

# Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Huntsville ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Huntsville ISD was held Tuesday, April 15, 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, Tracy Cathy Schweitzer, Secretary, Amanda Burris, 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 Scott Johnson Elementary School
BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS Item III	Cathy Schweitzer stated the following: "I just want to say that David Stanley of the Rotary Club was at Safety Town and was complimentary of professionalism exhibited by students at Safety Town. He also talked about how professional they were, how helpful they were, how they listened and worked really hard. Also, Miss Bower and Miss Hubner's criminal justice students, Miss Smalls TAFE and Child Development students, and then Miss Neil's culinary arts students were out there. So, I just thank all of our students for how they represent our district. Means a lot.
SUPERINTENDENT BRIEFING Item IV	Dr. Sheppard stated the following: "Stewart Elementary 5th grader Audrey Koranek's artwork was chosen to be the front cover of the 47th annual Walker County Fair & Rodeo catalog! Her picture is of a happy family at the fair which perfectly conveys this year's fair theme of "It's All About Family, Friends & Fun." Congratulations, Audrey! As you may know, you can find Huntsville High School's Student Newspaper <i>The Hive</i> in every Thursday's edition of <i>The Huntsville Item</i> . Our partnership has never been stronger, and the students recently crossed a milestone not once but twice when <i>The Item</i> published student written and photographed stories "above the fold" of the front page! "Above the Fold" is a

classic newspaper term denoting the space on the top part of the front page, and this is the most valuable space in a newspaper! Congratulations to our HHS teacher Tom Waddill and his students for producing work that is worthy of this honor. Our Girls and Boys Track teams recently competed in their district and area meets and represented us extremely well. We are sending 12 student athletes to the Regional Meet at Challenger Columbia Stadium in League City on April 18 and 19th. Our boys' track and field team won the district team title and also placed 1st in the 4x2 and 4x4 Relays, and 1st in the High Jump at the Area Meet. Two of our Lady Hornets placed at the Area meet in the Long Jump, Shot Put, and Discus and will advance to the Regional meet. Congratulations to our coaches and student athletes for a job well done! While we are in League City for 5A Regional Track and Field, Huntsville ISD Stadium will be the host of the UIL Regional Track & Field Meet for division 3A on April 18 and 19th. We expect 500 student athletes and lots of fans to fill our stadium during the 2 day event. Tickets are digital only and no passes are accepted at this level. Get your tickets at our hornet nation athletics website. Today we hosted the Region 9 UIL 3A/4A/5A Band Concert and Sightreading Contest in our Performing Arts Center. 15 bands from our region competed in the event, with 3 of them being from our own Huntsville High School. Our sub non-varsity band scored a 2nd division excellent rating in both phases of the contest, our non varsity band scored superior 1st division ratings in both, as did our varsity band. Congratulations to our directors and students for their great performances, and thanks to the many band parents that worked the event all day today. Our new facility looks and sounds magnificent, and visiting groups were very complimentary of our hospitality."

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

MONTHLY DIGITAL  
REPORT  
Item V

The monthly digital report produced by Matthew Lahey highlighted the 20th anniversary of Safety Town and highlighted its importance in teaching first graders vital safety skills with involvement from community leaders and high school students.

RECOGNITIONS  
Item VI A-C

STAFF RECOGNITIONS:

Educator of the Month – *Kendall Jones, Hornet Success Academy - Teacher*  
Employee of the Month – *Sheila Elliott-Jackson, Hornet Success Academy - Counselor*

ATTENDANCE RECOGNITIONS:

Campus with Highest Student Attendance-Samuel Walker Houston Elementary School 93.04%  
Campus with Highest Staff Attendance-Huntsville Elementary School 95.7%

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS: Huntsville High School Unified Basketball Team - Noah Cummings, Landon Fisher, Narell Furman, Demarcus Gable, Ja'Marri Gordan, Tre

Joiner, Juan Lira, Abran Lozoya, Paul Nelson, Joshua Oliphant, Matthew Schweitzer, Jerious Singletary, Mason Smith, and Dalynn Willis. Manager - JC Cabriaes

Coaches Coaches- Head Coach Juan Torres; Assistant Coaches - Marielle Torres, Stephen Newsom, Michael Vossler and MyKayla Nettles

Huntsville High School Girls Wrestling Team - Shonterrius Parish, Dezaryah Brown, Isabel Saumell, Krystina Baldwin, and Rita Igbokewe

#### INTRODUCTIONS:

New appointments in HISD were introduced, including Maron P. Samuel as the new Executive Director for Technology and Sonya Fulgum as the new Director of Finance.

#### BRIEF RECESS

Item VII

Recess taken from 6:47 pm to 6:52 pm

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Item VIII A-B

None

#### ITEMS REQUIRING

#### BOARD ACTION

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Item IX (A)1-13

J.T. Langley made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of minutes of Board meetings held on March 25, 2025; monthly financial statements; Budget Amendment #5, 2025-2026 Huntsville ISD Board of Trustees Meeting Dates, Resolution #25-15 Teacher Appreciation Week, TOPS 2025-2026 Instructional Calendar and Staff Development, and 2025-2026 Program of Studies and Course Catalogs for TOPS, TOPS 2025-2026 Standards for Success teacher evaluation system, Instructional Materials Allotment TEKS Certification for 2025-2026, purchase of one Suburban for CTE department, purchase two Core Switches, accessories, and SmartNet maintenance for all campuses, purchase of two Firewalls and related components to support all HISD campuses, and 2025 K-5 Math Adoption.

Tracy Stoudt second the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Item IX B

The School Health Advisory Committee presented their annual report, underscoring recent accomplishments and recommendations, including the importance of diabetes management on transportation and the implementation of structured recess and brain breaks for elementary students. Also presented new committee members for 2025-2026 year.

Cathay Schweitzer made a motion to approve and J.T. Langley seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

REPORT/DISCUSSION  
INFORMATION

Item X A-C

- A. Discipline Written Report
- B. Huntsville ISD Campus Principal Written Reports
- C. BOND Project Update-written report

NEXT MEETING/  
EVENT NOTICE

Item XI A-C

- A. Special Called Board Meeting followed by Budget Workshop - May, 06 2025 at 6:00 pm.
- B. Regular Board of Trustees April 15, 2025 6:00 pm
- C. Teacher Appreciation Week Mon, May 05 - Fri. May 09, 2025.

CLOSED SESSION

Item XII-(A) 1-4-  
Item XIII

The Board adjourned to Closed Session @ 7:03 pm and reconvened to Open Session @ 7:42 pm

ITEMS REQUIRING  
BOARD ACTION

Item XIV

Rissie Owens made a motion to approve employee contracts and promote Paul Trevino to Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations, and to promote Josh Campbell to Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning.

Amanda Burris seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Item XV

There being no other business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:46 pm.

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Ken Holland, Board President

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Cathy Schweitzer, Board Secretary  
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