Monday, June 22, 2026 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Merideth Keller Board Room at the Hays CISD Academic Support Center, located at 21003 Interstate 35, Kyle, TX 78640.

CALL TO ORDER: Establish a quorum

Board President Byron Severance called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. All trustees were present to include Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Vice President Geoff Seibel, Trustee Alex Zavala, Board President Byron Severance, Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco, Trustee Katy Armstrong, and Trustee Raul Vela.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Trustee Esperanza Orosco led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags.

MISSION STATEMENT

Board Secretary Geoff Seibel read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Mission Statement.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Trustee Alex Zavala read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present requesting to address the Board during this portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: Optional Flexible School Day Program for the 2026-2027 School Year at Live Oak Academy

There was no one present requesting to address the Board during this portion of the meeting. Deputy Academic Officer David Pierce and Director of Federal Programs and Grants Stephanie Norris addressed the Board to provide a summary of the program and the request. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

PUBLIC HEARING: Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2026-2027 School Year

This public hearing is scheduled for June 29, 2026. Information regarding this hearing is presented at the Action agenda item at a later time during this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:35 PM to deliberate regarding safety and security, including security personnel, systems, infrastructure, and/or devices, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.076, and to deliberate regarding the Superintendent's recommendations for employment, resignations, extended leave, and personnel matters, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.074.5

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board President Byron Severance called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 6:35 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright provided an update on recent achievements and events. He also spoke regarding a virtual school option beginning at the 26-27 school year as well as the open enrollment of the district. Dr. Wright also spoke regarding UIL Athletics fees for the upcoming 26-27 school year. He engaged in conversation based on feedback and questions from Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Vice President Geoff Seibel, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Board President Byron Severance.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

This presentation is scheduled for the June 29, 2026 Board meeting.

INFORMATION ITEM

Annual Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Grants

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Stephanie Norris, Director of Grants and Federal Programs, addressed the Board to provide a summary of the agenda item. Mrs. Norris responded to feedback and questions from Mr. Severance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Byron Severance introduced each item included in Consent Agenda opening for discussion.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of the learning management system, Schoology, for the 2026-2027 School Year - PowerSchool

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Derek McDaniel, Executive Officer of Curriculum & Instruction, addressed the Board. He and Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, responded to feedback and questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco, Trustee Raul Vela, and Board Vice President Geoff Seibel.

Consideration and possible approval of the Agreement between Hays CISD and Communities in Schools for Services for the 2026-2027 School Year

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, addressed the Board and responded to feedback and questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle.

Consideration and possible approval to Renew the Memorandum of Understanding between Hays CISD and Texas State University for the Teacher Fellows Program

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Christina Courson, Chief Human Resources Officer, and Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, addressed the Board and responded to feedback and questions from Board Vice President Geoff Seibel, President Byron Severance, and Secretary Esperanza Orosco.

Consideration and possible approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Hays CISD and Texas State University Teacher Residency Partnership

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Christina Courson, Chief Human Resources Officer, addressed the Board and responded to comments from Mr. Severance.

Consideration and possible approval of the submission of the application for the Texas Education Agency waiver for the Optional Flexible School Day Program at Live Oak Academy for the 2026-2027 School Year

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. David Pierce, Deputy Academic Officer, and Stephanie Norris, Director of Grants and Federal Programs, addressed the Board regarding this information during the earlier Public Hearing portion of the meeting. There were no follow-up questions from the Board.

Consideration and possible approval of the submission of the application for the Texas Education Agency waiver for Staff Development for the 2026-2027 School Year

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, addressed the Board to summarize. Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright also provided feedback and information to the Board. Ms. Sedillo and Dr. Wright responded to questions from Mr. Severance.

Consideration and possible approval of the submission of the application for the Texas Education Agency waiver for Pregnancy-Related Services On-Campus (CEHI) for the 2027-2028, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030 School Years

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Stephanie Norris, Director of Grants and Federal Programs, addressed the Board to summarize the waiver application request. Mrs. Norris responded to feedback and questions from Mr. Severance and Trustee Raul Vela.

Consideration and possible approval of the submission of the application for the Texas Education Agency waiver for Foreign Exchange Students for the 2027-2028, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030 School Years

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Stephanie Norris, Director of Grants and Federal Programs, addressed the Board. There were no questions from trustees.

Consideration and possible approval of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meetings

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions regarding this agenda item.

Budget Amendments

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Deborah Ottmers, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board and presented slides to summarize this final budget amendment of the current fiscal year. Mrs. Ottmers received feedback and responded to comments and questions from President Severance and Board Vice President Geoff Seibel.

Consideration and possible Adoption of Proposed Revisions to the Hays CISD Board Operating Procedures

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco summarized the request and lead the review of the adjustments to the document. Ms. Orosco responded to feedback and questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle and President Severance.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible grant of a Temporary Utility Easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative at 2025 Bond High School #4

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board to summarize the request. Mr. Cleaver received feedback and responded to questions from President Severance and Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco. President Severance moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees grant a temporary utility easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC), and authorize the Superintendent and/or Board President to negotiate and execute additional PEC easement instruments necessary and convenient to construct and deliver 2025 Bond High School #4, as presented. Trustee Alex Zavala seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Trustee Alex Zavala, Board President Byron Severance, Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco, Trustee Katy Armstrong, and Trustee Raul Vela all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item.

