

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 24, 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 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, June 24, 2024 beginning at 5:30 PM in 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 Trustee Geoff Seibel.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:30 PM 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 6:59 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 Courtney Runkle read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Budget for the 2024-2025 School Year was held. Randy Rau, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief detailed statement to the Board of Trustees. There was one speaker wishing to address the Board of Trustees during this public hearing portion. Katy Armstrong spoke regarding Fine Arts at Fuentes Elementary School. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Wright addressed the Board from the podium to provide a budget summary from the June 6, 2024 Budget Workshop. Dr. Wright spoke regarding pilot programs and trends. Board President Raul Vela spoke in support of Dr. Wright and the District's efforts in reducing the budget deficit.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no guests present wishing to address the Board of Trustees.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

This presentation was held at the June 17, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Vanessa Petrea requested confirmation of the anticipated release of final A-F ratings. Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, provided feedback that ratings are anticipated at the end of July or first part of August.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Procurements

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Learning Management System - Schoology

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Online Learning System, Edgenuity – Imagine Learning

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of IEP and 504 Software – Frontline Education (Formerly SuccessEd)

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Reading Instructional and Intervention Software – Amplify Boost

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Intensified Algebra I Program – Agile Mind

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Universal Screener for Mathematics, Secondary Reading, and Science – NWEA MAP Growth

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of a Universal Screener for Reading – Amplify mCLASS

Consideration and possible renewal of the Cooperative Agreement between Hays CISD and the Teacher Fellows Program of Texas State University

Budget Amendments

Consideration and possible approval of the Application for Optional Flexible School Day Program at Live Oak Academy for the 2024-2025 School Year

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible action, if any, relating to Closed Session

Consideration and possible approval of the Superintendent's recommendation for contractual employment of Assistant Principals at Camino Real Elementary, Simon Middle School, Hays High School, and Johnson High School

Board 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 Assistant Principals at Camino Real Elementary School, Simon Middle School, Hays High School, and Johnson High School, as discussed. 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 6-0. Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent, introduced Marianella Garza as the new Assistant Principal at Camino Real Elementary, Lindsey Eaton as the new Assistant Principal at Simon Middle School, Elizabeth Cunningham and Aaron Smithers as new Assistant Principals at Hays High School, also Jamie Thill and Michael Haase as new Assistant Principals at Johnson High School.

Consideration and possible adoption of the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Food Service Fund budgets and approval of the budget for additional accelerated instruction pursuant to HB 5 requirements for the 2024-2025 School Year

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Food Service Fund budgets and approve the budget for additional accelerated instruction pursuant to HB 5 requirements for the 2024-2025 School Year, as presented. Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, and Dr. Eric Wright engaged in conversation with Trustees regarding their questions and feedback. 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 6-0.

Consideration and possible adoption of the Compensation Plan for the 2024-2025 School Year

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item to begin discussions. Trustee Courtney Runkle and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea spoke in support of the plan. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the Hays CISD Employee Compensation Plan for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented. 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 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the 2024-2025 Hays CISD Board Meeting Calendar

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item. One adjustment was recommended and noted. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the 2024-2025 Hays CISD Board Meeting Calendar, as presented and discussed. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion. Trustee Esperanza Orosco requested that the dates be added to calendars. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Consideration and possible appointment of a Texas Association of School Board Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the Annual 2024 TASA/TASB Convention

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item to begin discussions. Board Vice President Byron Severance volunteered as the delegate, and Trustee Esperanza Orosco volunteered as the alternate delegate. Raul Vela moved and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the recommendation to name a part or parts of school facilities – Academic Support Center Board Meeting Room

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees name the meeting room of the Board of Trustees at the Hays CISD Academic Support Center (ASC), the “Merideth Keller board of Trustees Meeting Room”, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, and Board Vice President Byron Severance spoke in support of this agenda item. Esperanza Orosco moved and Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the 2023 Bond purchase of additional Access Control Systems for Districtwide Use

