

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 17, 2026

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 Tuesday, February 17, 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 5:31 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 Esperanza Orosco 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 5:33 PM to deliberate regarding security devices or security audits pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.089, to consult with the Board's legal counsel regarding legal implications and compliance with state law and guidance related to student conduct and disciplinary procedures pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.071 and 551.074, and to deliberate regarding the Superintendent's recommendations for employment, resignations, extended leave, and personnel matters, 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 7:48 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright provided an update on enrollment of 25,030 with an average daily attendance of 93.76%. Dr. Wright presented slides to the Board to provide updates for events around the district. There were no questions from the Board.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Jaime Kinslow, Interim Director of Assessment & Accountability, presented slides to the Board, providing a brief summary of the detailed information for review. Ms. Kinslow engaged in dialogue with the Board based on questions, comments, and feedback from Trustee Esperanza Orosco, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Board President Byron Severance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Byron Severance introduced each item included in Consent Agenda opening for discussion.

Consideration and possible approval of meeting minutes

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

Budget Amendments

Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions and feedback from Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, and Board President Byron Severance.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution regarding Compensation of Hays CISD Staff due to District-wide Closure for Inclement Weather

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Tim Robinson, Deputy Human Resources Officer, provided a summary of the resolution requested for approval. Mr. Severance moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the resolution regarding compensation of Hays CISD staff affected by the school district closure due to inclement weather on January 25-27, 2026, as presented. Trustee Vanessa Petrea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Board President Byron Severance, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, and Board Secretary Geoff Seibel all voting YES. No trustee voted NO on this agenda item.

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution to support the District's application for the Active Attack Response Equipment Grant through the Office of the Governor

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Jeri Skrocki, Chief Safety & Security Officer, addressed the Board to provide a summary of the resolution requested for approval. There were no questions from the Board regarding the agenda item. Mr. Severance moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the resolution to support the District's application for the Active Attack Response Equipment Grant through the Office of the Governor, as presented. Trustee Raul Vela seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Board President Byron Severance, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Trustee Esperanza Orosco, and Board Secretary Geoff Seibel all voting YES. No trustee voted NO on this agenda item.

ACTION ITEMS for February 23, 2026

Discussion and possible action regarding Senate Bill 11 Requirement for Resolution

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Trustee Esperanza Orosco addressed the Board to provide the Board Policy Subcommittee executive summary. Trustee Johnny Flores commented.

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

Board President Byron Severance introduced the item. Alan Duerr, Chief Technology Officer, addressed the Board to summarize the purchase request. Mr. Duerr responded to questions, comments, and feedback from Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, and Board Vice President Johnny Flores.

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 and noted that section G of the transmittal form would be updated for the February 23, 2026 Board meeting to correct the split amount of the funding source for the purchase. There were no questions from the Board.

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. Alan Duerr, Chief Technology Officer, addressed the Board to provide a summary of the purchase request, and responded to questions from Trustee Raul Vela and Board President Severance.

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. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, introduced Director of Transportation Cassandra Behr. Ms. Behr addressed the Board to provide a summary of the purchase request, and engaged in conversation based on questions, comments, and feedback from Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Vanessa Petrea, and President Byron Severance.

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. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the board to provide a brief summary of the requested easement. There were no questions from the Board.

INFORMATION ITEM

Review and Discussion of Schematic Design for 2025 Bond Middle School #7 Design

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, introduced Doug Dawson of O'Connell Robertson Architects. Mr. Dawson presented slides to the Board. Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Dawson, Jarrod Sterzinger of O'Connell Robertson Architects and Trevor Flinn of CORE Construction, responded to questions, comments, and feedback from Trustee Vanessa Petrea, Trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Courtney Runkle, Board Secretary Geoff Seibel, Board Vice President Johnny Flores, and President Severance.

Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Jeri Skrocki, Chief Safety & Security Officer, addressed the Board to provide a summary. There were no questions from the Board.

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

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, introduced Director of Transportation Cassandra Behr. Ms. Behr presented slides to the Board and engaged in conversation after her presentation with Board Vice President Johnny Flores, Trustee Raul Vela, and Trustee Courtney Runkle.

Update on District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

This agenda item will be discussed at the February 23, 2026 Board meeting.

Financial Statements

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

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There were no requests for information.

ADJOURN

Board President Byron Severance noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026 at 5:30pm. No further business was conducted, and President Severance announced that the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.