ACTION ITEMS – Discussion of items scheduled for possible action at the June 29, 2026 Board meeting

Consideration and possible action, if any, resulting from Closed Session

Consideration and possible approval of the Superintendent's Recommendations for Employment Contracts for Administrators, Certified Professionals, and Professionals for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 School Years

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright confirmed that this agenda item is scheduled for discussion and action at the June 29, 2026 Board meeting.

Consideration and possible approval of the Superintendent's recommendations to contractually employ Administrative Personnel

Board President Byron Severance introduced this item, stating that it is scheduled for discussion and action at the June 29, 2026 Board meeting.

Consideration and possible adoption of Proposed Amendments to the Hays CISD District of Innovation Plan

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Chief Human Resources Officer Christina Courson addressed the Board to provide additional information. She, Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers, and Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright, responded to questions from Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco, Trustee Katy Armstrong, Trustee Raul Vela, Board Vice President Geoff Seibel, and Trustee Courtney Runkle.

Consideration and possible adoption of the proposed revisions to the Hays CISD Employee Compensation Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. Christina Courson addressed the Board to summarize. Ms. Courson responded to feedback from Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco.

Consideration and possible adoption of the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Food Service Fund budgets for the 2026-2027 School Year

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, presented slides and responded to feedback and questions from President Byron Severance, Trustee Raul Vela, and Board Vice President Geoff Seibel.

The Board paused for a break, returning to the dais at 8:57PM.

Consideration and possible adoption of an order authorizing the issuance of Hays Consolidated Independent School District Unlimited Tax Bonds, in one or more series; levying a tax and providing for the security and payment thereof; authorizing a pricing officer to approve the award of the sale thereof in accordance with specified parameters; declaring official intent to reimburse certain costs and enacting other provisions related thereto

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, long with Jerry Kyle of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and Robert Traylor of RBC addressed the Board and responded to questions and feedback from Board Vice President Geoff Seibel, Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco, and Board President Byron Severance.

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution adopting the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54 regarding Fund Balance Expenditures

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board to summarize the request. There were no questions from the Board.

Consideration and possible approval of the selection of a Property Management Company for Future PPCD-Upward Communities / Hays CISD Housing Development

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Christina Courson, Chief Human Resources Officer, introduced Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, to take the lead of this agenda item. Mrs. Ottmers addressed the Board to provide details. There were no questions from trustees.

Consideration and possible approval of the grant-funded purchase of Cell Phone Storage Pouches and Unlocking Keys – MOS Equipment

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Jeri Skrocki, Chief Safety & Security Officer, and Cynthia Zapata, Director of Student Services, addressed the Board, received feedback, and responded to comments and questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle, and President Severance.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Samsara Security Products and Services for district vehicles - Samsara

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board to summarize the request. Cassandra Behr, Director of Transportation, also addressed the Board to provide additional details. There was a brief pause in presentation, then a return to the presentation to complete. There were no questions from the Board.

Note: During the presentation of the action item for Samsara Security Products and Services, the online streaming platform went offline. The meeting was paused at 9:45 PM, returning to online streaming at 10:14 PM during the presentation and discussion of the action item for print shop production machines. A full archive of the meeting was provided to Swagit for upload to make the meeting fully available online for viewing.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase and installation of replacement Bard Units for Portable Buildings at Tom Green Elementary School, Barton Middle School, Chapa Middle School, and Hays High School – Austin Air Systems

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board. There were no questions from trustees.

Consideration and possible approval of the Procurement of Waste Collection and Recycling Services – Texas Disposal Systems

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board to summarize the request. Mr. Cleaver and Brandon Porter, Director of Custodial and Maintenance, responded to questions from Trustee Raul Vela.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Production Machines for Hays CISD Print Shop – Konica Minolta

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Coordinator of Purchasing Anston Shockley, and Print Shop Manager Wes Eaton addressed the Board to summarize the request and responded to feedback and questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Copy and Production Paper – Clampitt Paper

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Coordinator of Purchasing Anston Shockley, and Print Shop Production Manager Wes Eaton addressed the Board to summarize the request. There were no questions from the Board.

Consideration and possible adoption of the Hays CISD Board Meeting Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item and led the trustees in discussion of proposed meeting dates.

INFORMATION ITEM

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no updates from the department nor questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Presentation of this information is scheduled for Monday, June 29, 2026.

Annual Notice of Intent to apply for Federal Grants

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Stephanie Norris, Director of Grants and Federal Programs addressed the Board and responded to comments and questions from President Severance.

Financial Statements

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Local Policy CFB – Accounting: Inventories

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco led trustees in discussion of this agenda item. There were no questions.

First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Local Policy FDA – Admissions: Interdistrict Transfers

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco led trustees in discussion of this agenda item. There were no questions.

First Reading of TASB Policy Update 127 Affecting Local Policies

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco led trustees in discussion of this agenda item. There were no questions.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no requests for information.

ADJOURN

Board President Byron Severance noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 29, 2026 at 5:30pm. No further business was conducted, and President Severance announced that the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 PM.