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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 20, 2026

Call to Order

Mr. Dyes called the regular meeting of the Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room #1 of the Administrative Services Center on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Roll Call

Members present: Ms. Cripe, Mr. Garber, Mr. Dyes, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd
Members absent: None
Administrators Present: Mr. Hubbard, Ms. Wimberley, Ms. Butchbaker, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Townsley

Declaration of a Quorum

Mr. Dyes declared a quorum of the Board.

Pledge to the Flag

Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Communi-cations to the Board

Captains of the Month for Accepting:
Brookside: Dylan Trowbridge – Kristen Holt, teacher; Christian Salceda – Brandy Meiser, teacher
NPC: Lydian Stubblefield – Grace Williams, teacher

Captains of the Month for Trustworthy:

Brookside: Korey Watts – Laurie Eckerley, teacher; Wesley Dudley – Ashley Foster, teacher
NPC: Autumn Jones – Steve Botti, teacher

Each received an award.

Communi-cation from the Audience

None

Presentations

Special Education Update
Staff member, Tina Wimberley, gave the Board a handout and recapped program updates.
Instructional Services Update
Staff members, Josh Townsley and Carrie Rabbit introduced the School Based Therapists who explained their role and response from local district staff when helping with crisis situations.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, to approve the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting and Closed Session minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Mr. Ross, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education hereby approves payment of bills which includes General Fund totaling $89,120.71 and Special Ed Fund totaling $351,939.07.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Dyes, Mr. Garber, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Hirings

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Heather Ferris, Joshua Taggart, and Caitlin Wynne upon appropriate unprofessional conduct review and criminal background check as recommended by the administration.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Dodd, Mr. Garber, Mr. Dyes, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Handbooks

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Handbook, Early Childhood Education Handbook, and Administrative Handbook for one year 2026-2027.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Dyes, Mr. Garber, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Bids

Moved by Mr. Garber, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education accept the Bids for Phase 2 Site Improvements as presented.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd, Mr. Garber, Mr. Dyes
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

HSISD Flexible Benefit Plan

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Cripe, that the Board of Education adopt the Amended and Restated Plan Document effective July 1, 2026 as presented.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Garber, Mr. Dyes, Mr. Ross, Ms. Cripe, Ms. Dodd
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education adjourn to Closed Session at 11:25 a.m. under Sec. 8.1 (c) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of strategy and negotiation sessions connected with a collective bargaining agreement.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Dyes, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Garber, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Dodd, supported by Mr. Garber, that the Board of Education adjourn to Open Session at 12:08 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Cripe, to adjourn at 12:09 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra Cripe, Secretary

These minutes are subject to board approval.