

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 20, 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.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, October 20, 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 Byron Severance called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All members of the Board were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Board Secretary Geoff Seibel led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Trustee Vanessa Petrea read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were three people present requesting to address the Board. Robert Lowe addressed the Board on the topic of District Misconduct. Alicia Hill addressed the Board on the topic of School Integrity. Ashleigh Paine addressed the Board on the topic of School Integrity.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing and presentation of the Hays CISD 2024-2025 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas and the Financial Efficiency Audit: Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, presented information to the Board regarding the FIRST Report. Mrs. Ottmers responded to questions and feedback from Board Secretary Geoff Seibel and Board President Byron Severance. Kent Willis of Patillo, Brown & Hill, presented information to the Board regarding the efficiency audit. Mr. Willis and Mrs. Ottmers engaged in dialog based on questions, comments, and/or feedback from all trustees.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:32 PM to deliberate regarding security devices or security audits pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.089, to deliberate regarding safety and security, including security personnel, systems, infrastructure, and/or devices, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.076, and to conduct the Superintendent's Formative Evaluation – quarterly progress report of superintendent goals, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.074.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board President Byron Severance called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 7:41 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright provided an update on enrollment of 25,049 students with an average daily attendance of 94.7%. Dr. Wright presented slides to the Board to provide updates for events around the district. Board President Severance commented after the presentation. There was no further discussion.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Beginning of Year Data for mCLASS and MAP: Derek McDaniel, Executive Officer of Curriculum & Instruction, introduced Jaime Kinslow, Interim Director of Assessment and Accountability, who addressed the Board to present the report. Ms. Kinslow, Mr. McDaniel and Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer Marivel Sedillo responded to feedback, comments, and questions from Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and President Byron Severance. There was no further discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item, asking if there were any consent agenda items a trustee wished to pull for discussion. Procurements and budget amendments were pulled for discussion.

Consideration and possible approval of meeting minutes

There was no discussion regarding this agenda item.

Procurements

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Microsoft Products and Licenses – Software House International: Chief Technology Officer Alan Duerr responded to questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle. There was no further discussion.

Budget Amendments

Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers responded to comments and questions from Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Vice President Johnny Flores, and Board President Byron Severance. There was no further discussion.

Consideration and possible adoption of the 2025-2026 District Improvement Plan Containing District Performance Objectives and Student Performance Goals

It was noted that an updated version of this document would be provided prior to the next Board meeting, scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible approval of Class Size Exceptions

Chief Human Resources Officer Christina Courson addressed the Board to provide a summary overview of the request for approval. Ms. Courson responded to questions, comments, and/or feedback from all trustees.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Library Books

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright provided an overview of the Senate Bill 13 requirement to bring this agenda item to the Board for approval. Emily Herrin, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, addressed the Board to provide details. Ms. Herrin and Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer Marivel Sedillo responded to questions, feedback, and comments from Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Trustee Raul Vela, and Board President Byron Severance.

Trustee Esperanza Orosco left the meeting.

Consideration and possible approval of the Assignment of the Vendor for 2025 Bond Artificial Turf Field Installation and Running Track Cycle Replacement at Barton Middle School, Chapa Middle School, Dahlstrom Middle School, McCormick Middle School, Simon Middle School, and Wallace Middle School – Hellas Construction

Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver introduced Jeffery Bresee of CEI Engineering. Mr. Bresee addressed the Board to provide an overview of the projects for assignment. Mr. Bresee and Mr. Cleaver responded to questions, comments, and feedback from Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, and President Byron Severance. There was no further discussion.

Consideration and possible approval of the 2025 Bond-funded purchase of Computers and accompanying Maintenance and Support Agreements for use in the CTE Arts and A/V Classrooms at Hays High School, Johnson High School, and Lehman High School – Apple Store for Education

Rick Bough, Director of Career and Technical Education, addressed the Board to provide an overview of this request. Mr. Bough responded to questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle. There was no further discussion.

Consideration and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement for Participation with Education Service Center Region 12 for Health Benefits Cooperative Procurement

Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board to summarize the request. Mrs. Ottmers, and Chief Human Resources Officer Christina Courson, responded to questions from Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, and Board President Byron Severance. There was no further discussion.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of District Vehicle Leased Fleet

Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board to summarize the request. Mrs. Ottmers responded to questions from Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, and Board President Byron Severance. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, also added information in response to Board questions.

Consideration and possible acceptance of Efficiency Audit

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

Consideration and possible approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price 1 for 2025 Bond Renovations and Additions at McCormick Middle School

Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board to provide a summary of the approval request. Mr. Cleaver responded to questions from Board President Byron Severance. There was no further discussion.

Consideration and possible approval of a Real Estate Exchange Agreement with Walton Development Group for School Tracts located in Camino Real East

Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board to provide an overview of the request. Mr. Cleaver responded to questions from Board President Byron Severance, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, and Trustee Raul Vela. There was no further discussion.

Consideration and possible action in accordance with Policy BDB (Local) for the appointment of Board Subcommittees for Safety and Security, Board Policy, and Budget

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item and provided an overview. Trustee Courtney Runkle commented. There was no further discussion.

Consideration and possible Vote to Elect Directors of the Hays Central Appraisal District

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda. There was no discussion.

INFORMATION ITEM

Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

Chief Safety & Security Officer Jeri Skrocki addressed the Board to provide information on the report findings. Board President Byron Severance commented, but there were no questions from the rest of the Board.

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

There was no report for this agenda item.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, provided a verbal presentation of project updates. Mr. Cleaver responded to questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Raul Vela, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, and Board President Byron Severance

Financial Statements

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

First Reading of TASB Policy Update 126 Affecting Local Policies

This agenda item was moved to November 2025.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There were no requests for information.

ADJOURN

Board President Byron Severance noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025 at 5:30pm. No further business was conducted, and President Severance announced that the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM.