

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 20, 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 Tuesday, February 20, 2024 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Kunkel Room at the Historic Buda Upper Campus, 300 San Marcos Street, Buda, Texas 78610.

CALL TO ORDER: Establish a quorum

Board Vice President, Raul Vela, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All Board Members were present with the exception of Board President Will McManus.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:30 PM to consult with legal counsel related to subject matters permitted by law, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.129, and to deliberate regarding safety and security, including safety personnel, systems, infrastructure, and/or devices, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.076.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:10 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Board Secretary Courtney Runkle lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags.

MISSION STATEMENT

Trustee Vanessa Petrea read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Mission Statement.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Trustee Johnny Flores read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Deputy Academic Officer Jesus Gomez introduced Director of Athletics Lance Moffett. Mr. Moffett introduced coaches from various campuses who attended the meeting, and presented slides to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Moffett engaged in conversation with the Board of Trustees in response to feedback from the presentation. Deputy Academic Officer David Pierce introduced Assistant Director of Fine Arts Jason Adam. Mr. Adam presented slides to the Board of Trustees, and engaged in conversation with the Board of Trustees in response to feedback from the presentation.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright provided an update on enrollment, 23,523 students; 82 students above the demographer's prediction. Dr. Wright provided information on the attendance percentage of 93.08%. He provided information regarding 83% participation in the 100% Hays initiative. Dr. Wright stated that the Hays Education Foundation was able to provide \$87k in grants earlier that day. Early voting will take place from February 20th through March 1st. The general election is scheduled for March 5th. Dr. Wright presented slides to the Board of Trustees regarding the move-in plan for the new Hays Academic Support Center building. Dr. Wright responded to feedback from Board Secretary Courtney Runkle and Board Vice President Raul Vela.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were two guests present from the public wishing to address the Board of Trustees. Each speaker was given five minutes to address the Board. W. Daniel Hancock addressed the Board regarding PARS contributions by substitute/guest teachers. Joshua Bedwell addressed the Board regarding a request to add preferred names and pronouns to District student records.

CAMPUS RECOGNITION

This agenda item is scheduled for presentation at the February 26, 2024 Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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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 Staff Development Waivers for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and the 2025-2026 school years

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

Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution Ratifying and Adopting New Election Equipment used in Travis County

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

Budget Amendments

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

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Extreme Wireless for District Wide Campus Wireless Network Upgrade – Converge One

Board Vice President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Technology Officer Alan Duerr engaged in dialog with Trustee Johnny Flores in response to questions and feedback regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of Construction Documents (CD) and Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 2 for 2023 Bond Bid Package 1 – Ramage Elementary School

Board Vice President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver referenced the Bond Look-Ahead document shared with the Board of Trustees. Jason Andrus of Huckabee Architects presented slides of drawings. Mr. Cleaver responded to questions and feedback from Trustee Vanessa Petrea and Trustee Byron Severance

Consideration and possible approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)2 and Construction Document (CD) Estimates to-date for 2023 Bond Bid Package 2 for Improvements at Johnson High School

Board Vice President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver provided detailed information regarding supporting documents. Jason Andrus of Huckabee Architects presented slides of drawings to the Board of Trustees. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of Construction Documents (CD) and Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 2 for 2023 Bond Bid Package 5 for Improvements at Dahlstrom Middle School and Wallace Middle School

Board Vice President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver introduced Jarrod from O'Connell Robertson Architects as well as architects from Jackson Construction who were present to provide detail if needed. Mr. Cleaver provided detail and explained reasoning for over-budget status. Jarrod w/ OCR reviewed drawings with the Board. Mr. Cleaver responded to questions and feedback from Trustees Vanessa Petrea and Byron Severance.

Consideration and possible approval of the Design-to-Date (DD) and Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 2 for 2023 Bond Bid Package 6 for Improvements at Kyle Elementary, Tom Green Elementary, Elm Grove Elementary, Hemphill Elementary, Fuentes Elementary, Pfluger Elementary and Simon Middle School Board Vice President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver provided details of the supporting documents to the Board of Trustees while Jarrod with O'Connell Robertson Architects reviewed drawings. Mr. Cleaver engaged in conversation in response to questions and feedback from Trustees Byron Severance and Johnny Flores.

INFORMATION ITEM

First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Local Policy CCA

Board Vice President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item to begin discussions. Chief Financial Officer Randy Rau addressed the Board of Trustees to provide detail to support the proposed revisions. Mr. Rau engaged in conversation regarding further revisions with Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Board Secretary Courtney Runkle, Trustee Byron Severance, Trustee Johnny Flores and Trustee Esperanza Orosco. Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent, also provided clarification.

Update on District Safety and Security Initiatives

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

Update on Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver received feedback and responded to questions from Trustee Johnny Flores. The topic of discussion was the ongoing artificial turf/construction project at the Lehman High School Baseball and Softball Fields.

Review and Discussion of the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar

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

Hays CISD Financial Statements

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

The Board paused for a break at 7:51pm, returning to the dais at 8:03pm

ACTION ITEM

Consideration and possible adoption of the Hays CISD Board Operating Procedures

Board Vice President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item to begin discussions. Trustees engaged in lengthy conversation reviewing each section of the document, recording suggested revisions. Revised document will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the February 26, 2024 Board meeting for final review and adoption.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There were no requests for information from the Board of Trustees.

RECAP OF QUESTIONS

Board Secretary Courtney Runkle did not read the list of captured questions.

ADJOURN

Board Vice President Raul Vela announced that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 PM.