Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 15, 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 15, 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 5:31 PM to discuss the purchase, exchange, or value of real property as pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.072, 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 7:24 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 Vanessa Petrea read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were two people present requesting to address the Board. John Rangel addressed the Board regarding the value of PTA to HCISD and what they have done and will do this year. Fabiola Sanchez addressed the Board regarding religious neutrality.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright shared information with the Board about Hays CISD's second consecutive Arts in Education award. He also provided information regarding voter registration as well as an update on enrollment, 25,020 and attendance at 95.07%. There were no questions from the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item, asking if there were any consent agenda items a trustee wished to pull for discussion. Trustees Vanessa Petrea, Courtney Runkle, and Esperanza Orosco requested to pull items for discussion

Consideration and possible approval of meeting minutes

Trustee Orosco noted that she will have requests for adjustments to the minutes, but will submit offline.

Procurements

Consideration and possible approval of the cost to Administer PSAT and SAT Assessments – The College Board – Trustee Petrea requested to pull this item for discussion. Dr. Michael Watson, Deputy Academic Officer, and Emily Herrin, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, responded to comments, questions, and feedback from Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Trustee Courtney Runkle, President Byron Severance and Trustee Esperanza Orosco.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of College and Career Readiness Platform – SchooLinks – Trustee Runkle requested to pull this item for discussion. Dr. Michael Watson, Deputy Academic Officer, responded to comments, questions, and feedback from Trustees Courtney Runkle, Vanessa Petrea, Esperanza Orosco, and Board President Byron Severance.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Cybersecurity Systems and Infrastructure – Chief Technology Officer Alan Duerr responded to questions and comments from Trustee Courtney Runkle.

Budget Amendments

Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers responded to comments and questions from Board President Byron Severance.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution for the Sale of Surplus District Property – Historic Buda Elementary School

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

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

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright summarized the resolution and responded to questions and comments from the Board of Trustees.

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. Chief Safety & Security Officer Jeri Skrocki addressed the Board to provide a summary of the resolution. Ms. Skrocki responded to comments, feedback, and questions from the Board of Trustees.

The Board paused for a short break, returning to the dais at 9:14PM.

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. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to comments, questions, and feedback from President Severance and Trustee Courtney Runkle.

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. Chief Safety & Security Officer Jeri Skrocki addressed the Board to provide a summary of the resolution. Ms. Skrocki responded to comments, questions, and feedback from Board Secretary Geoff Seibel and Board Vice President Johnny Flores.

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

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright addressed the Board to provide a summary. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, also provided summarization. Doug Dawson and Patricia Runge presented slides to the Board for an overview of the specifications. The pair responded to comments, questions, and feedback from Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Raul Vela, and Board Secretary Geoff Seibel.

Consideration and possible approval of a Non-Standard Water Service Agreement with Goforth Special Utility District

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

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.

INFORMAITON ITEM

First Reading of TASB-proposed Revisions to Local Policy EFB (ALT) – Instructional Resources: Library Materials

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item for overview. Emily Herrin, Director of Curriculum & Instruction responded to question, comments, and feedback from Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Raul Vela, Vice President Johnny Flores, and Trustee Esperanza Orosco. Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright also provided information.

First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Local Policy GKD – Community Relations: Non-School Use of School Facilities

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Chief Safety & Security Officer Jeri Skrocki addressed the Board to provide a summary. Ms. Skrocki responded to feedback from the Board noting requested edits.

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

Financial Statements

Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers addressed the Board to provide information regarding the agenda item, and received comment from Board Secretary Geoff Seibel.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board President Byron Severance made a request for information.

ADJOURN

Board President Byron Severance noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2025 at 5:30pm. No further business was conducted, and President Severance announced that the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 PM.