

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hays Consolidated Independent School District will be held on June 4, 2025 beginning at 5:30 PM at Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room, 21003 IH 35, Kyle, TX 78640.

If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed session, the Board will adjourn to a closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code Section 418.183(f). Before any closed session is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions or decisions will be taken in open meeting. Policy BEC Legal attached.

The subjects to be discussed, considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: Establish a quorum
- B. CLOSED SESSION
 - 1. Deliberation regarding the Superintendent's recommendations for employment, resignations, extended leave, and other personnel matters, pursuant to Tx. Gov't Code Section 551.071
- C. PUBLIC FORUM 4

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- D. ACTION ITEMS
 - 1. Consideration and possible action, if any, resulting from closed session
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TUESDAY, June 10, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm
TUESDAY, June 24, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm
July 21, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room – 5:30 pm

Official Board of Trustees information may be obtained at www.hayscisd.net
- G. ADJOURN

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings act on: Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 2:30PM

EXCEPTIONS FOR CLOSED MEETINGS	The Board may conduct a closed meeting for the purpose described in the following provisions.	
ATTORNEY CONSULTATION	1.	The Board may conduct a private consultation with its attorney only when it seeks the attorney's advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the requirement for open meetings. <i>Gov't Code 551.071</i> [See BE for permissible methods of communication for attorney consultations.
REAL PROPERTY	2.	The Board may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person. <i>Gov't Code 551.072</i>
PROSPECTIVE GIFT	3.	The Board may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the District if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person. <i>Gov't Code 551.073</i>
PERSONNEL MATTERS	4.	The Board is not required to conduct an open meeting to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. However, the Board may not conduct a closed meeting for these purposes if the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. <i>Gov't Code 551.074</i> The closed meeting exception for personnel matters does not apply when the Board discusses an independent contractor who is not a school employee, such as an engineering, architectural, or consultant firm, or when the Board discusses a class or group of employees, not a particular employee. <i>Atty. Gen. Op. MW-129 (1980), Atty. Gen. Op. H-496 (1975)</i>
EMPLOYEE- EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS		The Board is not required to conduct an open meeting to deliberate in a case in which a complaint or charge is brought against a District employee by another employee and the complaint or charge directly results in the need for a hearing. However, the Board may not conduct a closed meeting for this purpose if the employee against whom the complaint or charge is brought makes a written request for an open hearing. <i>Gov't Code 551.082</i>
STUDENT DISCIPLINE	5.	The Board is not required to conduct an open meeting to deliberate in a case involving discipline of a public school child. However, the Board may not conduct a closed meeting for this purpose if the child's parent or guardian makes a written request for an open hearing. <i>Gov't Code 551.082</i>
PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE STUDENT INFORMATION	6.	The Board is not required to conduct an open meeting to deliberate a matter regarding a student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation. Directory information about a public school student is considered to be personally identifiable information about the student for this purpose only if a parent or guardian of the student, or the student if the student has attained 18 years of age, has informed the District that the directory information should not be released without prior consent. [See FL] This exception does not apply if an open meeting about the matter is requested in writing by a parent or guardian of the student or by the student if the student has attained 18 years of age. <i>Gov't Code 551.0821</i>
MEDICAL OR PSYCHIATRIC RECORDS	7.	A board that administers a public insurance, health, or retirement plan is not required to conduct an open meeting to deliberate: - The medical records or psychiatric records of an individual applicant for a benefit from the plan; or - A matter that includes a consideration of information in the medical or psychiatric records of an individual applicant for a benefit from the plan. <i>Gov't Code 551.0785</i>
SECURITY	8.	The Board is not required to conduct an open meeting to deliberate: - The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or - A security audit. <i>Gov't Code 551.076</i>

ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS	9.	The Board shall conduct a closed meeting to discuss or adopt individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items. <i>Education Code 39.030(a)</i>
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	10.	The Board is not required to conduct an open meeting to deliberate information confidential under Government Code 418.175–418.182, relating to Homeland Security. However, the Board must make a tape recording of the proceedings of a closed meeting held to deliberate the information. <i>Gov’t Code 418.183(f)</i>
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS	11.	The Board is not required to conduct an open meeting: a. To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Board has received from a business prospect that the Board seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the District and with which the Board is conducting economic development negotiations; or b. To deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect. <i>Gov’t Code 551.087</i>
PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED MEETINGS		If a closed meeting is allowed, the Board shall not conduct the closed meeting unless a quorum of the Board first convenes in an open meeting for which proper notice has been given [see BE] and the presiding officer has publicly announced that a closed meeting will be held and has identified the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act or other applicable law under which the closed meeting is held. <i>Gov’t Code 551.101</i>
VOTE OR FINAL ACTION		A final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in a closed meeting shall be made only in an open meeting for which proper notice has been given. <i>Gov’t Code 551.102</i> [See BE]
CERTIFIED AGENDA OR TAPE RECORDING		The Board shall either keep a certified agenda or make a recording of the proceedings of each closed meeting, except for private consultation with the District’s attorney. The certified agenda must include a statement of the subject matter of each deliberation, a record of any further action taken, and an announcement by the presiding officer at the beginning and end of the closed meeting indicating the date and time. A presiding officer shall certify that a certified agenda is a true and correct record of the proceedings. If a recording is made, it must include announcements by the presiding officer at the beginning and end of the meeting indicating the date and time. <i>Gov’t Code 551.103</i> “Recording” means a tangible medium on which audio or a combination of audio and video is recorded, including a disc, tape, wire, film, electronic storage drive, or other medium now existing or later developed. <i>Gov’t Code 551.001(7)</i> Closed meetings may not be recorded by an individual trustee against the wishes of a majority of the Board. <i>Zamora v. Edgewood ISD, 592 S.W.2d 649 (Tex. App.—San Antonio, 1979, writ ref’d n.r.e.)</i>
PRESERVATION		The Board shall preserve the certified agenda or recording of a closed meeting for at least two years after the date of the meeting. If a legal action involving the meeting is brought within that period, the Board shall preserve the certified agenda or recording while the action is pending. <i>Gov’t Code 551.104(a)</i>
PUBLIC ACCESS		A certified agenda or recording of a closed meeting is available for public inspection and copying only under a court order issued as a result of litigation involving an alleged violation of the Open Meetings Act. <i>Gov’t Code 551.104(b), (c)</i>
PROHIBITIONS		No Board member shall participate in a closed meeting knowing that neither a certified agenda nor a recording of the closed meeting is being made. <i>Gov’t Code 551.145</i> No individual, corporation, or partnership shall without lawful authority disclose to a member of the public the certified agenda or recording of a meeting that was lawfully closed to the public. <i>Gov’t Code 551.146</i> No Board member shall knowingly call or aid in calling or organizing a closed meeting that is not permitted under the Open Meetings Act, close or aid in closing a regular meeting to the public except as permitted under the Open Meetings Act, or participate in a closed meeting that is not permitted under the Open Meetings Act. <i>Gov’t Code 551.144(a)</i>
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under Government Code 551.144(a) that a Board member acted in reasonable reliance on a court order or a written interpretation of the open meetings law contained in an opinion of a court of record, the attorney general, or the Board’s attorney. <i>Gov’t Code 551.144(c)</i>

