

# Minutes of Regular Meeting February 24, 2025

## Hays CISD Board of Trustees

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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](http://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, February 24, 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 safety and security, including security personnel, systems, infrastructure, and/or devices, pursuant 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. The Board did not deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of property as 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 6:20 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 presented information regarding this agenda item at the February 18, 2025 Board meeting.

### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no participants for this portion of the meeting.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT – State of the District

This information was presented at the February 18, 2025 meeting.

### CAMPUS RECOGNITION – Science Hall Elementary School

Deputy Academic Officer Mary Noble introduced the principal of Science Hall Elementary, Alejandra Valdez. Ms. Valdez presented slides to the Board. Students were present and participated in the presentation. After the presentation, students sang to the Board. Staff and students posed for a photo with trustees. Ms. Valdez engaged in conversation with the Board in response to questions and feedback from all.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item to open discussion of topics included. Agenda item K.4 was pulled for discussion. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items 1 through 3, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion. There was no further discussion regarding the first three consent agenda items, and the motion passed with 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.

Budget Amendments

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

Contracts, MOUs, and Agreements

Consideration and possible approval of Staff Development Waivers for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of a Board Resolution for the Reaffirmation of Admission, Safety, and Privacy of Students

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item to open for discussion. Trustee Esperanza Orosco read the resolution aloud. The group engaged in conversation, to include Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright, regarding questions and feedback from Trustee Johnny Flores, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, and Board President Raul Vela. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the resolution reaffirming its commitment to the admission, safety, and privacy of all Hays CISD students, as discussed. Trustee Johnny Flores moved and Trustee Esperanza Orosco seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

## ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible approval of the 2024-2025 Targeted Improvement Plans for Chapa Middle School, McCormick Middle School, Simon Middle School, and Wallace Middle School

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Present for response to questions from the Board were Deputy Academic Officer Jesus Gomez, McCormick Middle School Principal James Cruz, Wallace Middle School Principal Joanne Carlisle, Chapa Middle School Principal Lisa Walls, Simon Middle School Principal Sean Fox, and Simon Middle School Assistant Principal Yvonne Schneider. The group engaged in conversation with the Board in response to questions and feedback from Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Johnny Flores, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Vice President Byron Severance, and Board President Raul Vela. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the Targeted Improvement Plans for Chapa Middle School, McCormick Middle School, Simon Middle School, and Wallace Middle School, as presented. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

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

Consideration and possible approval of the Superintendent's recommendation of the contractual employment of the principal for Ramage Elementary School. This agenda item will be discussed at the February 24, 2025 Board meeting.

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's recommendation to contractually employ the Principal for Ramage Elementary School, 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. Dr. Eric Wright announced that the principal for Cullen Elementary School will be Yvette Soliz, current principal at Camino Real Elementary School. Ms. Soliz was not present for the announcement.

Consideration and possible approval of Class Size Exceptions for K4 Capacity Incentive

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the Class Size Exceptions for K4 Capacity Incentive, as presented and discussed. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Network Switches and Licensing for Wireless Access Points – Converge One

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of network switches and licensing for wireless access points from Converge One for an amount not to exceed \$1,899,672, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea 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 Design-to-Date and Guaranteed Maximum Price 3 for 2023 Bond Bid Package 7 for Improvements at Impact Center

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the design-to-date from O'Connell Robertson Architects for 2023 Bond Bid Package 7 for improvements at the Impact Center, and approve GMP 3 from Bartlett Cocke for an amount not to exceed \$3,575,007, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to questions and feedback from Board Vice President Byron Severance and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval to grant a Utility Easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative at the Hays CISD Performing Arts Center for La Verde

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees grant a utility easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative at the Hays CISD Performing Arts Center for La Verde, and authorize the superintendent and board president to execute documents necessary and convenient to complete the project, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Trustee Geoff Seibel seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Second Reading and possible adoption of TASB Policy Update 124 Affecting Local Policies

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt TASB Policy Update 124, as presented. Trustee Johnny Flores moved and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

INFORMATION ITEM

Update on Hays CISD Special Education Program and Retention & Recruitment Efforts

Information relating to this agenda item was presented at the February 18, 2025 meeting.

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

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.

Review and Discussion of the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

This agenda item was discussed at the February 18, 2025 meeting. There were no updates or additional comments.

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 Courtney Runkle requested a timeline for the IB program at both Cullen ES and Ramage ES. Board Vice President Byron Severance requested information regarding land projects and partnerships.

#### 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, March 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.