

# Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Huntsville ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Huntsville ISD was held Thursday, May 23, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Hawkins Administration Building located at 441 FM 2821 E., Huntsville, Texas 77320.

Board Members	
Present	J.T. Langley, President; Ken Holland, Vice President; Tracy Stoudt, Secretary; John Hendricks & Cathy Schweitzer
Others Present	Marcus Forney, Chief Academic Officer; Bill Roberts, Asst. Superintendent; Nkrumah Dixon, Asst. Superintendent and Paul Brown, Chief Financial Officer
PUBLIC NOTICE Item I-B	Marcus Forney certified that public notice of the Board Meeting was given in accordance with the provision of Section 551.002 et. Seq. of the Texas Government Code.
INVOCATION Item II-A	Ken Holland gave the Invocation.
PLEDGES Item II-B	Pledges were led by Shannon Hollis
BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS Item III	<p>Cathy Schweitzer stated “I just want to thank our students and teachers and all of our staff for a great year, and I really want to congratulate the class of 2024. I have been praying for you all year and I’m excited to see what your next chapters and faces of life are going to be. We hope that you come back and share all your stories with us. So, I look forward to graduation on Saturday.”</p> <p>J.T. Langley stated “I want to share something real quick and I am not trying to go off on anything political. If you see a video that’s got me floating around out there, I’m not apologizing about the video but if I’ve hurt anybody's feelings on this video I would apologize but I’m fed up with people talking about our school district, I’m fed up with individuals whether it’s politics or not, talking about the great teaching staff we’ve got, talking about the Board, our Superintendent. This district has made such growth in the last few years, and I never want anybody to say this Board will not defend this district. We are here to defend you and if we have to fix something we are here to try to fix that. I want to thank you for everything you have done this year for this community. We’ve got great students, we’ve got great parents and folks, we’ve got great teachers and leaders in this district. It’s a real obvious thing when we can move a principal from the High School to be our head principal at one of the elementaries. That is the quality we are developing in this school district, and I just want to thank you all for the support that you give this</p>

Board. Thank you.”

SUPERINTENDENT  
BRIEFING  
Item IV

Mr. Marcus Forney gave the following report from the Superintendent:  
Earlier today, we celebrated our HHS Criminal Justice Program for being named a National Industry Certified Program of Excellence, which identifies us as one of the best in the nation. Our HHS Criminal Justice Program is also the FIRST in TEXAS to receive this prestigious designation.

Our HISD Art teachers hosted a successful Spring Art Show featuring artwork on display in the HHS library back in April. The show concluded with a lovely Reception on April 23rd, where we were able to honor our district’s artists.

Congratulations to Ciara Bradley, teacher at MPMS, for being chosen BEST TEACHER in the Huntsville Item’s BEST OF Awards, and to our district for being chosen BEST PLACE TO WORK. Ciara and the district were honored last week at the Small Business Development Center’s Celebration Luncheon.

As we wrap up another successful year in Huntsville ISD, I just want to thank all of our dedicated employees for helping us Build Champions throughout the district. Our hard-working employees make all the difference, as we work together to educate every student, regardless of their circumstances.

Finally, this past Monday night, we celebrated the Huntsville High School Senior Class of 2024 at our annual awards ceremony. Our students are all the proof we need that Huntsville ISD is an exceptional place to learn and HISD students can compete with the best and brightest not only just in our local area, but also across the state, and even the nation. This year’s class earned an astounding 7.6 MILLION dollars in scholarships, shattering a record set by the Class of 2023 at 4.6 Million... a record we thought would not be broken for a very long time. The comprehensive education our students receive is unparalleled in Walker County, offering our students opportunities that cannot be found at other area schools, public or private. From advanced academic courses to robust offerings in CTE, and to outstanding athletic and fine arts programs - our students gain experiences that open the door to huge scholarships and opportunities for a successful life trajectory they may or may not have found in other places. It is way past time to stop apologizing for who we are, and instead, celebrate the greatness happening in our district every single day. We need to tell the world we are Proud Huntsville Hornets. Proud of our students and families, proud of our staff, proud of our community, and proud of our local hometown public school district!”