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HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: June 4, 2025

Agenda Item: C

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Public Forum

Administrator Responsible/Position: Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent

A. Purpose of Agenda Item

☐ Action needed

☐ Information only

☒ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy BED

☒ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

The Board encourages comments from citizens of the district and from district employees.

Policy BED local states that audience participation at a Board Meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designated for that purpose. At all other times during a Board Meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer. An open forum will be conducted at each meeting. The Board shall allot approximately 30 minutes for comments from members of the public about school district concerns.

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Board Policy DEC (LOCAL) sets the maximum time for any individual presentation as 5 minutes, unless decreased by the Board President prior to the start of public comment. In order to ensure efficiency in all meetings, our standard practice is to afford 3 minutes for speakers covering current agenda items and 2 minutes for speakers covering non-agenda items. Speakers with comments on posted agenda items will be called to speak first. Speakers with comments on items not posted for tonight's agenda will then be called to speak, if time permits.

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Date: June 4, 2025

Agenda Item: D.1a

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the Superintendent's recommendation to contractually employ the Chief Financial Officer

Administrator Responsible/Position: Dr. Eric Wright, Superintendent
Christina Courson, Chief Human Resources Officer

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy: ☐ Law or Rule ☐ N/A
DC (Legal) and (Local)
DP (Legal) and (Local)

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The goal of this agenda item is to request approval for the hiring of the new Chief Financial Officer

D. Summary:

☐ Previous board action relating to this item: N/A
☐ Future action anticipated: N/A
☒ Background information: In accordance with policy DC (Local), the Superintendent has sole authority to recommend the employment of contractual personnel who serve as administrators, and the Board of Trustees retains final authority to approve such personnel.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ FBOC ☐ Teacher Org. Reps. ☐ Other:

F. Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the employment of the Chief Financial Officer.

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: Ensure a smooth transition of leadership in the Business Office and continued support for the district.

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: Students benefit when the district has the proper resources and funding.

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: Staff benefit when the district has the proper resources and funding.

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: District operations could be negatively impacted without leadership at the helm of the Business Office.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Already included in the budget

☒ Budget ☐ Bond ☐ Grant/Special Funds: ☐ Other

☐ Budget Amendment Needed

Prior Year Spending: N/A

Reasons for rejecting alternatives: N/A

Future/Ongoing: N/A

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Dr. Eric Wright, Christina Courson

Evaluation method and time line: Contractual personnel who serve as administrators undergo an annual performance appraisal

Next report to the board: N/A

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's recommendation to contractually employ the Chief Financial Officer, as discussed.

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Date: June 4, 2025

Agenda Item: E.1

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Budget Workshop for 2025-2026

Administrator Responsible/Position: Alex Salazar, Budget Director

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☐ Action needed

☒ Information only

☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy CE

☐ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed:

Annual public meeting to discuss the proposed budget and tax rate.

D. Summary:

☐ Previous board action relating to this item:

☐ Future action anticipated:

☒ Background information – Budget planning shall be an integral part of overall program planning so that the budget effectively reflects the district's programs and activities and provides the resources to implement them. In the budget planning process, general educational goals, specific program goals, and alternatives for achieving program goals shall be considered, as well as input from the district- and campus-level planning and decision-making committees. Budget planning and evaluation are continuous processes and shall be a part of each month's activities.

E. Administrative Recommendation: N/A

2024-2025 Hays CISD Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule



August 19, 2024 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

August 26, 2024 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

September 16, 2024 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

TUESDAY, September 24, 2024 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

October 21, 2024 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

October 28, 2024 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

TUESDAY, November 12, 2024 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room – 5:30 pm

November 18, 2024 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

December 16, 2024 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

THURSDAY January 23, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

January 27, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, February 20, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

February 24, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

March 10, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room – 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, March 27, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

April 14, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, April 24, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

May 12, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room – 5:30 pm

May 19, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

TUESDAY, June 10, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room - 5:30 pm

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July 21, 2025 @ Hays CISD Merideth Keller Board Room – 5:30 pm