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the 2023 Bond purchase of additional Access Control Systems for districtwide use for an amount not to exceed \$226,080.37, as discussed and 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 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Harris Handheld Radios and Desktop Systems to replace current units

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of the mobile/desktop radio systems contained in the specifications in the amount of \$695,229, 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 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the selection of General Legal Counsel for Hays CISD – Fisher Firm
Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the selection of Fisher Firm for general legal counsel for Hays CISD, 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 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Hays CISD and Texas State University Teacher Residency Partnership

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the memorandum of understanding between Hays CISD and Texas State University Teacher Residency Partnership, for a cost not to exceed \$105,000, 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 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of Request to Apply for TEA State Waiver: Missed School Day Waiver for Hemphill Elementary School

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD board of Trustees approve the request to apply for the TEA State Waiver for the missed instructional days of January 16, 2024 and April 8, 2024, 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 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of Third-Party Medicaid Billing Services – Texas Association of School Boards

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve third-party Medicaid billing services from Texas Association of School Boards, as presented. Trustee Esperanza Orosco stated that she will abstain from voting as she is an employee of TASB. 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 5-0, 1 abstain of Esperanza Orosco.

Consideration and possible approval of the Reassignment of Construction Manager At-Risk Assignments for Major 2023 Bond Projects

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the re-assignment of CMAR as shown above, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a satisfactory contract for services, 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 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of a Drainage Facility Escrow Agreement with Clayton Properties at Lehman High School

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the Drainage Facility Escrow Agreement with Clayton Properties at Lehman High School for an amount not to exceed \$66,658.87, 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 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of an Elementary School Site Donation and Development Agreement at Crosswinds Subdivision

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees accept the donation of the school site in the Crosswinds Subdivision, and authorize the Board President and Superintendent to negotiate and execute documents necessary or convenient to complete the transaction, as presented. Board Vice President Byron Severance moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to questions and feedback from Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea and Byron Severance. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of a School District Land Development Standards Agreement with City of Austin

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve a School District Land Development Standards Agreement with the City of Austin, and authorize the Board President and Superintendent to negotiate and execute documents necessary or convenient to complete the transaction, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Johnny Flores seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Construction Contract for the 2023 Bond Bid Package 10 Adaptive Playgrounds

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion to move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve playground improvements for an amount not to exceed \$2,746,715, including a cooperative contract with TF Harper in the amount of \$2,374,534 for the 2023 Bond Bid Package 10 Adaptive Playgrounds as designed by O'Connell Robertson Architects, and with Lea Park & Play playground repairs in the amount of \$89,918, as presented. Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to questions from Trustees Johnny Flores and Courtney Runkle as well as Board President Raul Vela. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Second Reading and possible adoption of revisions to Local Policy FC – School Attendance Areas

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the revisions to Policy FC (Local), as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Board Vice President Byron Severance seconded the motion. Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer, responded to a request from Trustee Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Board Vice President Byron Severance. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

The Board took a short break at 8:56 PM, returning to the dais at 9:00 PM.

Second Reading and possible adoption of the proposed addition of Local Policy GBBA – News Media Relations

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the revisions to local policy GBAA, 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.

Second Reading and possible adoption of TASB Policy Update 123 Affecting Local Policies

Board President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt TASB Policy Update 123, 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 6-0.

INFORMATION ITEM

Update on Safety and Security Initiatives in the District

There was no new information to share with the Board regarding this agenda item. The Board did not have questions regarding this agenda item.

Presentation of the Hays CISD Survey Results

Tim Savoy introduced the presenter from K12, Amy Frees. Ms. Frees presented slides to and engaged in conversation with Board Vice President Byron Severance, Board President Raul Vela, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Johnny Flores, and Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea in response to their questions and feedback.

Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Grant Funds

Board President Raul Vela introduced this agenda item. Stephanie Norris, Director of Grants and Federal Programs, addressed to Board in response to their questions and feedback.

Update on Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, and Alan Duerr, Chief Technology Officer, responded to questions and feedback from Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Johnny Flores and Trustee Courtney Runkle.

Hays CISD 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

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, July 22, 2024 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 PM.