

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 10, 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 Monday, March 10, 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 with the exception of Board Vice President Byron Severance.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:31 PM to consult with legal counsel of any or all subjects or matters authorized by law, including board governance, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.071 and to deliberate regarding security devices or security audits, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.089.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board Vice President Raul Vela called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 6:55 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

Trustee Johnny Flores read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Mission Statement.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Trustee Geoff Seibel read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright provided an enrollment update of 24,405 students with an average attendance of 93.38%. Dr. Wright presented slides to the Board to update on recent and upcoming events. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no participants for this portion of the meeting.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT – Advanced Academics

Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer introduced Joy Philpott, Director of Advanced Academics and Tish Cawley, Coordinator of Gifted and Talented Services. The pair presented slides to the Board and responded in conversation to feedback and questions from Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Johnny Flores, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Geoff Seibel, and Board President Raul Vela.

CAMPUS RECOGNITION – Pfluger Elementary School

This presentation is scheduled for the March 27, 2025 Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item to open discussion of topics included. Agenda Item K.2b was pulled for discussion.

Consideration and possible approval of meeting minutes

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

Procurements

Consideration and possible approval of the Continuation of Special Education Evaluation Services – Trinity Educational Services

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

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Playground material and Services – Soil Express

Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea engaged in conversation with Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver regarding this agenda item. There were no further questions.

Consideration and possible approval of Annual Natural Gas Line Pressure Testing – SI Mechanical, LLC

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

Budget Amendments

Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea addressed Chief Financial Officer Randy Rau. Mr. Rau responded. There were no further questions.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible approval of the Order of Cancellation of Election

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read that having received the certification of unopposed status for the candidates, I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the order cancelling the May 3, 2025 election for single-member-district trustees in districts 4 and 5, and declare the unopposed candidates listed in the order as elected. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

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 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item stating that it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution approving Contingent Fee Legal Services Contract

There was no discussion regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible adoption of a Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC and Eiland & Bonnin, PC

There was no discussion regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval to seek a waiver from the Texas Education Agency to provide Remote Special Education Homebound Instruction

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item to begin discussion. Michelle Velasquez, Executive Officer of Special Education, addressed the Board to provide an overview of the request. Ms. Velasquez responded to questions from Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea.

INFORMATION ITEM

Overview of the District Vulnerability Assessment

Information relating to this agenda item was presented at the February 18, 2025 meeting.

Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

This is scheduled for presentation at the March 27, 2025 Board meeting.

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

This is scheduled for presentation at the March 27, 2025 Board meeting.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, stated that 2025 Bond talks are taking place now. Mr. Cleaver responded to questions and feedback from Trustee Johnny Flores.

Review and Discussion of the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

Randy Rau, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions from Trustee Raul Vela.

Financial Statements

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

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Courtney Runkle requested information regarding the completion of a project at the intersection of IH35 and Main Street in Buda.

RECAP OF QUESTIONS

There was no recap of questions during this Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:49 PM to deliberate regarding security devices or security audits, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.089.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board Vice President Raul Vela called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 8:48 PM.

ADJOURN

Board President Raul Vela announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.