

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 11, 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, December 11, 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 Bear Creek Elementary student to lead pledges of allegiance. Pledges of Allegiance presented by Bear Creek Elementary student.

2.2 Members of the Hayes Elementary Choir will perform the National Anthem. National Anthem performed by members of the Hayes Elementary School Choir.

3. Recognitions

3.1 Recognize new principal for Bethke Elementary. Superintendent, Dr. Ken Gregorski presented.

4. Public Comment/Citizen Participation

4.1 Public comment on posted agenda items.

a) Ann Russey spoke regarding Agenda Item 10.1

4.2 Public comment on non-agenda items.

a) Lisa Listerbrowne spoke regarding Chaplains & religious education.

b) David Olson spoke regarding support of Katy ISD Bus drivers.

c) Nicole Lavrack spoke regarding the Speak Up App

d) Richard Shulyak spoke regarding student evaluations of teachers.

e) Jarred Burton spoke regarding use of Texas SB 763 in Katy ISD

f) Tristan Whiteley spoke regarding expanding recycling program in Katy ISD

g) Marcy Sabol spoke regarding retention.

h) Joan McPherson spoke regarding naming Katy HS baseball field for Coach Tom McPherson

i) Nancy Zarse spoke regarding use of Chaplains as Counselors in Katy ISD schools.

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.)

6. **Reconvene from Closed Meeting – The Board will reconvene from Closed Meeting**
The Board reconvened into Open Meeting at 6.26 p.m. Board President Victor Perez called the meeting to order.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1 Progress update to the Board on the uses of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER II & ESSER III). Nakia Coy, Executive Director of Federal Programs presented.
 - 7.2 Strategic Design 1.3 Elementary Literacy Update. Dr. Sanee Bell, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning presented.
 - 7.3 Academic Support Update. Dr. Christine Caskey, Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Sanee Bell, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Natalie Martinez, Executive Director of School Improvement, Chris Morgan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary School Leadership and Support and Lance Redmon, Board member presented.
8. **Discussion**
 - 8.1 Discuss and consider Board approval of naming Junior High #18 as recommended by the Naming Advisory Committee. Dr. Ken Gregorski, superintendent presented.

Full consent Agenda Option:

Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the Consent Agenda for items 9.1 through 9.9.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9. **Consent Agenda**
 - 9.1 Consider Board approval of the October 2023 Financial Reports. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the October 2023 Financial Reports.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
 - 9.2 Consider Board approval of the December 2023 budget amendments. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the December 2023 budget amendments.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
 - 9.3 Consider Board Approval of the Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for Health Plan Year 2024. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves of the Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for Health Plan Year 2024.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
 - 9.4 Consider Board approval of the delivery method for the \$806 million bond authorization capital construction projects and approval of the selection criteria for evaluating construction contractors and construction managers. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves of the delivery method for the \$806 million bond authorization capital construction projects and approval of the selection criteria for evaluating construction contractors and construction managers.
Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.5 Consider Board approval of the 2023 Educational Specifications to be utilized as the basis of design for all upcoming elementary, junior, and high school capital improvement projects as required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) – School Facilities Standards for Construction. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves of the 2023 Educational Specifications to be utilized as the basis of design for all upcoming elementary, junior, and high school capital improvement projects as required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) – School Facilities Standards for Construction.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.6 Consider Board approval of the design associated with the first floor of the Katy Independent School District Merchants Way Building. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approve of the design associated with the first floor of the Katy Independent School District Merchants Way Building.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.7 Consider Board approval of an agreement between Katy ISD and RGV CDL Services LLC. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approve of an agreement between Katy ISD and RGV CDL Services LLC.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.8 Consider Board approval of a contract for the purchase of a district-wide centralized student permanent records management software. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approve of a contract for the purchase of a district-wide centralized student permanent records management software.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.9 Consider Board approval of the minutes for the November Board meetings. Moved by Dawn Champagne second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approve of the minutes for the November Board meetings.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10. Discussion

- 10.1 Discuss and consider approval of a Board adopted Resolution regarding adequate funding for public schools. Lance Redmon moved that the Board of Trustees approve of a Board adopted Resolution regarding adequate funding for public schools as presented at previous Work Study meeting. Victor Perez, Board President asked for any discussion. Victor Perez presented a revised, amended version of the Resolution.

After lengthy discussion among Board members, the original motion was voted on.

Motion was lost by a 4 to 3 vote.

Mary Ellen Cuzela moved Morgan Calhoun seconded that the amended Resolution regarding funding for public schools be adopted.

Motion passed by a 6 to 0 vote.
Dawn Champagne abstained.

11. Information Items

- 11.1 Recap of Board member requests for information. No requests.

12. **Future Meetings**

12.1 Board Work Study Meeting – January 16, 2024. Board President Victor Perez announced there will be a Work Study meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

12.2 Regular Board Meeting – January 22, 2024. Board President Victor Perez announced there will be a Regular Board meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024.

13. **Adjournment**

Victor Perez, Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

REFERENCED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN BOARDDOCS BY MEETING DATE



Victor Perez,
President, Board of Trustees



Dawn Champagne
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: January 22, 2024