

# Minutes of Regular Meeting January 27, 2025

## Hays CISD Board of Trustees

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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](http://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, January 27, 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 5:31 PM to deliberate regarding safety and security, including security personnel, systems, infrastructure, and/or devices, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.076, 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, and to deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.072.

### RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board Vice President Raul Vela called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 6:35 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 addressed the Board to provide an enrollment and attendance update, 24,406 students with 93.71% attendance. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

### CAMPUS RECOGNITION – Blanco Vista Elementary School

President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Mary Noble, Deputy Academic Officer, introduced the Blanco Vista Elementary Principal, Lizette Salinas Rodriguez to the Board. Ms. Rodriguez presented slides. Student speakers addressed the Board. Blanco Vista Choir performed. Ms. Rodriguez engaged in conversation based on questions and feedback from all trustees. Campus attendees posed for a picture with the Board.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Nate Smith was present to address the Board of Trustees regarding potential bond projects during this portion of the meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Raul Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, 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 7-0.

### Budget Amendments

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

### Contracts, MOUs, and Agreements

Consideration and possible approval of a Trustee Election Order for May 3, 2025. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

## ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible action to adopt an order calling for a school bond election to be held on May 3, 2025

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Communication Officer Tim Savoy addressed the Board of Trustees. Mr. Savoy read the finalized amounts for each proposition as follows: Proposition A: \$498,937,541, Proposition B: \$396,063,095, Proposition C: \$6,096,071, Proposition D: \$51,354,633, and Proposition E: \$16,200,000. Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright addressed the group to give thanks to the Board, FBOC, Cabinet and Community for their involvement in the development of the 2025 Bond Propositions. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver responded to questions and feedback from all trustees. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt an Election Order Calling for a School Bond election to be held on May 3, 2025, as presented. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution regarding Compensation of Hays CISD Staff due to District-wide Closure for Inclement Weather

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Human Resources Officer Christina Courson addressed the Board of Trustees. There were no questions from the group. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the resolution regarding compensation of staff affected by inclement weather on January 21, 2025, as presented. Board Vice President Byron Severance 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 a Master Lease Agreement for Employee Affordable Housing – Upward Communities

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent, addressed the Board to provide clarification of the request. Dr. Wright and Chief Human Resources Officer Christina Courson responded to questions and feedback from the Board. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees delegate authority to the Superintendent to negotiate a master lease agreement and ancillary agreements with Upward Communities or a subsidiary thereof, in accordance with the terms discussed in closed meeting, and authorize Dr. Wright to execute the master lease agreement and ancillary agreements on behalf of the district, as discussed and presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Esperanza Orosco seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

The Board paused for a short break, returning to the dais at 8:08PM.

## INFORMATION ITEM

Update on Hays CISD Child Nutrition Services

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Randy Rau, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Thomas Stone as a representative of the Hays CISD Child Nutrition Department. Mr. Stone addressed the Board of Trustees presenting slides and providing information. Mr. Stone engaged in conversation with the Board based on questions and feedback from Trustee Johnny

Flores, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Vice President Byron Severance, Trustee Geoff Seibel, and Board President Raul Vela.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible approval of a Ratification of an Emergency Expenditure - Lennox

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the ratification of the emergency expenditure in the amount of \$52,050, as presented. Trustee Geoff Seibel 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 Ratification of an Emergency Expenditure - Trane

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the ratification of an emergency expenditure for the amount of \$65,114, as presented. 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 a Non-Standard Service Agreement for Water with County Line Special Utility District at Ramage Elementary School

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the non-standard service agreement for water with County Line Special Utility District, as presented. Board Vice President Byron Severance moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved to amend the motion as presented on an updated transmittal form. Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion to amend. The motion to amend passed by a vote of 7-0. Mr. Vela read the new suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the non-standard service agreement for water with County Line Special Utility District, as presented, and allow the Board president and superintendent to execute documents necessary and convenient, as discussed. Trustee Esperanza Orosco 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 for further consideration the Design Development of 2023 Bond Bid Package 12 for projects at Tom Green Elementary, Hemphill Elementary, Kyle Elementary, Simon Middle School, and Wallace Middle School

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve for further consideration the Design Development for 2023 Bond Bid Package 12 for projects at Tom Green Elementary, Hemphill Elementary, Kyle Elementary, Simon Middle School, and Wallace Middle School, as presented. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the expenditure of Bond Interest Earnings for the Advancement of 2025 Bond Projects

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright, Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver, and Jason Andrus of Huckabee Architects engaged in conversation in response to questions and feedback from all trustees. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the expenditure of bond interest earnings for the advancement of 2025 Bond Projects for an amount not to exceed \$6,794,511, as presented. Trustee Johnny Flores moved and Trustee Esperanza Orosco seconded the motion. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea addressed the Board for discussion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-1; Mrs. Petrea voting opposed.

Consideration and possible adoption of the updated Board Operating Procedures

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item for Board discussion. Trustee Courtney Runkle and Board Vice President Byron Severance spoke regarding this item. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the revised Board Operating

Procedures, 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.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

##### Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

There was no presentation, nor were there questions from the Board regarding this information item.

##### Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

There was no presentation, nor were there questions from the Board regarding this information item.

##### Quarterly Investment Report

There was no presentation, nor were there questions from the Board regarding this information item.

##### Financial Statements

There was no presentation, nor were there questions from the Board regarding this information item.

#### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Esperanza Orosco and Board Vice President Byron Severance made requests for information during this agenda item. Chief Financial Officer Randy Rau spoke in response to Mr. Severance's request.

#### RECAP OF QUESTIONS

There was no recap of questions during this Board meeting.

#### ADJOURN

Board President Raul Vela announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.