Mr. Forney also stated “one last thing I wanted to highlight is that we will celebrate our High School Seniors of 2024 at the Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum at Sam Houston State University this Saturday at 10:00 am

That is Dr. Sheppard’s report and Sting ‘em Hornets!”

MONTHLY DIGITAL  
REPORT  
Item V

The monthly digital report produced by Matthew Lahey was viewed during the recognitions portion of the meeting highlighting our Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) recipients.

RECOGNITIONS  
Item VI A-B

STAFF RECOGNITIONS:  
TIA Special Presentation

Educator of the Month – Sarah Kovalcik, Teacher at Gibbs PreK Center  
Employee of the Month – Erica McCarter, Instructional Assistant at Gibbs PreK Center  
Employee of the Month – Luis Lugo, Instructional Assistant at Westmoreland Academy

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS:

HHS Welding State Qualifiers:

Brandon Bean, Corey Christ, Hunter Kader, Luis Almanza, Lasladio Moreno, Nicholas Wilkes, Luis Palmerin, Rosemarri Walker & Jesus Salazar Lozoria

HHS Wrestling State Qualifiers:

Shonterrius Parish, Krystina Baldwin, Isabel Saumell & Noah Dierksheide

2024 UIL Unified Basketball-Huntsville Hornets State Qualifiers:  
Area 6 Champions; East Region Champions & State Semi Finalists  
Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in State

PLAYERS

DeMarcus Gable  
O’Viyini Tyson  
Dalynn Willis  
Joshua Oliphant  
Cole Schroeder  
Traevon Johnson  
DeMarcus Williams  
Matthew Schweitzer  
Shiloh Jones  
Noah Cummings

MANAGER

JC Cabriaes

ATTENDANCE RECOGNITIONS:

High Student Attendance Campus for April 2024  
Scott Johnson Elementary School 91.55%

High Staff Attendance Campus for April 2024  
Huntsville Elementary School 97.09%

BREAK	Brief break was taken from 6:48 pm - 6:55 pm
PUBLIC COMMENT Item VIII A-B	None
ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION CONSENT AGENDA Item IX-A 1-13	<p>John Hendricks made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from Board meetings held on April 18, 2024 and May 9, 2024; monthly financials; Budget Amendment #4; 2024-2025 Waiver of Out-of-District Tuition; agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Walker County for the 2024-2025 school year; 2024 Summer Academic Term; Texas Online Preparatory School (TOPS) 2024-2025 Instructional Calendar amendment; Texas Online Preparatory School (TOPS) Program of Studies &amp; Course Catalog amendment; Update Board Policy FDA (Local) Interdistrict Transfers; purchase of 15 Active Panels (Promethean Boards); purchase of 177 Chromebook Carts; purchase of Chromebooks and MPMS HVAC Controls Project</p> <p>Tracy Stoudt second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.</p>
Item IX-B	<p>Cathy Schweitzer made a motion to approve a donation to Huntsville ISD from the Powell Foundation</p> <p>Ken Holland second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.</p>
Item IX-C	<p>Ken Holland made a motion to approve a donation to Huntsville ISD from Wiesner of Huntsville</p> <p>Cathy Schweitzer second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.</p>
REPORT/DISCUSSION INFORMATION Item X A-D	<p>Discipline Written Report</p> <p>Huntsville ISD Campus Principal Written Reports</p> <p>BOND Project Update Written report distributed at the table</p> <p>Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings and Safety/Security Update was presented by Mr. Bill Roberts, Asst. Superintendent of Student Services and Operations.</p>
NEXT MEETING/ EVENT NOTICE Item XI	<p>Special Called Meeting followed by Budget Workshop-June 6, 2024 6:00 PM</p> <p>Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday June 18, 2024 6:00 PM due to SLI dates</p>
CLOSED SESSION Item XII-XIII	Closed session was not held

ADJOURNMENT  
Item XV

There being no other business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:14 pm.

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J.T. Langley, Board President

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Tracy Stoudt, Board Secretary  
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