

# Minutes of Regular Meeting February 23, 2026

## Hays CISD Board of Trustees

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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](http://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, February 23, 2026 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 5:32 PM. All members of the Board were present.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Board Secretary Geoff Seibel led 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 was no one present requesting to address the Board.

### CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:34 PM to deliberate regarding the Superintendent's recommendations for employment, resignations, extended leave, and other personnel matters, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.074, 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 6:06 PM.

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

There was no additional information shared from the February 17, 2026 meeting.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

There was no additional information shared from the February 17, 2026 meeting.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Byron Severance introduced the consent agenda items and moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Vice President Johnny Flores. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where Courtney Runkle, Raul Vela, Vanessa Petrea, Byron Severance, Johnny Flores, Esperanza Orosco, and Geoff Seibel all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of meeting minutes

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

Budget Amendments

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

#### ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible action, if any, resulting from Closed Session

Consideration and possible approval of the Superintendent's recommendations to contractually employ Administrative Personnel

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item and moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's recommendation to contractually employ administrative personnel, as discussed. Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where Courtney Runkle, Raul Vela, Vanessa Petrea, Byron Severance, Johnny Flores, Esperanza Orosco, and Geoff Seibel all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item. Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent, announced that the new Assistant Principal at Pfluger Elementary School is Aimee Oliphant, and the new Director of Assessment and Accountability is Jaime Kinslow.

Discussion and possible action regarding Senate Bill 11 Requirement for Resolution

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item and moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the resolution affirming the constitutional and legal right to choose to pray in school, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where Courtney Runkle, Raul Vela, Vanessa Petrea, Byron Severance, Johnny Flores, Esperanza Orosco, and Geoff Seibel all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the 2025 Bond-funded purchase of Student Chromebooks – CDW-G

Board President Byron Severance introduced the item and moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of student Chromebooks from CDW-G for a 2025 Bond-funded amount not to exceed \$768,150.00, as presented. Trustee Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where Courtney Runkle, Raul Vela, Vanessa Petrea, Byron Severance, Johnny Flores, Esperanza Orosco, and Geoff Seibel all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Network Routers and Small Form-factor Pluggable Modules for Network Upgrades – Solid IT Networks

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item noted the replacement transmittal form provided to the Board correcting the funding split amount between 2025 Bond and E-Rate funds. Mr. Severance moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of network routers and small form-factor pluggable modules from Solid IT Networks for an amount not to exceed \$338,514.72, as presented. Board Secretary Geoff Seibel seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where Courtney Runkle, Raul Vela, Vanessa Petrea, Byron Severance, Johnny Flores, Esperanza Orosco, and Geoff Seibel all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item.

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Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Network Hardware for Hays High School, Johnson High School, and Live Oak Academy – Solid IT Networks

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item and moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of network hardware from Solid IT Networks for an amount not to exceed \$842,521.31, as presented. Trustee Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where Courtney Runkle, Raul Vela, Vanessa Petrea, Byron Severance, Johnny Flores, Esperanza Orosco, and Geoff Seibel all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the 2025 Bond-interest-funded purchase and associated installation of School Bus Simulation Trainer – Virage Simulation

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item and moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the 2025-Bond-interest funded purchase of school bus simulator training from Virage Simulation for an amount not to exceed \$146,400.00, as presented. Trustee Raul Vela seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where Courtney Runkle, Raul Vela, Vanessa Petrea, Byron Severance, Johnny Flores, Esperanza Orosco, and Geoff Seibel all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval to grant a Utility Easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative at Hemphill Elementary School

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item and moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees grant a utility easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative at Hemphill Elementary School, and authorize the Superintendent and Board President to execute documents necessary and convenient to complete the project, as presented. Trustee Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where Courtney Runkle, Raul Vela, Vanessa Petrea, Byron Severance, Johnny Flores, Esperanza Orosco, and Geoff Seibel all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

Update on District Safety & Security Initiatives

There were no updates from the department nor questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Update on Senate Bill 546 related to Three-Point Seat Belt Requirements on School Buses

There was no update to the presentation shared at the February 17, 2026 Board meeting.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. Nathan Wensowitch, Executive Director of Facilities, Construction, and Bond Programs, addressed the Board to provide a summary of bond and construction projects around the district. Mr. Wensowitch engaged in dialogue with the Board based on questions, comments, and feedback from Trustees Johnny Flores, Courtney Runkle, Vanessa Petrea, Byron Severance, and Raul Vela.

Financial Statements

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

#### 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, March 30, 2026 at 5:30pm. No further business was conducted, and President Severance announced that the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.