

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2024
Board of Trustees
Katy Independent School District**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Katy Independent School District was held on **Monday, January 22, 2024** in the Board Room of the Katy ISD Education Support Complex, 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy, Texas, 77494. Public access to the free Livestream of the Regular Meeting was made available through the Katy ISD Board meeting Livestream link. The following Board members were present: Victor Perez, Amy Thieme, Dawn Champagne, Lance Redmon, Rebecca Fox, Morgan Calhoun, and Mary Ellen Cuzela.

1. Call to Order

At 5:00 p.m. Board President Victor Perez called the meeting to order. Superintendent, Dr. Ken Gregorski verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code were met in accordance with the public notice of the meeting.

2. Pledges of Allegiance

2.1 Bethke Elementary student to lead pledges of allegiance. Pledges of Allegiance presented by Bethke Elementary student.

2.2 Members of the Morton Ranch High School Orchestra will perform the National Anthem. National Anthem performed by members of the Morton Ranch High School Orchestra.

3. Recognitions

3.1 City of Katy Proclamation in honor of School Board Recognition Month. Craig Eichhorn, Director of Communications presented.

3.2 Katy Independent School District Council of Parent Teacher Association book donation in honor of School Board Recognition Month. Shelley Keating, President of the Katy Council of PTAs presented.

4. Public Comment/Citizen Participation

4.1 Public comment on posted agenda items.

a) Angela Smith spoke regarding agenda item 9.14.

4.2 Public comment on non-agenda items.

a) Tami Cyrus spoke regarding transportation concerns.

b) Ligang Lei spoke regarding High School AP Course policies.

c) Jarred Burton spoke about use of Texas SB763 in Katy ISD

d) Lisa Lister-Browne spoke regarding Chaplain policy.

e) Julian Whiteley spoke regarding device policy.

f) Emily Welborn spoke regarding Miller courses and challenges for students.

g) Orhan Dogan spoke regarding device policy.

h) Chandra Gannavarapu spoke regarding Space constraint at RSC for Jordan Robotics Team

i) Janet Godfrey spoke Katy Association of Professional Educators

j) Kaila Hubbell spoke regarding Policies instituted by KISD.

k) Nancy Zarse spoke regarding Chaplains as counselors.

5. Closed Meeting

Board President Victor Perez announced the Board was convening in Closed Meeting as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. concerning sections and purposes listed below.

- 5.1 Consultation with Board's attorney. (Texas Government Code 551.071: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; and Texas Government Code 551.129: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney by telephone conference call.)
- 5.2 Consider security improvements, safety and security plan, state security audit/intruder detection audit. (Texas Government Code 551.076: To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.)
- 5.3 Discuss the superintendent's quarterly evaluation. (Texas Government Code 551.074: For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.)
6. **Reconvene from Closed Meeting – The Board will reconvene from Closed Meeting**
The Board reconvened into Open Meeting at 7:13 p.m. Board President Victor Perez called the meeting to order.
7. **Public Hearing**
 - 7.1 Presentation on the 2022-2023 Annual Report to include the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). Natalie Martinez, Executive Director of School Improvement presented.
 - 7.2 Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Annual Report to include the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). No speakers signed up to speak.
8. **Reports**
 - 7.1 Presentation on the Board Academic Quarterly Report. Dr. Christine Caskey, Chief Academic Officer presented.
 - 7.2 2024 - 2025 Budget Update. Chris Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented.
9. **Discussion items**
 - 9.1 Discuss and consider Board approval of the January 2024 budget amendments. Esperanza Rios, Director of Budget and Treasury presented. Moved by Rebecca Fox second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approve of the January 2024 budget amendments.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
 - 9.2 Discuss and consider Board Approval of the November 2023 Financial Reports. Jamey Hynds, Executive Director of Finance presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Mary Ellen Cuzela that the Board of Trustees approve of the November 2023 Financial Reports.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
 - 9.3 Discuss and consider Board approval of the annual financial audit report. Chris Smith, Chief Financial Officer, Lupe Garcia, Partner, Whitley Penn, Jamey Hynds, Executive Director of Finance and Kayla Smith, Director of Accounting presented. Moved by Amy Thieme second by Mary Ellen Cuzela that the Board of Trustees approves of the annual financial audit report.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.4 Discuss and consider Board approval of the 2025-2026 Instructional Calendar. Dr. Andrea Grooms, Chief Communications Officer and Sherri Ashorn, Director of Student Affairs presented. Moved by Amy Thieme second by Mary Ellen Cuzela that the Board of Trustees approves of the 2025-2026 Instructional Calendar.
- Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 9.5 Discuss and consider Board approval of a Professional Development Waiver for the 2025-2026 instructional calendar. Sherri Ashorn, Director of Student Affairs presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves of a Professional Development Waiver for the 2025-2026 instruction calendar.
- Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 9.6 Discuss and consider Board approval of a contract for the land and real estate consulting services. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction presented. Moved by Rececca Fox second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustee approve of a contract for the land and real estate consulting services.
- Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 9.7 Discuss and consider Board approval to award a contract for design services necessary for the renovations to Mayde Creek Elementary School and Sundown Elementary School. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction presented. Moved by Champagne second by Mary Ellen Cuzela that the Board of Trustees approve to award a contract for design services necessary for the renovation to Mayde Creek Elementary School and Sundown Elementary School.
- Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 9.8 Discuss and consider Board approval to award a contract for design services necessary for the renovations and additions to Beck Junior High School and Katy Junior High School. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction presented. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves to award a contract for design services necessary for the renovations and additions to Beck Junior High and Katy Junior High School.
- Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 9.9 Discuss and consider Board approval to award a contract for design services necessary for the projects at Katy High School, Pattison Elementary School, Cimarron Elementary School, and Nottingham Country Elementary School. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Rebecca Fox that the Board of Trustees approves to award a contract for design services necessary for the projects at Katy High School, Pattison Elementary School, Cimarron Elementary School and Nottingham Country Elementary School.
- Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 9.10 Discuss and consider Board approval to award a contract for design services necessary for the renovations to Bear Creek Elementary School, Hayes Elementary School, McRoberts Elementary School, and the Shaw Center expansion. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction presented. Moved by Rebecca Fox second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves to award a contract for design services necessary for the renovations to Bear Creek Elementary School, Hayes Elementary School, McRoberts Elementary School and the Shaw Center expansion.
- Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.11 Discuss and consider Board approval to award a contract for design services necessary for the renovations and additions to various maintenance facilities, Support Service Complex, and Law Enforcement Center. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves to award a contract for design services necessary for the renovations and additions to various maintenance facilities, Support Service Complex, and Law Enforcement Center.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.12 Discuss and consider Board approval of the design associated with the new Northwest Transportation and Maintenance Facility. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction presented. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves of the design associated with the new Northwest Transportation and Maintenance Facility.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.13 Discuss and consider Board Approval of the proposal for the Builders Risk Insurance for the 2023 Bond Projects. Lance Nauman, Director of Risk Management presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves of the proposal for the Builders Risk Insurance for the 2023 Bond Projects.

