

# Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Huntsville ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Huntsville ISD was held Thursday, January 23, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Hawkins Administration Building located at 441 FM 2821 E., Huntsville, Texas 77320.

Board Members Present Ken Holland, President, Tracy Stoudt, Vice-President, Cathy Schweitzer, Secretary, Amanda Burris, Johns Hendricks, Rissie Owens, & J.T. Langley

Others Present Marcus Forney, Chief Academic Officer, Nkrumah Dixon, Asst. Superintendent & Paul Brown, Chief Financial Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Item I-B Dr. Sheppard certified that public notice of the Board Meeting was given in accordance with the provision of Section 551.002 et. Seq. of the Texas Government Code.

INVOCATION  
Item II-A J.T. Langley gave the Invocation.

PLEDGES  
Item II-B Pledges were led by students from Huntsville Elementary School

BOARD OF TRUSTEE  
COMMENTS  
Item III Cathy Schweitzer stated the following: "I just want to thank the teachers and the staff for all their efforts. I hope you guys had some rest over the break and kind of reflected on the first half of the year. There were a lot of changes that were thrown at you and things that I'm hearing from parents is that if there were problems, they were solved quickly, and people are excited about the grade realignment and obviously the new facilities. So, thank you all for your good work. We are kind of on the downhill slide, it's January and the semester will go by very quickly but please know that we appreciate all your efforts.

SUPERINTENDENT  
BRIEFING  
Item IV Dr. Sheppard stated the following: "Congratulations to our Lady Hornet Wrestling Team for recently placing 8th in the 2025 Texas State Duals held in Wichita Falls. We held our first Varsity and JV Soccer tournament on January 2nd - 4th, hosting 10 teams. Our varsity went 1-1-1 in the tournament. We had a large crowd come out to watch the tournament and enjoy our wonderful new stadium. You may remember from my December report, we had 21 varsity football players

make the All-District Academic Team, maintaining an average of 90 or better in all classes throughout the season.

We have since learned that three of our varsity football players received recognition for the All-State Academic Award, and Cooper Hooks was awarded ELITE status, the highest All-Academic award in the state.

These academic accomplishments earned by our student athletes prove once again, we are Building Champions in the classroom first in Huntsville ISD!”

Dr. Sheppard also spoke about Sherry Odom, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees, and her retirement coming up at the end of this month. He expressed his thanks for all the work she has done for the district.

That’s my report and as always, Sting ‘em Hornets!

MONTHLY DIGITAL  
REPORT

Item V

The monthly digital report produced by Matthew Lahey highlighting Goal Setting for Students and Board Appreciation month was viewed.

RECOGNITIONS

Item VI A-C

STAFF RECOGNITIONS:

Educator of the Month – Darrell Sauls, Scott Johnson Elementary School, Teacher  
Employee of the Month – Joanna Wiley, Scott Johnson Elementary School,  
Receptionist

OPENING EXERCISES- STUDENT LEADERS:

ATTENDANCE RECOGNITIONS:

Campus with Highest Student Attendance-Samuel Walker Houston Elementary  
School 93.00%

Campus with Highest Staff Attendance-Stewart Elementary School 96.50%

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Board of Trustees were recognized for their service to Huntsville ISD students and staff

BRIEF RECESS

Item VII

Recess taken from 6:41 pm to 6:46 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Item VIII A-B

None

ITEMS REQUIRING  
BOARD ACTION  
CONSENT AGENDA

Item IX 1-7

Rissie Owens made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of

minutes of Board meetings held on December 19, 2024; monthly financial statements; purchase of an Audio System for the Huntsville High School Paul Bohan Gym; Huntsville High School and Mance Park Middle School Course Catalogs 25-26; the 2025-2026 District and Campus Performance Objectives; Resolution #25-08 recognizing March 3rd-8th, 2025 as National Career and Technical Education Month; Resolution #25-09 recognizing February 3rd-7th, 2025 as National School Counseling Week

Tracy Stoudt second the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Item IX 8

J.T. Langley made a motion to approve the Annual Financial Report

John Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

#### REPORT/DISCUSSION INFORMATION

Item X A-E

- A. Planned 2025-2026 Budget Calendar-written information only
- B. Discipline Written Report
- C. Huntsville ISD Campus Principal Written Reports
- D. BOND Project Update-written report
- E. Transportation of Students in Foster Care-FFC (REGULATION)-Written Report

Item X F

Dr. Nkrumah Dixon gave an update on the TCLAS Decision 5 Grant

#### NEXT MEETING/ EVENT NOTICE

Item XI A-B

- A. Huntsville Leadership Institute (HLI) Luncheon @ Huntsville High School - February 18, 2025, 11:45 am
- B. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting-February 20, 2025, 6:00 pm

#### CLOSED SESSION

Item XII-XIII

The Board adjourned to Closed Session @ 7:28 pm and reconvened to Open Session @ 9:43 pm

#### ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Item XIV

Tracy Stoudt made a motion to approve Dr. Sheppard's formal evaluation as well as the extension of a three-year contract with the district through February 4th, 2028.

ADJOURNMENT  
Item XV

Rissie Owens seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

There being no other business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the Regular Session at 9:43 pm.

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Ken Holland, Board President

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Cathy Schweitzer, Board Secretary  
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