

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 22, 2025

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, September 22, 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 Byron Severance 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 critical infrastructure facility pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.0761, to discuss student information that is personally identifiable as pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.0821, and 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 President Byron Severance called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 7:08 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Board Secretary Geoff Seibel lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags.

MISSION STATEMENT

Board Vice President Johnny Flores read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Mission Statement.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Trustee Courtney Runkle read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright shared an update on student enrollment, 25,038 students enrolled in Hays CISD.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were four people present requesting to address the Board. Jeffrey Morales addressed the Board regarding joint-custody bus service. Amy Russell addressed the Board regarding GPA / Class Rank. Michael Shelton addressed the Board regarding bus transportation for 50/50 divorced homes. Katherine Heeb addressed the Board regarding advocating for community/parent safety education. Board President Byron Severance announced after speakers that there will be a change to the scheduling of Public Forum, beginning at the October 20, 2025 Board meeting. Public Forum will take place at the beginning of each Board meeting, prior to Closed Session, as mandated by SB 12.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, and Trustee

Esperanza Orosco all requested information. Board President Byron Severance noted that there would be an additional opportunity for information requests at the end of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item, noting that item J.1 and J.2c would be pulled for separate approval.

Consideration and possible approval of meeting minutes

Board President Byron Severance read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the minutes from the August 8, 2025 Special Meeting – Team Building, August 18, 2025 Special Meeting – Potential Tax Rate Election, and the August 25, 2025 Business Meeting, as discussed. Trustee Esperanza Orosco moved and Board Vice President Johnny Flores seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Procurements

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Cybersecurity Systems and Infrastructure: Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item, noting that the Bid/Contract number for this procurement had been updated. Mr. Severance read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the procurement of firewall support and infrastructure from the selected vendor for an amount not to exceed \$882,505.64, as discussed. Trustee Raul Vela 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 cost to Administer PSAT and SAT Assessments – The College Board: There were no questions from the Board of Trustees regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of College and Career Readiness Platform – SchoolLinks: 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.

Board President Byron Severance read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve consent agenda items J.2a and J.2b and J.3, as presented. Trustee Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Raul Vela seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Board Vice President Johnny Flores commented that he would be voting No on this item. Trustee Esperanza Orosco commented that she would be voting No on this item. Comments were also received from Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Trustee Raul Vela, and Board President Byron Severance. President Severance moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the resolution regarding Senate Bill 12 and parent rights, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2, with Johnny Flores and Esperanza Orosco voting No.

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution to Declare Good Cause Exception from the Requirement to Comply with HB 3 Sec. 37.0814 and the subsequent requirement of HB 121 Sec. 37.0814, 89th Legislative Session

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Comments were heard from Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, and Board President Byron Severance. President Severance read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD

Board of Trustees adopt a resolution for good-cause exception to the requirement to comply with House Bill 3 Sec. 37.0814 and the subsequent requirement of House Bill 121 Sec. 37.0814 of the 90th Texas Legislative Session, as presented. Trustee Raul Vela moved and Board Vice President Johnny Flores seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution in support of the Hays County, Texas Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item and read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the resolution in support of the Hays County, Texas Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan, as presented. Trustee Vanessa Petrea moved and Trustee Raul Vela seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible adoption of Educational Specifications for Future Middle School Capital Projects

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees. Mr. Severance read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the Educational Specifications for future middle school capital projects, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Trustee Raul Vela seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration and possible approval of the assignment of Construction Manager-at-Risk for 225 Bond Elementary School #18 and 2025 Bond Middle School #7

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees. Mr. Severance read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the assignment of Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for 2025 Bond Elementary School #18 to Bartlett Cocke Construction and the assignment of 2025 Bond Middle School #7 to Core Construction, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute satisfactory contracts for services, as presented. Board Vice President Johnny Flores moved and Board Secretary 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 a Non-Standard Water Service Agreement with Goforth Special Utility District

There was no discussion of this agenda item. The Board took no action.

Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution Nominating Directors for the Hays County Appraisal Board

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. There were no questions from the Board. Mr. Severance read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the resolution to nominate Nora Puente and Mark Jones to fill a position on the Hays Central Appraisal Board, as discussed. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Trustee Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0. Mr. Severance spoke to thank the two nominees for their continued service to the community.

Second Reading and possible adoption of TASB-proposed revisions to Local Policy EFB (ALT) – Instructional Resources: Library Materials

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Trustee Esperanza Orosco commented that she would be voting No on this item. Board Vice President Johnny Flores commented that he would be voting No on this item. President Severance read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the proposed revisions to Local Policy EFT (ALT) – Instructional Resources: Library Materials, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle moved and Trustee Raul Vela seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2, with Trustee Esperanza Orosco and Board Vice President Johnny Flores voting no.

Second Reading and possible adoption of Proposed Revisions to Local Policy GKD – Community Relations:
Non-school Use of School Facilities

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees. Mr. Severance read the suggested motion that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the proposed revisions to Local Policy GKD – Community Relations: Non-school Use of School Facilities, as presented. Board Vice President 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.

INFORMATION ITEM

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

There was no presentation relating to this agenda item. There were no questions from the Board related to this agenda item.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

There was no presentation relating to this agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to questions and feedback from Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, and Board President Byron Severance.

Financial Statements

There was no presentation related to this agenda item. There were no questions from the Board.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no additional requests for information in addition to those made earlier in the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:34 PM to discuss personnel as pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.074.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Board President Byron Severance called the Board back to order to reconvene in open session at 10:10 PM.

ADJOURN

Board President Byron Severance noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:30pm. No further business was conducted, and President Severance announced that the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.