

Minutes of Regular Meeting August 26, 2024

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, August 26, 2024 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 the Superintendent's recommendations for employment, resignations, extended leave, and other personnel matters, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.071.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board Vice President Raul Vela called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 6:40 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 Esperanza Orosco read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright addressed the Board to provide an enrollment update of 24.050 – 1,015 students more than this time last year. Dr. Wright also referenced many upcoming/ongoing events for athletics and fine arts. Gameday and Wright This Minute videos will be released starting this week.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no guests present wishing to address the Board of Trustees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Raul Vela introduced the consent agenda item. Trustee Johnny Flores requested to pull for discussion item I.2c, Trustee Courtney Runkle requested to pull item I.4, and trustees Esperanza Orosco and Byron Severance requested to pull for discussion Item I.8. After discussion of the pulled items, Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items I.1 through I.7, as presented. Trustee Vanessa Petrea moved and Board President Raul Vela seconded the motion. There was no further discussion of these items, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved that the Hays CISD approve consent item I.8. Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. Trustee Esperanza Orosco abstained from voting on this item as she is an employee of TASB. There was no further discussion, and the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-1 with Trustee Esperanza Orosco abstaining.

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

Contracts, MOUs, and Agreements

Consideration and possible approval of the interlocal agreement between Hays CISD and Hays County Sheriff's Office regarding School resource Officers

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

Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution to recognize the 4H Organization of Hays County as Hays CISD extracurricular activity and to name the Hays County Extension Agents as adjunct faculty members to supervise student activities

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

Consideration and possible renewal of an agreement between Hays CISD and Communities in Schools for services for the 2024-2025 school year

Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, and Dr. Michael Watson, Deputy Academic Officer, engaged in conversation with Trustee Johnny Flores and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea.

Consideration and possible approval of the list of Certified Appraisers for the 2024-2025 school year

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

Consideration and possible approval of the Student Code of Conduct for the 2024-2025 school year

Dr. Brian Dawson, Director of Student Services, engaged in conversation with Trustees Courtney Runkle and Johnny Flores regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the Student Health Advisory Committee members

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

Consideration and possible acceptance of Certified Property Values for 2024 Tax Year

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

Consideration and possible approval of Hays CISD investment officers for the 2024-2025 school year

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

Consideration and possible approval of Property, Liability, Automotive, and Workers' Compensation Insurance – TASB Risk Management

Randy Rau, Chief Financial Officer, engaged in conversation regarding this agenda item with Board Vice President Byron Severance. Trustee Esperanza Orosco indicated that she would abstain from voting on this item as she is an employee of TASB.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible action, if any, relating to Closed Session

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of land for Future School Sites

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of land for future school sites, as discussed. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Trustee Esperanza Orosco seconded the motion. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, engaged in conversation with Trustee Geoff Seibel, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, and Board President Raul Vela. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of an agreement to join litigation regarding 2023-2024 A-F Accountability System

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve an agreement to join litigation regarding the 2023-2024 A-F Accountability System, as presented. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. Dr. Eric Wright responded to requests for clarification for the audience from Ms. Petrea and Ms. Orosco. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible action to enter into a collection contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP to collect delinquent property taxes pursuant to TX Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve a contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP to collect delinquent property taxes pursuant to TX Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48, as presented. Board Vice President Byron Severance moved and Trustee Esperanza Orosco seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible action to adopt a memorandum approving a contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for School Property Value Study Services

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt a memorandum approving a contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for School Property Value Study services, as presented. Board Vice President Byron Severance moved, and Trustee Esperanza Orosco seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible adoption of an order for proposed Defeasance and Redemption of a portion of outstanding bonds

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt an order for proposed defeasance and authorize the redemption of bonds, 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 with a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible adoption of the 2024-2025 Tax Rate

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the resolution and suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the 2024-2025 tax rate, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Esperanza Orosco seconded the motion. Randy Rau, Chief Financial Officer, engaged in conversation based on questions and feedback from Trustees Esperanza Orosco and Geoff Seibel. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding)

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve an agreement for the purchase of attendance credit (netting chapter 48 Funding) (Option 3 Agreement), and to delegate contractual authority to the Superintendent, as presented. Trustee Johnny Flores moved. Board President Vela continued to add that for the 2024-2025 school year, we delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 40, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). Trustee Esperanza Orosco seconded the motion. Randy Rau, Chief Financial Officer, recapped the transmittal for summarization. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible grant of a Non-Exclusive Utility Easement to County Line Special Utility District for Ranch Road Wayside LLC at the Wayside Subdivision

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees grant a non-exclusive utility easement to County Line Special Utility District for Ranch Road Wayside LLC at the Wayside Subdivision, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to questions from Board Vice President Byron Severance. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of an amendment of the interlocal agreement with Hays Caldwell ESD #1

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees amend the interlocal agreement with Hays Caldwell ESWD #1 to include survey sketch and field notes for the 1.23-acre lease tract and the .027-acre easement tract for the fire station, and authorize the Board President and Superintendent to execute documents necessary and convenient to complete the transaction, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Board Vice President Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Review and possible adoption of the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Vision Statement for the 2024-2025 school year

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item to begin discussions. After a brief discussion, Trustee Johnny Flores Moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Review and possible adoption of the Hays CSID Board of Trustees Mission Statement for the 2024-2025 school year

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer, presented a mission statement which was very well received by all Trustees. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the revised Mission Statement, as presented. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. Each trustee gave praise to Mr. Savoy for his creativity and presentation. There was no further discussion and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Review and possible adoption of the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Beliefs Statement for the 2024-2025 school year

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item, read the beliefs and the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the revised beliefs statement, as presented. Board Vice President Byron Severance moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. After further review and discussion of the beliefs, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved to amend and replace with the on/screen beliefs as formatted and discussed. President Vela seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion for amendment passed by a vote of 7-0. Trustee Raul Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the revised Beliefs Statement, as discussed and amended. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Trustee Geoff Seibel seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Review and possible adoption of the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract for the 2024-2025 school year

This agenda item will be moved to September 2024.

Consideration and possible adoption of the Hays CISD Board Operating Procedures for the 2024-2025 school year

This agenda item will be moved to September 2024.

Consideration and possible adoption of the Hays CISD District Goals for 2024-2025

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item to begin discussions, with the clarification that we are approving the overarching goals. Discussion with Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent, was had for clarification purposes. President Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the Hays CISD District Goals for 2024-2025, as discussed. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

INFORMATION ITEM

Update on Safety and Security Initiatives in the District

There was no new information to share with the Board regarding this agenda item. The Board did not have questions regarding this agenda item.

Appraisal Calendar and Timeline

There were no updates regarding this agenda item from the August 19, 2024 Board meeting. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Update on Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to questions and feedback from Board Vice President Byron Severance regarding this agenda item.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees Courtney Runkle and Esperanza Orosco requested information as part of this agenda item.

RECAP OF QUESTIONS

Board Vanessa Petrea did not recap the list of Board questions.

ADJOURN

Board President Raul Vela announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2024 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.