Motion passed by a 6 to 0 vote.
Mary Ellen Cuzela abstained.

- 9.14 Discuss and consider Board adoption of the Order calling for a regular election of the School Board Trustees to be held on May 4, 2024, and authorization of the Administration to provide official notice of the election as required by the Texas Election Code. Justin Graham, General Counsel and Elections Administrator presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Rebecca Fox to amend the Order of Election to include a 6th early voting location at Morton Ranch High School.

Motion passed by a 5 to 2 vote.

Lance Redmon moved second by Dawn Champagne to adopt the Order calling for a regular election of the School Board Trustees to be held on May 4, 2024, and authorization of the Administration to provide notice of the election as required by the Texas Election Code.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.15 Discuss and consider Board approval of the minutes for the December meetings. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne to approve the minutes for the December meetings.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10. Information Items

- 10.1 Donated Items to Katy Independent School District. Board President Victor Perez announced that the Donated Items list was received.
- 10.2 Cooperative Purchasing Contract Management Fees Report. Board President Victor Perez announced report was received.
- 10.3 Quarterly Investment Report. Board President Victor Perez announced report was received.
- 10.4 Recap of Board member requests for information.
- Amy Thieme requested update on AP Program at Spring Branch ISD.

11. **Future Meetings**

- 11.1 Special Board Meeting-Strategic Design-February 8, 2024. Board President Victor Perez announced there will be a Special Board meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024.
- 11.2 Board Work Study Meeting-February 19, 2024. Board President Victor Perez announced there will be a Work Study Meeting on Monday, February 19, 2024.
- 11.3 Regular Board Meeting-February 26, 2024. Board President Victor Perez announced there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024.

12. **Closed Meeting**

- 12.1 Consultation with Board's attorney. (Texas Government Code 551.071: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; and Texas Government Code 551.129: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney by telephone conference call.)
- 12.2 Conduct and consider a Level Three FNG grievance (FNG 23-025) pursuant to Katy Independent School District policy FNG (LEGAL) and FNG (LOCAL) regarding student and parent complaints/grievances. (Texas Government Code 551.0821: For the purpose of deliberating a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation; and Texas Government Code 551.074: For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.) Justin Graham, General Counsel announced participants for the Level Three FNG grievance did not show for the hearing.

*Board did not convene in second Closed Meeting as FNG grievance complainants did not show for hearing.

13. **Adjournment**

Board President Victor Perez adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

REFERENCED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN BOARDDOCS BY MEETING DATE

Victor Perez
President, Board of Trustees

Dawn Champagne
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: February 26, 2024