



HALLSVILLE ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. All or part of the agenda can be considered consent.

Attendees

Mr. Jay Nelson, President
Mr. Dale Haney
Mr. Troy Crafton, Secretary
Mr. Shane Goswick
Mrs. Jen O’Pry, Trustee
Mr. Matt Folmar, Trustee
Mr. Jason Ainsworth, Trustee

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The invocation was led by Jay Nelson

3. **BOARD ELECTION BUSINESS**

3.a. Canvass the May 2, 2026 Election Results

Jay Nelson presented the canvass report submitted by the Harrison County Elections Division for the May 2, 2026 school board election. The numbers were determined to be true and correct. Results: Place 2, Jen O’Pry received 399 votes and Josh Miller received 386 votes; Dale Haney, Place 7, was unopposed and received 662 votes.

3.b. Oath of Office for the Newly Elected Board Members

The oath of office was administered by Gwen Walker (Notary Public) to the newly-elected board members: Jen O’Pry, Place 2 and Dale Haney, Place 7. These board members will hold their positions for three (3) years.

3.c. Reorganization of the Board of Trustees

President – Jay Nelson

Dale Haney made a motion to approve Jay Nelson as board president. The motion was seconded by Troy Crafton and passed (6-1, Mr. Nelson abstained)

Vice President – Dale Haney

Troy Crafton made a motion to approve Dale Haney as the board vice president. The motion was seconded by Jason Ainsworth and passed (6-1, Mr. Haney abstained)



Secretary – Troy Crafton

Jason Ainsworth made a motion to approve Troy Crafton as board secretary. Dale Haney seconded the motion and it passed (6-1, Mr. Crafton abstained)

Assistant Secretary – Shane Goswick

Troy Crafton made a motion to approve Shane Goswick as the assistant secretary to the board. The motion was seconded by Jason Ainsworth and passed (6-1, Mr. Goswick abstained)

4. BOBCAT PRIDE AND RECOGNITIONS

- 4.a. Bethany Jackson Excels in the Kids Heart Challenge
- 4.b. Emma Winans Recognized for Achievement in Poetry - Jennifer Hoskins
- 4.c. Recognition of Dyslexia Therapists - Jennifer Nelson
- 4.d. Education & Training Letters of Intent - Lindsay Slaten
- 4.e. Recognition of Retirees - Lindsay Slaten

5. OPEN FORUM

There were no requests to speak during Open Forum

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- 6.a. Minutes - April 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- 6.b. Minutes - April 28, 2026 Special Board Meeting
- 6.c. April 2026 Balance Sheet - General Fund
- 6.d. April 2026 Financial Statement - General Fund
- 6.e. Update Policy CH(LOCAL) for Purchasing Thresholds
- 6.f. Chartwells 2026-2027 Contract Renewal
- 6.g. Squyres & Co. Engagement Renewal as District Financial Auditors
- 6.h. 2025-2026 Teacher Incentive Allotment
- 6.i. HISD Standing Orders for 2026-2027
- 6.j. District Wellness Plan
- 6.k. Professional Development Plan
- 6.l. Purchase Over \$50,000 (Commodity Code) - XtraMath to Strengthen Math Skills
- 6.m. Vendor Over 50,000 (T-BASE AI Grading Program)
- 6.n. Vendor Over \$50,000 (Classkick to Enhance Student Engagement)
- 6.o. Vendor Over \$50,000 (IXL License to Decrease Achievement Gaps)
- 6.p. Vendor Over \$50,000 (Leader in Me to Enhance Student Development)



- 6.q. Vendor Over \$50,000 (Gizmos to Enhance Science Instruction)
- 6.r. Vendor Over \$50,000 (Texas College Bridge to Provide Pathway to College Readiness)
- 6.s. Vendor Over \$50,000 (Summit K12 to Improve Student Achievement)
- 6.t. 2026-2027 TVAH Student Code of Conduct
- 6.u. 2026-2027 TVAH Student Handbook
Items 6.e. and 6.m. were pulled for further discussion.

