

AT A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM, 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., MARCH 21, 2023, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Carol Gregg
Tammy Hawkins
Dennis Jones
Dr. Donna Smith
Christopher Stanley

Absent:

School Officials: Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Dr. Keeley Boyer, Dr. Lilia Náñez, Deborah Ottmers, Dr. Anthony Sorola, Alicia Syverson, Dr. Kellie Wilks

Others: Tatiana Dennis, Rebecca Rhodes, Liz Gray, Krista Zeigler, Heather Dolloff, Aaron Hawley, Brandon Reyes, Rita Lopez, Rose Valderaz, Jessica Gore, Berta Saldibar, Luz Melendez, Becky Ramirez Misty Hiner, Michael Williamson, Tracey Borchardt, Jaime Miller, Julia Willett-Weekly, Leslie Wilson, Lisa Wills, Heather Lovett, Mary Franco

26234 **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

26235 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law – this is to certify that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting:** Board President Dr. Steve Brown, verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

26236 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In his opening remarks, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri welcomed everyone back from Spring Break. He gave a brief update on the legislative session saying the Texas House of Representatives debated vouchers today and the Senate is scheduled to debate them tomorrow. Dr. Muri said seemingly buried under that debate, is talk of teacher pipelines and teacher development programs, some of which are happening here in ECISD. Paid, year-long, residencies for education majors are one such example. On a related note, the concept of a teacher apprenticeship received national coverage this week. He reminded Trustees, ECISD announced at the State of the District event earlier this month, the plan to create a teacher apprenticeship program which gives teacher candidates access to federal funds to help pay for the apprenticeship program. Good things are happening in ECISD.

Public Comment: Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item on which they wish to address the Board. *BED(LOCAL)*

There was no public comment.

Report/Discussion Items

26237 **Guidance and Counseling Presentation:** Executive Director of Guidance and Counseling Chelsea Reyes and Director of Community Support Services Scott Randolph presented this item for discussion. They specifically looked at a student's pathway from elementary school to college, career and military readiness, and how effective advising supports students along the way. Exploring career interests begins in elementary school with things like career days and living career museums, as just a couple of examples. In middle school all 8th graders complete a career cluster profile that helps match their interests to potential careers. High schools provide students with many resources to earn their diplomas and prepare them for life after graduation. Course selection, College Night, FAFSA events with college representatives, and ECISD's To and Through Department are designed to help students achieve their academic goals. It requires continuous collaboration between counselors, teachers, campus and district leaders, parents and community to ensure students have all they need.

No action required.

26238 **Results Driven Accountability Presentation:** Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Lilia Náñez opened this item for discussion. The Results Driven Accountability (RDA) is the federal monitoring system for three student groups: Bilingual/ESL/Emergent Bilingual; Special Education; and Other Special Populations like homeless, foster care and military connected. This report is for the 2021-22 school year, and those group's designations were 3, 3, and 4, respectively. Each saw improvement in some areas but were lowered due to an area – for Bilingual and Other Special Populations it was a low score in STAAR Social Studies; in Special Education it was low scores in End of Course English I or II. To note, Special Education achieved some academic growth not experienced before: Algebra improved, Science earned a 0 (the best designation possible), as did graduation rate with increase of about 10%. The dropout rate also decreased. Overall, Special Education received a 2, improving from a 4 three years ago.

No action required.

26239 **Winter 2023 MAP Assessment Presentation:** Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Lilia Náñez opened this item for discussion. The Board of Trustees were provided with an update on the Winter 2023 Measure

of Academic Progress (MAP) results. MAP is an assessment given three times to measure a student's growth from beginning to end of the school year. This report is for the middle of the year assessments. Growth goals have increased from last year to this year; the bar has been raised for students grades kindergarten through 6th. As goals grow, students move closer to proficiency. MAP assessment can give a reliable prediction for the STAAR tests to be given April and May, and scores this round indicate ECISD results will be about three points higher. There is still work to be done in order to catch up to the state's overall scores.

No action required.

26240 **Possible Request for Approval to Move to Closed Meeting - Personnel Matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code - [Board will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employees of the District or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.] Consultations with Attorney – Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act [The Board will meet in Closed Session in Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding all Matters as Authorized by Law.]:**

There was no closed session.

26241 **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

26242 **Adjournment:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Board President
Dr. Steve Brown

Board Secretary
Christopher Stanley