

Minutes of Regular Meeting April 24, 2025

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.hayscisid.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 Thursday, April 24, 2025 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 Raul Vela called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All members of the Board were present.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:30 PM to deliberate regarding safety and security, including security personnel, systems, infrastructure, and/or devices, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.076.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board President Raul Vela called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 6:21 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags.

MISSION STATEMENT

Board Vice President Byron Severance read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Mission Statement.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Trustee Courtney Runkle read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright provided information regarding the release of the A-F ratings, an enrollment update of 24,397 with an average daily attendance rate of 93.32%. Dr. Wright presented slides to the Board to provide an update regarding student activities district-wide, highlighting areas of achievement in UIL Academics, fine arts and athletics. Dr. Wright also made mention of ongoing registration for the 25/26 school year and its importance. He also provided an update from the Texas Legislative Session. Dr. Wright received feedback and responded to questions from Board Vice President Byron Severance and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea.

CAMPUS RECOGNITION – Cullen Elementary School

Deputy Academic Officer Mary Noble addressed the Board to introduce Principal Elizabeth Lara of Cullen Elementary School. Ms. Lara presented slides to the Board. Next a group of Cullen ES student choir students performed a song for the Board and guests, then posed for a group photo. Ms. Lara received feedback and responded to questions and comments from Trustee Johnny Flores, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Geoff Seibel, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Vice President Byron Severance, and Board President Raul Vela.

The Board paused for a five-minute break at 7:09PM, returning to the dais at 7:14PM.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were two speakers present requesting to address the Board. Michelle Fauver addressed the board regarding Vision Services Team. Chris Cable addressed the Board regarding Hays CISD Special Education concerns.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Information relating to this agenda item was presented at the April 14, 2025 Board meeting. There were no additional questions from the Board at the April 24, 2025 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, as requested. Trustee Johnny Flores moved and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of meeting minutes

There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

Budget Amendments

Chief Financial Officer Randy Rau responded to questions from Trustee Geoff Seibel.

Agreements, Contracts, and MOUs

a. Consideration and possible approval of the Provision of Instructional Materials Certification Form for the 2025-2026 School Year (Formerly the TEKS Certification Form)

There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

b. Consideration and possible approval of the Extension of the Hays CISD Depository Contract – Wells Fargo Bank

There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Emergency Management Software for Critical Incident Notification

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of the recommended Emergency Management Software for an amount not to exceed \$95,368, as discussed and presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Instructional Materials and Start-up Expenses for the Fall 2025 opening of Ramage Elementary School

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the 2023 Bond purchase of instructional materials and start-up expenses for the fall 2025 opening of Ramage Elementary School, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$831,664.21, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Security Fencing and Associated Installation Services (Phase 3) – Encore Fence

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of security fencing and associated installation services from Encore Fence for amount not to exceed \$230,152, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-10.

Consideration and possible approval of the Design Document Package and Cost Estimate for 2025 Bond Comprehensive High School #4

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the Design Development package and cost estimate for 2025 Bond Proposition B, Comprehensive High School 4 Base Bid: \$396,265,698, Proposition C, Stadium Expansion: \$6,848,154, and Proposition D, Multipurpose Impact Center: \$9,223,985 for Comprehensive High School 4 for a total estimate cost of \$412,338,108 for further consideration, as presented and discussed. Board Vice President Byron Severance moved and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, received feedback and responded to comments and questions from Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Board Vice President Byron Severance, and Trustee Courtney Runkle. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the Selection of Design Professional and Method of Procurement for 2025 Bond Artificial Turf Installation and Running Track Cycle Replacement at all Hays CISD Middle Schools

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve a construction, engineering and inspection services firm related to the 2025 Bond installation of artificial turf and running track cycle replacement at all Hays CISD middle schools, approve competitive sealed proposal as the method of procurement, and authorize the Superintendent to execute a satisfactory design contract, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the Selection of Design Professional and Method of Procurement for 2025 Bond Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Life Safety, and Roof Repair Cycle Replacements at Negley Elementary, Pflugger Elementary, Science Hall Elementary, and Chapa Middle School

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve Hendrix Engineering for engineering services related to potential 2025 Bond installation of mechanical, electric, plumbing, roofing and life safety items at select facilities and approve competitive sealed proposal as the method of procurement, and authorize the Superintendent to execute a satisfactory design contract, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of a Development Agreement and Site Donation at the Kolodzey Tract from GRBK Edgewood LLC for Elementary School #18

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD board of Trustees accept the donation of the school site in the Kolodzey Tract from GRBK Edgewood LLC, authorize the cost sharing of utilities and infrastructure in the amount of \$1,427,096, and authorize the Board President and/or Superintendent to execute documents necessary or convenient to complete the transaction, as presented. Board Vice President Byron Severance moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver responded to questions from Trustee Flores. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

INFORMATION ITEM

Report of Continuing Education Requirements for Board Members Under Senate Bill 1566

Board President Raul Vela read the required statement to report that all Hays CISD Trustees have completed the training required of their assignment. There were no questions from trustees regarding this agenda item.

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. There was no presentation from Chief Safety and Security Officer Jeri Skrocki, and there were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. There was no presentation from Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver, and there were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

Presentation of information regarding upcoming Defeasance of Outstanding Bonds

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. There was no update to the defeasance information presented first at the April 14, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Esperanza Orosco asked Chief Financial Officer Randy Rau for a summary of this information item. Mr. Rau responded to provide the information requested. There were no further questions from the Board.

Review and Discussion of the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. There have been no updates to the imbedded document since the April 14, 2025 Board meeting. Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent, responded to questions from Trustee Esperanza Orosco regarding the release of Teacher Contracts (April) and Administrator Contract (June). There were no further questions from the Board.

Financial Statements

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board.

Quarterly Investment Reports

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Requests for information were received from Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Johnny Flores, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Geoff Seibel, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, and Board Vice President Byron Severance.

RECAP OF QUESTIONS

There was no recap of questions.

ADJOURN

Board President Raul Vela noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025. No further business was conducted, and President Vela announced that the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.