

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 18, 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 Monday, May 18, 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 5:30 PM. Trustees present include Courtney Runkle, Geoff Seibel, Alex Zavala, Byron Severance, Raul Vela, Katy Armstrong, and Esperanza Orosco.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Board Secretary Esperanza Orosco led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags.

MISSION STATEMENT

Board Vice President Geoff Seibel read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Mission Statement.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Trustee Katy Armstrong read the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Social Contract.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were two people present requesting to address the Board. Gary Young addressed trustees regarding the Dahlstrom MS choir program. Allison Baskin addressed the Board with a prayer of blessing.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:38 PM to deliberate regarding safety and security, including security personnel, systems, infrastructure, and/or devices, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.076 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 6:35 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright provided an update on Johnson High School track athlete, Jayvonne Flores, who earned the silver medal at the UIL State 6A Track Meet on Saturday, May 16 in Long Jump with a distance of 24ft, 6.75 inches. Dr. Wright also noted that the Johnson High School softball team has earned their place at the UIL 6A State Semi-Finals. There was also a reference of graduation dates and times for our four high schools. There were no questions from the Board.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

This information was presented at the May 11, 2026 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Byron Severance introduced each item included in Consent Agenda opening for discussion. Mr. Severance stated that agenda item J.1c, Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of

Learning Management System, Schoology – PowerSchool, is being pulled from the agenda. This item may be brought back to the Board for approval at a later date. There were no questions regarding any other agenda items. President Severance moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with trustees Courtney Runkle, Geoff Seibel, Alex Zavala, Byron Severance, Raul Vela, Katy Armstrong, and Esperanza Orosco all voting YES. There were no trustees voting NO on this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of the Special Education Digital Assessment Library – NCS Pearson

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this topic.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of the Special Education IEP and 504 Software SuccessEd - Frontline

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this topic.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of the Learning management System Schoology - PowerSchool

Board President Byron Severance noted that this agenda item has been pulled.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Tier 1 Math Instructional Materials, STEMscopes – Accelerate Learning

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Amplify Boost Reading Program Software - Amplify

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Open Court Workbooks and Digital Licenses for Phonics for Grades K-2 – McGraw Hill

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of the Online Universal Screener NWEA Map Growth for Elementary, Middle, and High School Campuses - NWEA

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval of meeting minutes

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

Budget Amendments

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. 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 with trustees Courtney Runkle, Geoff Seibel, Alex Zavala, Byron Severance, Raul Vela, Katy Armstrong, and Esperanza Orosco all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item. Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent, announced that Lauren Ibe is the new principal for Sunfield Elementary School. Dr. Wright then announced that Aaron Collins will be the new Head Band Director for Hays High School.

Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution Declaring Hazardous Traffic Conditions and the Current List of Designated Hazardous Areas – *No Anticipated Changes for the 2026-2027 School Year*

Board President Byron Severance introduced this agenda item. There were no questions from trustees regarding this agenda item. President Severance moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the resolution regarding hazardous traffic conditions and the current list of hazardous areas, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where trustees Courtney Runkle, Geoff Seibel, Alex Zavala, Byron Severance, Raul Vela, Katy Armstrong, and Esperanza Orosco all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval to seek a Waiver from the Texas Education Agency to provide Special Education Homebound Instruction

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from trustees. President Severance moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the request to seek a waiver from the Texas Education Agency for special education homebound instruction, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where trustees Courtney Runkle, Geoff Seibel, Alex Zavala, Byron Severance, Raul Vela, Katy Armstrong, and Esperanza Orosco all voted YES. There were no votes of NO on this agenda item.

Consideration and possible approval for the purchase of the Supplemental Math Program ST Math – Mind Research

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from trustees. President Severance moved that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of the supplemental math program ST Math from Mind Research for an amount not to exceed \$179,350.00, as presented. Trustee Courtney Runkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 where trustees Courtney Runkle, Geoff Seibel, Alex Zavala, Byron Severance, Raul Vela, Katy Armstrong, and Esperanza Orosco 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 District Bond, Construction, and Renovation Projects

Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer, responded to questions and feedback from trustee Esperanza Orosco, trustee Raul Vela, Trustee Courtney Runkle, and Board President Byron Severance.

Report of Purchasing Cooperatives with Rebates

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from trustees.

Review and Discussion of the 2026-2027 Board Calendar

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from trustees.

Financial Statements

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item. There were no questions from the Board regarding this agenda item.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board President Byron Severance introduced the agenda item and requested information. There were no other requests from trustees.

ADJOURN

Board President Byron Severance noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2026 at 5:30 PM. No further business was conducted, and President Severance announced that the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.