

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM, 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 19, 2024, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Tammy Hawkins
Dawn Miller
Christopher Stanley
Robert Thayer
Wayne Woodall

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

Others: Tatiana Dennis, Dora Flores, Jennifer Cox, Aaron Hawley, Ryan Merritt, Rico Enriquez, Griselda Montes, Erin Anderson, Erica Chavez-Lanos, Christina Butler, Catherine Butler, Scott Rudes, Hilberto Ochoa, Robert Trejo, Albessa Chavez, Alianna Garcia, Matthew Montes, Andrew Montes, Hector Limon, Martha Cirrincione, Angela Pina, Jennifer Valencia, AJ Valencia, Jessica Moreno, Tracey Borchardt, Kyrsten Nall, Angelo Moreno, Sam Utley, Rebecca Ramirez, Burke Millard, Taylor Roy, Andrea Hewitt, Lisa Wills, Gracie Bustos, Maggie Aguilar, Ruth Campbell, Bethany Ibarra, Sandra Talavera, Rita Lopez, Mary Franco

26945 **Meeting Called to Order:** Christopher Stanley, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. (Delay due to internet connectivity issues.)

Board of Trustee Dawn Miller arrived at 6:07 p.m. and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

26946 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Christopher Stanley, Board President, verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

26947 **Pledge Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Austin Montessori Elementary School Students Angelo Moreno and Sam Utley.

26948 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by High School Pastor Burke Millard, Crossroads Church.

26949 **Special Presentations:**

Recognition of Summit K12 Elementary Educator of the Year: Griselda Montes, a 4th-grade bilingual teacher at Murry Fly Elementary, has been recognized as the

Elementary Educator of the Year by K12 Summit. She was chosen from over 100,000 Texas educators using Summit K12's educational platforms. This prestigious recognition highlights her outstanding performance in TELPAS, active platform engagement, and innovative strategies for supporting emergent bilingual students. Griselda exemplifies leadership in advancing language acquisition for English language learners.

Announcement of United Way Campaign Top Fundraisers: On an annual basis ECISD hosts a campaign for the United Way of Odessa. This year our District campaign raised a little more than \$70,000. The following Campuses and Department were recognized as the top 2024 United Way Campaign fundraisers:

Top Department – Technology Services - \$5,839
Top Elementary School – Cavazos Elementary- \$4,240
Top Middle School – Crockett MS - \$3,618
Top Secondary School – Odessa High School - \$10,741.58
ECISD Grand Total - \$70,748.12

Introduction of Culinary Arts State Qualifiers: Chief Communications Officer Mike Adkins proudly introduced the Culinary Arts State Qualifiers. One of our barbecue teams, "BBQ Cupcakes" from New Tech Odessa, earned a spot in the state competition after excelling in a regional contest earlier this semester. Competing against 26 teams, including three from ECISD, the Cupcakes secured a top-ten finish to qualify for state. Here's how the team members performed:

- Ailyn Arteaga: 2nd Place – Ribs
- Gracie Bustos: 5th Place – Beans
- Jacob Levario: 13th Place – Chicken
- Josiah Mendoza: 20th Place – Brisket
- Elmeanua Rutherford: 22nd Place – Dessert

Guided by Chef Christina Acosta, the team will showcase their skills at the state competition in April 2025, held at Quarry Park in Granite Shoals. Congratulations, BBQ Cupcakes, and best of luck at state!

26950 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In her opening comments, Interim Superintendent Dr. Keeley Boyer informed Trustees that Phillips 66 had donated \$1 million to bring ST Math to all elementary students in the District. She also introduced a video showcasing last week's announcement at LBJ Elementary. Additionally, Dr. Boyer reminded Trustees that all schools will be closed for Thanksgiving from November 25 to 29.

26951 **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.
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There was no public comment.

Bond 2023

26952 **Bond 2023 Update:** Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers and Associate Superintendent of Operations Dr. Anthony Sorola provided the Board of Trustees with an update on the progress of Bond 2023 projects.

As the District finalizes the location of the new Transportation Center, which includes existing facilities, it is anticipated that \$10 million originally allocated for this project can be redirected to support the new CTE Center. This reallocation is reflected in a specific column of the Finance Report presented to the school board. To date, approximately 10% of bond proceeds have been spent or earmarked through purchase orders for designated purposes.

The design of the new middle school is complete, the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) is scheduled to be presented to the school board next month and ground-breaking is on track to take place in January.

The design development documents were presented to the school board at the meeting on November 12, construction documents are in progress and ground-breaking is slated for summer.

The designs for the renovations of the Permian High School Auditorium have been submitted, procurement should begin in January and construction should begin in May.

The timeline for the JROTC Facility at PHS is very similar to the auditorium project. It is in the design development stage and construction is anticipated to start in April.

