

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 23, 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.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 Wednesday, January 23, 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 with the exception of Trustee Johnny Flores.

PUBLIC FORUM #3 – Proposed School Building Bond Election for May 2025

There were no speakers present wishing to address the Board during this portion of the meeting.

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, and 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.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board Vice President Raul Vela called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 6:30 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 Geoff Seibel read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright addressed the Board and presented slides of recent Hays CISD events, provided an enrollment and attendance update, and informed the group that there will be no need to make up the day of school closure due to inclement weather on January 21, 2025. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present from the public requesting to address the Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC HEARING – Texas Academic Performance Reports

There was no one present from the public requesting to address the Board during this portion of the meeting. Kevin Malandrucolo, Director of Accountability & Testing, presented slides to the Board of Trustees. He, Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent, and Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, all engaged in conversation with the Board based on feedback and questions from Board Secretary Vanessa

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

CAMPUS RECOGNITION – Blanco Vista Elementary School (*Scheduled for January 27, 2025*)

This presentation is scheduled for January 27, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 approval of a Master Lease Agreement for Employee Affordable Housing – Upward Communities

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Human Resources Officer Christina Courson and Jason Roberts of Upward Communities responded to questions and feedback from the Board of Trustees.

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

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board of Trustees to provide information. Mr. Cleaver engaged in conversation with the Board in response to feedback and questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle.

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

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board of Trustees to provide information. Mr. Cleaver engaged in conversation with the Board in response to feedback and questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle.

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. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board of Trustees to provide information. Mr. Cleaver engaged in conversation with the Board in response to feedback and questions from Board Vice President Byron Severance.

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 presented an update draft of potential bond propositions. Mr. Vela spoke to summarize the process to-date. Mr. Savoy, Chief Financial Officer Randy Rau, and Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver responded to questions and feedback from all trustees.

The Board paused for a short break.

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, Chapa Middle School, Simon Middle School, and Wallace Middle School

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board of Trustees to provide information. There were no questions from the Board regarding this item.

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. Chief Operations Officer Max Cleaver addressed the Board of Trustees to provide information. Mr. Cleaver engaged in conversation with the Board in response to feedback and questions from Trustee Geoff Seibel, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Vice President Byron Severance, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Board President Raul Vela. Jason Andrus of Huckabee Architects also provided response to questions.

The Board paused for a short break, returning to the dais at 9:45PM.

Consideration and possible adoption of the updated Board Operating Procedures

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item, and the Board engaged in dialogue regarding updates and changes to the Board Operating Procedures document.

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 Proposed 2025 Bond Projects based on Community Feedback

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.

Update on Hays CISD Child Nutrition Services (*Scheduled for January 27, 2025*)

This presentation is scheduled for January 27, 2025.

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 Raul Vela requested a poll of trustee availability to move the Thursday, February 20, 2025 meeting to Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

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 Monday, January 27, 2025 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 PM.