Troy Crafton made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of items 6.e. and 6.m. Matt Folmar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (7-0)

Item 6.e. was submitted by Administration to satisfy federal requirements regarding the purchasing threshold of federally funded purchases. The threshold was raised from \$50,000 to \$99,999 on those federally funded purchases. Any single purchase over \$50,000 will still need to be board approved.

Jen O’Pry made a motion to approve Item 6.e. relating to purchasing thresholds as presented. Shane Goswick seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (7-0)

Item 6.m. is to purchase TBASE-AI which is the Teach Big automatic scoring rubric. It is similar to what TEA uses to grade extended writings on the STAAR test, but it is not an AI (artificial intelligence) system. It is a closed-circuit system that involves no outside entities. There is no identifying information about individual students and it is FERPA-compliant. It is used strictly for writing and it is 100% aligned with STAAR grading.

Troy Crafton made a motion to approve Item 6.m. to purchase the grading program as presented. Shane Goswick seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (7-0)

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.a. April 2026 Check Register Report
- 7.b. Annual SHAC Report
- 7.c. 2026-2027 Intent to Apply for Federal Grants
- 7.d. 2023-2028 District of Innovation (DOI) Plan Amendment - 30-Day Read

8. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.a. Consider Approval of Bus Barn Renovation & Parking Projects - Mary Brown
Administration requested approval to move forward with renovations and parking projects at the bus barn. After receiving fourteen (14) sealed competitive bids, Administration recommends LMH Steel Construction as the vendor with a total cost of \$1,740,000.00, and it will be funded through the General Fund.



Dale Haney made a motion to approve the renovations and parking at the bus barn as presented. Jen O’Pry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (7-0)

- 8.b. Substantial Completion (Bobcat Stadium Parking Lot) - Mary Brown
Administration requested approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion between HISD and Texarkana Concrete, related to the Bobcat Stadium Parking Lot Project. The substantial completion date is listed as May 14, 2026.

Matt Folmar made a motion to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion as presented. Dale Haney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (7-0)

- 8.c. Consider Approval of Paxton-Patterson College & Career Lab at HJH - Amy Whittle
Administration requested approval to purchase the Paxton-Patterson College and Career Lab for the junior high. This learning system enables students to identify their interests and aptitudes and to chart pathways toward postsecondary success. The primary focus will be on STEM education, health science careers, architecture and construction. Paxton-Patterson will set up, train, and provide ongoing support for the system. Title IV funds will be used for the \$73,647.25 project.

Troy Crafton made a motion to approve the Paxton-Patterson Lab as presented. Matt Folmar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (7-0)

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 9.a. Facilities Report - Matt Tucker
- 9.b. Curriculum & Instruction/PD Report - Shauna Hittle
- 9.c. Transportation Report - Roy Presley
- 9.d. Athletics Report - Cody Farrell
- 9.e. Technology Report - James Burt
- 9.f. Special Education Report - Amy Collins
- 9.g. Special Programs Report - Amy Whittle
- 9.h. CTE Report - Kathy Gaw
- 9.i. TVAHS Report - Julie Smith

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board recessed for Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 9:08 p.m.

11. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Troy Crafton made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Dale Haney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (7-0)



12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 12.a. Friday, May 22, 2026 @ 8:00pm - HHS Graduation
- 12.b. Sunday, June 7, 2026 - TVAH Graduation in Frisco
- 12.c. Monday, June 22, 2026 @ 5:30pm - Budget Workshop
- 12.d. Monday, June 22, 2026 @ 6:30pm - Regular Board Meeting
- 12.e. October 6-8, 2026 - Stride/K12 Summit in Reston, Virginia
- 12.f. October 8-11, 2026 - TASA/TASB Convention in Houston

13. LEVEL III GRIEVANCE (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071, .074, .082, .0821)

The board recessed for Executive Session for the purpose of the Level III Grievance Hearing at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 10:33 p.m.

Troy Crafton made a motion that the Board uphold the Level I decision and the Level II decision, and adopt the Level I and II decisions as the Board's rationale and basis for this Level III decision. Matt Folmar seconded the motion and it passed with a majority (6-1/Shane Goswick abstained).

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

SUPERINTENDENT