

# Minutes of Regular Meeting December 16, 2024

## 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](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, December 16, 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.

### PUBLIC FORUM #1 – 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 6:40 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

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright addressed the Board to share slides of recent district events. Dr. Wright provided an enrollment update of 24,391, up 1,033 students from this time last year – just 216 students short of the demographer's projections. This data proves a 99.1% accuracy rate of projections. Attendance is 94.16%. Dr. Wright spoke regarding the newly adopted Bluebonnet curriculum. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

### PUBLIC FORUM

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

### CAMPUS RECOGNITION – Fine Arts Showcase

Deputy Academic Officer David Pierce introduced this agenda item. Patty Moreno, Director of Fine Arts, and Jason Adam, Assistant Director of Fine Arts, presented slides to the Board. The Lehman High School Varsity Choir provided a performance. Ms. Moreno responded to questions and feedback from the Board.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item, and read the suggested motion that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

### Minutes of Board of Trustees Meetings

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 for the district designee to enter into Joint Election Agreements and Election Services Contracts for the school district's May 3, 2025 Elections. 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

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's recommendation to contractually employ the Johnson High School Athletic Coordinator / Head Football Coach, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0. Dr. Eric Wright introduced Sam Carlin as the new Johnson High School Athletic Coordinator / Head Football Coach. Mr. Carlin addressed the Board from the lectern.

## INFORMATION ITEM

Presentation of Proposed Hays CISD Employee Affordable Housing

Christina Courson, Chief Human Resources Officer, introduced Jason Roberts of Upward Communities to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Roberts presented slides to inform the Board of this agenda item. Mr. Roberts, Ms. Courson, and Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright engaged in conversation based on feedback and comments from Trustee Geoff Seibel, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Trustee Johnny Flores, and Board President Raul Vela.

The Board took a short break, returning to the dais at 8:05PM.

## ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible approval of Class Size Waiver(s) for K-4 Capacity Incentive

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Christina Courson, Chief Human Resources Officer, addressed the Board of Trustees and responded to feedback and questions from Trustee Esperanza Orosco. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board approve the Class Size Exceptions for K4 Capacity Incentive, as presented and discussed. 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 New Course Selections for the 2025-2025 School Year

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, addressed the Board of Trustees. She and Rick Bough, Director of CTE, responded to questions and feedback from Board Vice President Byron Severance, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the new courses for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented. Board Vice President Byron Severance moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of Contract Services for Speech – ProCare

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, addressed the Board of Trustees and engaged in conversation in response to questions and feedback from Trustee Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, and Trustee Geoff Seibel. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve speech services provided by ProCare for the 2024-2025 school year for an amount not to exceed \$110,000, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible adoption of Recommended School Attendance Zone Changes

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer, engaged in conversation with the Board in response to questions and feedback from Trustees Johnny Flores and Courtney Runkle. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the recommendation to change the district's campus attendance zones and for the new zone maps to take effect for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented. Trustee Johnny Flores moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Approval for Further Consideration the 2023 Bond Bid Package 12 Design Development budget for Hays High School, Johnson High School, and Lehman High School

President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board. Jason Andrus of Huckabee Architects reviewed drawings with the Board. Mr. Cleaver and Mr. Andrus engaged in conversation with the Board regarding questions and feedback from Board Vice President Byron Severance, Trustee Geoff Seibel, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Board President Raul Vela. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve for further consideration the 2023 Bond Bid Package 12 Design Development for Hays HS, Johnson HS, and Lehman HS for a budget amount not to exceed \$163,803,849, as discussed. 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.

The Board took a short break, returning to the dais at 9:41PM.

Consideration and possible approval of Expenditure of Bond Interest Earnings for Advancement of 2025 Bond Projects

President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board and engaged in conversation based on questions and feedback from Trustee Geoff Seibel, Board Vice President Byron Severance, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Trustee Johnny Flores. Superintendent, Dr. Eric Wright suggested that we pull this agenda item and postpone until January. There was no action taken on this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of 2023 Bond Purchase of Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for Hays High School, Johnson High School, Lehman High School, and Ramage Elementary School

President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board of Trustees and engaged in conversation based on questions and feedback from Trustee Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, and Trustee Geoff Seibel. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of 2023 Bond furniture, fixtures, and equipment for Hays High school, Johnson High School, Lehman High School, and Ramage Elementary School for an amount not to exceed \$3,428,881.44, as presented. Board Vice President Byron Severance 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 2023 Bond purchase of Telephone Infrastructure for new construction at Hays High School, Johnson High School, Lehman High School, and Ramage Elementary School – Affiliated Communications

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Alan Duerr, Chief Technology Officer, addressed the Board of Trustees and responded to questions from Trustee Courtney Runkle. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of telephone infrastructure for new construction at Hays High School, Johnson High School, Lehman High School, and Ramage Elementary School from Affiliated Communications for an amount not to exceed \$132,835, 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 the repair/replacement of Kitchen Floors at both Elm Grove Elementary and Fuentes Elementary – KYA Services, LLC

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board and engaged in conversation with the Board in response to questions and feedback from Trustee Geoff Seibel and Board President Raul Vela. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the repair of the kitchen flooring at Elm Grove Elementary School and Fuentes Elementary School by KYA Services, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$99,126.07, as presented. Trustee Johnny Flores 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 Hays CISD Legislative Priorities for the upcoming 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent, addressed the Board of Trustees and responded to questions from Trustee Esperanza Orosco. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of trustees approve the Hays CISD Legislative Priority for the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session, as presented and discussed. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

Update on Proposed 2025 Bond Projects based on Community Feedback

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board to provide a summary of the feedback received and an updated recommendation. Mr. Cleaver and Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer, engaged in conversation with the Board regarding this agenda item.

#### ACTION ITEM

Consideration and possible adoption of the updated Board Operating Procedures

There was no action on this item during the meeting. The agenda item will be postponed until January 2025.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

There was no information presented during this agenda item. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

There was no information presented during this agenda item. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

Update on Special Education Department Recruitment and Retention

President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Christina Courson, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented slides to update the Board. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

Financial Statements

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

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There were no requests from the Board of Trustees.

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 Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 PM.