

# Minutes of Regular Meeting September 24, 2024

## 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.hayscisid.net](http://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 Monday, September 24, 2024 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 Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.076

### RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board Vice President Raul Vela called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 6:15 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

Board President Raul Vela read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright addressed the Board to provide an enrollment update of 24,310, with an attendance rate of 94.86%. Dr. Wright then spoke regarding the A-F accountability rating lawsuit. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

### CAMPUS RECOGNITION – Carpenter Hill Elementary School

Deputy Academic Officer, Dr. Michael Watson, introduced Principal of Carpenter Hill Elementary School, Ginger Bordeau. Ms. Bordeau, along with students from her campus, addressed the Board of Trustees reading letters and presenting slides. After questions from and conversation with Trustee Geoff Seibel, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Vice President Byron Severance, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Johnny Flores, and Board President Raul Vela, teachers, staff, administrators and students present posed for a photo with the Board.

### PUBLIC FORUM

There were three guests present wishing to address the Board of Trustees. Each speaker was allotted five minutes to address the Board. Allison Stern, Iris Hayes, and Marc Van Bree separately addressed the Board with comments and concerns regarding Hays CISD Special Education programs.

## INFORMATION ITEM

Update on Special Education Programs: Michelle Velasquez, Executive Officer of Special Education, and Melissa Corona, Director of Special Education, presented slides to the Board of Trustees. After their presentation, Ms. Velasquez and Ms. Corona engaged in conversation with Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Johnny Flores, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Vice President Byron Severance, Trustee Geoff Seibel, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, and Board President Raul Vela. Dr. Eric Wright spoke to address this agenda item, as well.

The Board took a break pause at 8:26 PM, returning to the dais at 8:42PM.

Trustee Courtney Runkle left the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Raul Vela introduced the consent agenda items as a whole. Item L.1a was pulled for discussion.

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

### Procurements

Consideration and possible approval of the procurement for the Administration of PSAT & SAT Assessments – The College Board

This agenda item was pulled for discussion. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea addressed the group in support of this agenda item, encouraging a testing requirement of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, eliminating the opt-out scenario. Ms. Petrea noted that the deadline to register for the PSAT assessment has been extended to Friday, September 27, 2024. There were no further questions.

### Budget Amendments

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

Board President Raul Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, as presented. Trustee Johnny Flores moved and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

## ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible adoption of the instrument to be used to evaluate the Superintendent

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item, stating that it would be moved to the October meeting for consideration. Dr. Eric Wright expressed gratitude for the additional time to reevaluate the approach to specific goals for curriculum and instruction.

Review and possible adoption of the Social Contract for the Hays CISD Board of Trustees

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item, stating that it would be moved to the October meeting for consideration.

Consideration and possible approval to Begin the Process of Attendance Zone Mapping for the Fall 2025 Opening of Ramage Elementary School

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item, and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees begin a rezoning process and make public its intent to do so in accordance with local policy, as presented. Trustee Johnny Flores moved, and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Security Fencing and Associated Installation Services – Encore Fence

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item, and read the suggested motion that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of security fencing and associated installation services from Encore Fence for an amount not to exceed \$377,335.35, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion. Trustee Geoff Seibel asked for clarification of a fencing project, of which Chief Safety and Security Officer Jeri Skrocki responded. Mr. Vela clarified the wording of the agenda item. There were no further questions, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Consideration and possible grant of a 1.10-Acre Public Water Line Easement at Hays High School to the City of Kyle

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees grant a 1.10-acre public water line easement at Hays High School to the City of Kyle, accept \$134,279 as the value, and authorize the Superintendent and Board President to execute documents necessary and convenient to complete the transaction, as presented. Trustee Johnny Flores moved, and Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion. There were no further questions, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of a Development Agreement with Clayton Properties and Casetta Ranch Residential Community, Inc. at Lehman High School for the Construction of a Drainage Channel

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the development agreement with Clayton Properties and Casetta Ranch Residential Community, Inc., at Lehman High School for the construction of a drainage channel, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement for Region 20 – PACE Purchasing Cooperative

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item, and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the interlocal agreement for Region 20 – PACE Purchasing Cooperative, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved, and Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion. Randy Rau, Chief Financial Officer, responded to a question from Trustee Geoff Seibel. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

## INFORMATION ITEM

### Update on Data Center Power

Ray Gonzales, Deputy Technology Officer, addressed the Board of Trustees to provide a summarization of the events in August leading to a power outage at the Hays CISD Data Center, as well as action steps taken to restore its functionality. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

### Update on New Dress Code Policy

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright summarized the reason for this information item/update. There was a discussion regarding changes to the student handbook language, recommending to eliminate the verbiage included in parenthesis after the word "shirt". Dr. Brian Dawson, Director of Student Services, addressed the Board of Trustees, engaging in conversation based on questions and feedback from Trustee Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Vice President Byron Severance, and Trustee Geoff Seibel.

### Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

Jeri Skrocki, Chief Safety & Security Officer, and Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer, addressed the Board regarding recent threats. Ms. Skrocki thanked SRO Montemayor, present at the Board meeting. Both Mr. Savoy and Ms. Skrocki engaged in conversation based on questions and feedback

from Board Vice President Byron Severance, Trustee Geoff Seibel, Trustee Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, and Board President Raul Vela.

#### Discussion and Creation of Hays CISD Legislative Priorities for the Upcoming Legislative Session

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item to begin discussion. Trustee Orosco asked for specifics regarding the recommended/suggested legislative priorities. Dr. Wright addressed the Board from the dais to indicate that current top priorities are currently listed as School Funding, A-F accountability ratings, and the funding of Safety & Security mandates.

#### Review and Discussion of Schematic Design for 2023 Bond Bid Package 12 Projects and Middle School Renovations and Additions

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, engaged in conversation with the Board based on questions and feedback from Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Geoff Seibel and Board President Raul Vela.

#### Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board to advise that an update regarding an HVAC question from last week's Board meeting has been posted to Board Blog. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

#### Financial Statements

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

#### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Johnny Flores requested to know the number of guardian caps vs. the number of all secondary football players. Trustee Geoff Seibel requested a comparison of SPED Growth in Hays CISD to other districts regionally and like-size districts.

#### RECAP OF QUESTIONS

Board Vanessa Petrea did not recap the list of Board questions.

#### ADJOURN

Board President Raul Vela announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 PM.