

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 25, 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, September 25, 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: 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 Wolman Elementary student to lead pledges of allegiance. Pledges of Allegiance presented by Wolman Elementary student, Brody McFarland.

2.2 A student from Cinco Ranch High School will sing the National Anthem. National Anthem performed by Cinco Ranch High School student Micah Marsh.

3. Public Comment/Citizen Participation

3.1 Public comment on posted agenda items.

- a) Wesley Nelson spoke regarding naming committee for HS #10.
- b) Sara Allen spoke regarding book policy.
- c) Lynette Alidon spoke regarding agenda item 7.1.
- d) Sam Rich spoke regarding agenda item 7.1.
- e) Bridgett Spier spoke regarding Katy ISD library policies.
- f) Jamie Watson spoke regarding policy EFA and EFB.
- g) Sarah Malik spoke regarding agenda item 7.1.
- h) Sofia Peruzzi spoke regarding agenda 7.1.
- i) Sharon Grenell spoke regarding book censorship.
- j) Paul Van Helmond spoke regarding agenda item 7.1.
- k) Barbara Kosciwicz spoke regarding agenda item 7.1.
- l) Anne Russey spoke regarding agenda item 7.1.
- m) Chase West spoke regarding removal of certain literature in schools.
- n) Mitzi Cross spoke regarding the life of a librarian.

3.2 Public comment on non-agenda items.

- a) Beverly Smith spoke regarding femoral pulse check during Katy ISD physical.
- b) Jeff Smith spoke regarding femoral pulse check and daughter.
- c) Julian Whiteley spoke regarding trustee obligations.
- d) George Scott spoke regarding need for calling meeting about TEA and test scores.
- e) Connor Stewart spoke regarding recycling.
- f) Tomek Rusak spoke about sexual misconduct issue.
- g) Melissa Edwards spoke regarding absence and exemption policy.
- h) Jason Aznar spoke regarding Health care and Katy ISD.
- i) Sharon Dworaczyk spoke regarding suicide awareness.
- j) Celeste Gu spoke regarding choices and kindness.
- k) Amy Wilson spoke regarding PSAT/AP testing for homeschooled.

4. 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.

- 4.1 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. Reconvene from Closed Meeting – The Board will reconvene from Closed Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Meeting at 6:54 p.m. Board President Victor Perez called the meeting to order.

6. Reports

- 6.1 Strategic Design 1.3 Elementary Literacy Update. Sanee Bell, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning presented.
- 6.2 Katy Independent School District Education Foundation Annual Report. Robyn Pye, Vice President Education Foundation presented.

7. Discussion/Action

- 7.1 Discuss and consider revision to Local Board policy EFA and EFB. Board President Victor Perez presented. Moved by Amy Thieme second by Morgan Calhoun that the Board of Trustees approves the revision to Local Board policy EFA and EFB.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

Full consent Agenda Option:

Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves the Consent Agenda for items 8.1 through 8.13.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

8. Consent Items

- 8.1 Consider Board approval of the July 2023 Financial Reports. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves of the July 2023 Financial Reports.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.2 Consider Board approval of the September 2023 budget amendments. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves of the September 2023 budget amendments.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.3 Consider Board adoption of the 2023-2024 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate and the 2023-2024 Debt Service Tax Rate. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves the adoption of the 2023-2024 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate and the 2023-2024 Debt Service Tax Rate.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.4 Consider Board approval of the claims administration by Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund for unemployment compensation claims. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves the claims administration by Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund for unemployment compensation claims.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.5 Consider Board adoption of the local policies included in Board Policy Update 121. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves the adoption of the local policies included in Board Policy Update 121.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 8.6 Consider Board approval of a contract for the additions and renovations to Cinco Ranch High School. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves of a contract for the additions and renovations to Cinco Ranch High School.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 8.7 Consider Board approval of the plat for Elementary School #47. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves of the plat for Elementary School #47.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 8.8 Consider Board approval for authorization of the superintendent to form a naming committee for the purpose of proposing a name for Junior High #18 per Board Policy CW(LOCAL). Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves authorization of the superintendent to form a naming committee for the purpose of proposing a name for Junior High #18 per Board Policy CW(LOCAL).
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 8.9 Consider Board approval for authorization of the superintendent to form a naming committee for the purpose of proposing a name for High School #10 per Board Policy CW(LOCAL). Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves authorization of the superintendent to form a naming committee for the purpose of proposing a name for High School #10 per Board Policy CW(LOCAL).
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 8.10 Consider Board approval of the Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves of the Remote Homebound Instruction waiver.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 8.11 Consider Board approval of nominating candidates for positions on the Board of Directors for the Waller County Appraisal District, Fort Bend Central Appraisal District, and Harris Central Appraisal District. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves of nominating candidates for positions on the Board of Directors for the Waller County Appraisal District, Fort Bend Central Appraisal District and Harris Central Appraisal District.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 8.12 Consider Board approval for the superintendent to prepare, sign and submit a waiver application to the State Commissioner of Education for elementary campuses that could potentially exceed the ratio due to increased enrollment during the 2023-2024 school year. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves for the superintendent to prepare, sign and submit a waiver application to the State Commissioner of Education for elementary campuses that could potentially exceed the ratio due to increased enrollment during the 2023-2024 school year.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- 8.13 Consider Board approval of the minutes for the August Board meetings. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Amy Thieme that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes for the August Board meetings.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9. **Information Items**

9.1 Recap of Board member requests for Information.

- Amy Thieme requested information on Strategic Design and a spelling component.
- Lance Redmon requested that standing committees give update each Board meeting.

10. **Future Meetings**

10.1 Special Board Meeting-Strategic Planning-October 5, 2023. Board President Victor Perez announced there will be a Special Board Meeting-Strategic Planning on Thursday, October 5, 2023

10.2 Special Board Meeting-Team Building-October 16, 2023. Board President Victor Perez announced there will be a Special Board Meeting-Team Building on Monday, October 16, 2023.

10.3 Board Work Study Meeting-October 23, 2023. Board President Victor Perez announced there will be a Work Study Meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023.

10.4 Regular Board Meeting-October 30, 2023. Board President Victor Perez announced there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 30, 2023.

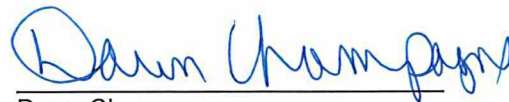
11. **Adjournment**

Board President Victor Perez adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

REFERENCED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN BOARDDOCS BY MEETING DATE



Victor Perez
President, Board of Trustees



Dawn Champagne
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: October 30, 2023