

# Minutes of Regular Meeting February 18, 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 Tuesday, February 18, 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 Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea.

### 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, 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, and to complete the Superintendent's Formative Evaluation – Quarterly Progress Report and Superintendent Goals, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.074.

### RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board Vice President Raul Vela called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 6:50 PM. Trustee Vanessa Petrea joined the meeting at this time.

### 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 and attendance update, 24,396 students with 93.44% attendance. Dr. Wright spoke regarding Hays High School Athletic Coordinator / Head Football Coach Mark Torres and his involvement in the Texas High School Coaches Association. Dr. Wright noted that neither Trustee Esperanza Orosco nor Board Vice President Byron Severance drew an opponent for the upcoming trustee election. He then noted the accomplishments of the Communications Department awards at the ongoing TSPRA Convention being held in San Antonio. Dr. Wright then presented slides to the Board to update on district events such as February is CTE Month, Lehman HS Mariachi Los Lobos upcoming State Competition, state bound athletes in both wrestling and swim, VASE students competing at the state level, Hays HS Marine JROTC national championship marksmanship competition, UIL Middle School theater competition, National Signing Day for college-bound athletes, Lehman HS football program's NFF National Team Academic Excellence Award, and the Buda Lions Club donation. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Carla Perez addressed the Board in support of the Bond and candidate election. Ms. Perez also noted the passing of a long time educator in Hays CISD, Maria Ortega, sharing information regarding her funeral arrangements.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT – State of the District

Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, introduced Derek McDaniel, Director of Curriculum & Instruction. Mr. McDaniel presented slides to the Board of Trustees and engaged in conversation based on feedback and questions from Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Johnny Flores, Board Vice President Byron Severance, and Board President Raul Vela.

## CAMPUS RECOGNITION – Science Hall Elementary School

This presentation is scheduled for February 24, 2025.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item to open discussion of topics included. There were no consent items pulled for discussion.

### 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.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 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.

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

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Chief Human Resources Officer Christina Courson addressed the Board of Trustees, providing information that this waiver will be for only one classroom at Blanco Vista Elementary School in Grade 1. Ms. Courson received feedback from Trustee Esperanza Orosco.

### 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 this agenda item. Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, addressed the Board of Trustees. Jesus Gomez, Deputy Academic Officer assigned to middle schools, summarized the TIPs for generality, explaining the support of E3 Alliance for certain campuses. Mr. Gomez and Stephanie Norris, Director of Grants and Federal Programs, responded to questions and feedback from Board Vice President Byron Severance, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Johnny Flores, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, and Board President Raul Vela.

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. Alan Duerr, Chief Technology Officer, provided an overview to summarize the process of e-rate funding. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

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. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board and responded to questions and feedback from Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea and Trustee Geoff Seibel.

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. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the Board and responded to questions from Board Vice President Byron Severance.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

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

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, introduced Michelle Velasquez and Melissa Corona. Ms. Velasquez, Executive Officer of Special Education, and Ms. Corona, Director of Special Education, presented slides to the Board. The team, accompanied by Christina Courson, Chief Human Resources Officer, responded to questions and feedback from all trustees. Ms. Courson then presented slides and information to the Board regarding retention and recruitment efforts. There were no further questions from the Board.

First Reading of TASB Policy Update 124 Affecting Local Policies

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright summarized the changes/updates to each policy revision presented. He responded to questions and feedback from Board Vice President Byron Severance, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, and Trustee Johnny Flores.

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.

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

Board Vice President Byron Severance confirmed the capture of an earlier question with Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea. Trustee Johnny Flores submitted a request regarding Project Lead the Way curriculum. Board President Raul Vela requested information regarding Hays CISD theatre programs.

#### 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, February 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.