

Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 27, 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 Thursday, March 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 5:30 PM to deliberate regarding security devices or security audits, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.089, to deliberate regarding the Superintendent's recommendations for employment, resignations, extended leave, and other personnel matters, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.074, and to discuss 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 6:22 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 Esperanza Orosco read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

This information was presented at the March 10, 2025 Board meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no participants for this portion of the meeting.

CAMPUS RECOGNITION – Pfluger Elementary School

Mary Noble, Deputy Academic Officer, introduced Principal Danielle Sandoval who presented slides to the Board. Pfluger ES student choir performed for the Board. Ms. Sandoval engaged in conversation based on comments and feedback from the Board.

The Board paused for a five-minute recess at 6:45 PM, returning to the dais at 6:50 PM.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT – Advanced Academics

This information was presented at the March 10, 2025 Board meeting. There were no additional questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item to open discussion of topics included. There were no consent items pulled for discussion. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, as presented. Trustee Johnny Flores 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 meeting minutes

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

Procurements

Consideration and possible approval of the Continuation of Special Education Evaluation Services – Trinity Educational Services

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

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Playground material and Services – Soil Express

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

Consideration and possible approval of Annual Natural Gas Line Pressure Testing – SI Mechanical, LLC

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

Budget Amendments

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

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible action, if any, resulting from closed session

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution approving Contingent Fee Legal Services Contract

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt a resolution approving the contingent fee legal services contract, that includes the findings required by Texas Government Code 2254, Subchapter C, and that are needed for submission of a contingent fee legal services agreement and request the Texas Attorney General for expedited review, as discussed. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea stated that she would abstain from voting due to a conflict. Trustee Courtney Runkle stated that she would vote no. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Consideration and possible adoption of a Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC and Eiland & Bonnin, PC

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt and approve entering into a contingent fee legal services agreement with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC and Eiland & Bonnin, PC to represent the District in youth social media usage and related litigation, as discussed in closed session. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea stated that she would abstain from voting due to a conflict. Trustee Courtney Runkle stated that she would vote no. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Consideration and possible approval to seek a waiver from the Texas Education Agency to provide Remote Special Education Homebound Instruction

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the request to seek a remote special education homebound instruction waiver from TEA, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Trustee Esperanza Orosco 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

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Jeri Skrocki, Chief Safety & Security Officer, addressed the Board of Trustees and engaged in conversation based on feedback from Trustees Esperanza Orosco and Courtney Runkle.

Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Safety & Security Officer Jeri Skrocki addressed the Board to provide information regarding the audit report findings. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to the Board regarding questions and feedback from Board Vice President Byron Severance, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, and Trustee Johnny Flores.

Review and Discussion of the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Randy Rau, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board regarding updates to the budget calendar. There were no questions from the Board.

Financial Statements

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, and Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer, responded to questions from Board Vice President Byron Severance.

RECAP OF QUESTIONS

There was no recap of questions.

ADJOURN

Board President Raul Vela announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.