

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 18, 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, November 18, 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 6:40 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 Johnny Flores read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright addressed the Board to provide congratulate the Johnson High School Varsity Football team on their playoff win, and announced the next game scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 3:00pm at the Alamodome.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

CAMPUS RECOGNITION – Fuentes Elementary School

Deputy Academic Officer Mary Noble introduced Fuentes Elementary Principal Kristin Seibel who presented slides while addressing the Board. Several students spoke during the presentation. Ms. Seibel engaged in conversation with the Board regarding feedback and questions from trustees Geoff Seibel, Esperanza Orosco, Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Board Vice President Byron Severance, and Board President Raul Vela. The group in attendance posed for a picture with the Board of Trustees.

ATTENDANCE ZONE MAPS – Continued Development of Draft Attendance Zone Maps

Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer, addressed the Board to present Map 7 and referenced the “Hays Choice” program to alleviate campus overcrowding. Mr. Savoy engaged in conversation based on comments and questions from Trustee Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Vice President Byron Severance, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Trustee Geoff Seibel, and Board President Raul Vela.

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. 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.

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

Procurements

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

Consideration and possible approval of the Annual Renewal of Assessment, Data Management, and Professional Development Platform – Eduphoria: There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the procurement of GPS Products, Services, and Hardware – Samasara: 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.

ACTION ITEMS

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

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of security fencing and associated installation services from Encore Fence, for an amount not to exceed \$232,029, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea 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 Campus Improvement Plans Containing Performance Objectives and Strategies

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the 2024-2025 Campus Improvement Plans, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea 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 purchase of Unique Learning Systems Curriculum

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Unique Learning Systems Curriculum for an amount not to exceed \$62,223.15, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle 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 Phase I of Audio Sound Systems / AV Repairs – Various Vendors

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve Phase I of audio system / AV repairs at various campuses by multiple vendors for an amount not to exceed \$326,000, as presented. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding questions posed from Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Geoff Seibel, and Board Vice President Byron Severance. After the discussion, Ms. Petrea noted that she would abstain due to relation to a selected vendor. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0, 1 abstain – Vanessa Petrea.

The Board paused for a short break from the dais, returning at 8:20PM.

Consideration and possible approval of the Facilities and Bond Oversight Committee recommendation regarding a potential may 2025 Bond Election.

Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, and Jessica Bedwell, FBOC Chair, spoke to address the Board of Trustees. Ms. Bedwell presented slides to the Board. She and Mr. Cleaver engaged in conversation with trustees based on questions and feedback from Geoff Seibel, Esperanza Orosco, Byron Severance, Courtney Runkle, Vanessa Petrea, Johnny Flores, and Raul Vela. Mr. Vela read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve for further consideration the Facilities and Bond Oversight Committee's recommendation regarding a potential May 2025 Bond election, as presented and discussed. Trustee Esperanza Orosco 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 grant of a Utility Easement for Pedernales Electric Cooperative at Ramage Elementary School

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees grant an electrical utility easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative at Ramage Elementary School, approve the 2023 Bond-funded expenditure for establishing electrical service, and authorize the Board to execute documents necessary and convenient to complete the transaction for an amount not to exceed \$168,832, as presented. Trustee Johnny Flores moved and Trustee Geoff Seibel seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, as presented. Board Secretary Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. Randy Rau, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions from Trustee Geoff Seibel. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible vote to elect Directors of the Hays Central Appraisal District

President Raul Vela introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees cast 684 votes for Norah Puente and 683 votes for Mark Jones for Hays Central Appraisal District Directors, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Board Vice President Raul Vela seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

INFORMATION ITEM

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

There was no update necessary, and the Board had no questions regarding this agenda item.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

There was no update necessary, and the Board had no questions regarding this agenda item.

Financial Statements

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

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Courtney Runkle and Board Vice President Byron Severance requested information.

RECAP OF QUESTIONS

There was no recap of questions from the Board of Trustees.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:21 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 9:39 PM.

ADJOURN

Board President Raul Vela announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2024 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.