

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, May 15, 2023  
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, May 15, 2023** 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: Greg Schulte, Lance Redmon, Ashley Vann, Dawn Champagne, Leah Wilson, Rebecca Fox and Victor Perez.

**1. Call to Order**

At 5:00 p.m. Board President Greg Schulte opened the meeting. Dr. 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**

Robertson Elementary student led the Pledges of Allegiance.

**3. Citizen Participation.**

3.1 Citizen participation on non-agenda items.

- a) Shelley Keating spoke regarding Katy ISD PTA accomplishments
- b) Philip Haddad spoke regarding Bond issue
- c) Amy Traynor spoke regarding appreciation for the work current Board has done
- d) Renee Glasscock spoke to thank the outgoing Trustees for their service
- e) Elisha Kalvass spoke regarding appreciation to the outgoing Trustees
- f) Jason Aznar spoke regarding KISD Bond 2023
- g) Andrew Cummings spoke regarding Inclusiveness and home-schooled children
- h) Alfredo Castro spoke regarding incoming Trustees
- i) Logan McClean graduating Senior spoke to thank Trustees

**4. Action items**

4.1 Consider Board approval of the canvass for the May 6, 2023, Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees Election. Justin Graham, General Counsel presented. Ashley Vann moved, second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees canvasses the results of the May 6, 2023, Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees Election as reported by the Central Counting Station and declares the winners of each position as follows: Position 3, Amy Thieme, Position 4, Morgan Calhoun, Position 5, Mary Ellen Cuzela.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

4.2 Consider Board certification of the May 6, 2023, Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees election for Positions 3, 4, and 5. Justin Graham, General Counsel presented. Lance Redmon moved, second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees certifies the May 6, 2023, Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees election for Positions 3, 4, and 5, whereby Amy Thieme for Position 3, Morgan Calhoun for Position 4 and Mary Ellen Cuzela for Position 5 were duly elected.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

**5. Oath of Office**

5.1 Administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected members of the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees. Fort Bend County Judges Kelly Crow and Tricia Krenek administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected members of the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees. After Closed Meeting, the three new Board members took their seats at the dais for the remainder of the meeting.

**6. Closed Meeting**

Board President Greg Schulte 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 the sections and purposes listed below.

- 6.1 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.)
- 6.2 Discuss Board duties. (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.)

**7. Reconvene from Closed Meeting – The Board will reconvene from Closed Meeting.**

The Board reconvened into Open Meeting at 6:25 p.m. Board Vice President Lance Redmon called the meeting to order.

**8. Reorganization of the Board of Trustees**

- 8.1 Consider and elect officers for the 2023-2024 Board of Trustees.

**Office of President.** A nomination was made by Mary Ellen Cuzela to elect Victor Perez as President. A second nomination was made by Rebecca Fox to elect Lance Redmon as President. A motion to close nominations was made by Rebecca Fox, second by Dawn Champagne. The nomination to elect Victor Perez as President passed by a 5 to 2 vote.

**Office of Vice President.** A nomination was made by Morgan Calhoun to elect Amy Thieme as Vice President. A second nomination was made by Lance Redmon to elect Rebecca Fox as Vice President. A motion to close nominations was made by Lance Redmon, second by Dawn Champagne. The nomination to elect Amy Thieme as Vice President passed by a 5 to 2 vote.

**Office of Secretary.** A nomination was made by Victor Perez to elect Dawn Champagne as Secretary. A motion to close nominations was made by Rebecca Fox, second by Lance Redmon. The nomination to elect Dawn Champagne as Secretary passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

**9. Recognitions**

- 9.1 Katy Independent School District recognition of the Class of 2023 Valedictorians and Salutatorians. Maria DiPetta, General Manager for Media Relations presented.
- 9.2 Recognize new principals and central office employees. Dr. Ken Gregorski, Superintendent presented.

**10. Public comment**

- 10.1 Public comment on posted agenda items. No speakers signed up.

**11. Closed Meeting**

Board President Victor Perez announced that the Board was convening in closed meeting for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the sections and purposes listed below.

- 11.1 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.)

11.2 Discuss property matters. (Texas Government Code 551.072: For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.)