The Transition Learning Center is in the schematic design phase awaiting approval from the community advisory committee. Surveying/Civil Engineering are being scheduled for the site and if it remains on time, construction could begin in February or March. The TLC committee will meet right after Thanksgiving Break and the board could then receive an update at its December meeting.

The Ag Farm has seen its schematic design approved and is moving into the design development phase. Surveying is complete.

The replacement of the bleachers in the main gymnasiums of our middle schools should be completed this week. Five of the six schools are completed, Ector MS is in progress.

The first set of middle school choir risers is now in place at Bonham MS, Ector MS's will be completed soon. So far, Fine Arts has ordered 578 instruments, has received 304 of them, and has spent \$1.4 million of bond proceeds.

From Technology, surveillance storage is now complete, and campus camera installations are scheduled to begin in December. Walkthroughs have been conducted to prepare for the installation/replacement of PA/Bells/Alarms/Clock systems.

Parkhill has been engaged to provide architectural, engineering, and project oversight for the Priority 1 and Priority 2 renovations/replacements.

No action required.

26953 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Bond 2023 Purchases over \$50,000:**
There were no Bond 2023 purchases over \$50,000 that required approval.

No action taken.

Action Items

26954 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Thayer, seconded by Brown to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented. This month's list includes two items related to contracted services with ECISD Special Services. These services involve student assessments, conducting ARD meetings, counseling, in-person and virtual speech therapy, and developing goals for speech and hearing evaluations.

Motion unanimously approved.

26955 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2024-2025 Budget Amendment #3:**
Moved by Woodall, seconded by Miller to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Amendment #3 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26956 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Annual Financial Report:** Moved by Miller, seconded by Woodall to approve the Annual Financial Report as presented. Each school district must prepare annual financial statements, undergo an independent audit, and submit the results to the state. ECISD's external auditor, Whitley Penn, issued a Clean/Unmodified Opinion, indicating no internal control or compliance findings—a strong outcome. This follows ECISD's perfect score of 100 on the state's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) for the fifth consecutive year.

Motion unanimously approved.

26957 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Superintendent Search Firm Contract:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Miller to approve the Superintendent Search Firm Contract with Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) as presented.

For:
Abalos
Hawkins
Miller
Stanley
Thayer
Woodall

Abstained:
Brown

Motion passed.

26958 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County ISD and Sul Ross State University:** Moved by Miller, seconded by Abalos to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County ISD and Sul Ross State University as presented. Through this MOU with Sul Ross State University, all ECISD seniors graduating with a 2.0 GPA or higher will be granted direct admission. The university will waive ACT and SAT requirements and all application fees for these students. This partnership reduces barriers to higher education and provides valuable support throughout the admissions process at no cost to the District. Sul Ross State becomes the fourth institution to establish a direct admissions agreement with ECISD, joining the University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa College, and Tarleton State University.

Motion unanimously approved.

26959 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Resolution Casting Votes for the Members to the Ector County Appraisal District Board of Directors:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Woodall to approve Resolution Casting Votes for Members of the Ector County Appraisal District Board of Director as presented. Ector County ISD is entitled by cumulative voting to cast 2,555 of votes for the Ector County Appraisal District Board. ECISD Board of Trustees voted to cast the 2,555 votes equally for the five nominees on the ballot for the Ector County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Each of the following nominees received 511 votes: David Dunn, Wayne Dunson, Dorothy Jackson, Gary Johnson, and Mari Willis.

Motion unanimously approved.

26960 **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Brown to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of Meetings
- B. Request for Approval of Bills for Payment
- C. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Donations Over \$10,000
- D. Request for Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report
- E. Request for Approval of Data Sharing Agreement between Coursemojo and ECISD
- F. Request for Approval of Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & Roalson P.C. Special Education Legal Services Retainer Agreement for Ector County ISD

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

26961 **Parkhill Agriculture Farm Presentation:** Associate Superintendent of District Operations Dr. Anthony Sorola and Parkhill Senior Project Manager Mildred Bautista provided Trustees with an update on the Agriculture Farm project approved in Bond 2023. The advisory committee's prioritized list of 'must-haves' and 'want-to-haves' within the project budget. The update included a site overview, existing structures slated for demolition, and plans for new buildings. Trustees reviewed a proposed floor plan, examples of similar venues, and exterior renderings. The timeline indicates

design work will continue into the spring, with construction set to begin in June and expected to take about one year.

No action required.

26962 **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.

26963 **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Financials, Purchasing Report, Routine Personnel Report and Added Bus Driver Recruitment and Retention Stipend.

26964 **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

26965 **Adjournment:** Board President Christopher Stanley adjourned the Board meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Board President
Christopher Stanley

Board Secretary
Dr. Steve Brown