**12. Reconvene from Closed Meeting – The Board will reconvene from Closed Meeting.**

12.1 Consider Board approval of the purchase of property for a district facility. Board President Victor Perez presented. Moved by Rebecca Fox second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of property for a district facility.

Motion passed by a 5 to 2 vote.  
Amy Thieme and Morgan Calhoun abstained.

**13. Reports**

13.1 2023 Community Bond Advisory Committee Recommendation. Dr. Andrea Grooms, Chief Communications Officer, Alejandro Avendano, Community Bond Advisory Committee Chair and Chris Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented.

13.2 Strategic Design 1.3 Elementary Literacy Update. Dr. Saneer Bell, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning presented.

13.3 2022 Health Plan Update. Lance Nauman, Director of Risk Management presented.

13.4 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Annual Report. H.C. Grimet, Curriculum Coordinator, Health and Physical Education, presented.

**14. Discussion/Action**

14.1 Discuss and consider Board approval of the 2023-2024 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) representatives. H. C. Grimet, Curriculum Coordinator, Health and Physical Education presented. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed 2023-2024 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) representatives.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

14.2 Discuss and consider Board adoption of the local policies included in Board Policy Update 120. Sherri Ashorn, SHARS and Discipline Administrator presented. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees adopts the local policies included in Board Policy Update 120.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

14.3 Discuss and consider Board approval to temporarily waive the TEA state assessment requirements within Board Policy FMH(LOCAL). Justin Graham, General Counsel presented. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves a temporary waiver of the commencement requirements of FMH(LOCAL) as recommended by Administration.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

14.4 Discuss and consider Board approval of additional department staffing needs to address growth for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Brian Schuss, Chief Human Resources Officer presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the additional department staffing needed to address growth for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by the superintendent.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.



- 14.5 Discuss and consider Board approval of, RFP 2218SP, Single Sign-On (SSO) Platform to ClassLink, Inc. Joe Christoffersen, Director of Technology Operations presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the award of the proposal for the purchase of single sign-on (SSO) platform to ClassLink, Inc. for students, staff and parents.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

## 15. Consent

### Full consent Agenda Option:

Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the Consent Agenda for items 15.1 through 15.9.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 15.1 Consider Board approval of the May 2023 budget amendments. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the District's May 2023 budget amendments.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 15.2 Consider Board approval of the March 2023 Financial Reports. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the District's March 2023 financial statements.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 15.3 Consider Board approval of the contract for Fiber Upgrades at the District's Elementary Schools CSP-2207 to Accutek Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$222,937.00. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees awards the contract for Fiber Upgrades to Accutek Technologies, Inc.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 15.4 Consider Board approval of the contract for Security Camera Upgrades at the District's Elementary Schools, CSP-2205, to Accutek Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$1,609,425.00. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees awards the Elementary School security camera upgrades to Accutek Technologies, Inc.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 15.5 Consider Board approval of the 2023 - 2024 Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Second Appraisers. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the 2023-2024 Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Second Appraisers.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 15.6 Consider Board approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Department of Education for specialized therapy services. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) for the provision of occupational, physical and music therapy for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 15.7 Consider Board approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Department of Education for specialized services at the Academic Behavior School West. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the Interlocal Agreement with the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) for the specialized services at the Academic Behavior School West.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 15.8 Consider Board approval of the contract for the replacement of piping in the science labs at Cinco Ranch High School. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the contract for the replacement of piping in the science labs at Cinco Ranch High School to Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC utilizing Ominia JOC Contract No. R200102 for a cost of \$307, 858.00 and approves the total project cost not to exceed \$330, 858.00.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 15.9 Consider approval of the minutes for the April Board meetings. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes for the April Board meetings.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

**16. Information Items**

- 16.1 Donated Items to Katy Independent School District. Board President Victor Perez announced that the Board was provided a copy of the Donated Items to Katy ISD.

- 16.2 Recap of Board member requests for Information. None


**17. Future Meetings**

- 17.1 Board President Victor Perez announced that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.

**14. Adjournment**

Board President Victor Perez adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

**\*REFERENCED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN BOARDDOCS BY MEETING DATE\***

  
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Victor Perez  
President, Board of Trustees  
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Dawn Champagne  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: June 26, 2023