

**AT A SPECIAL 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., August 13, 2024, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

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

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

**Others:** Tatiana Dennis, Sara & Clay Moore, Tyler Poglitsch, Chris Bartlett, Stacey Nunez, Albessa Chavez, Lillie Dixon Session, Gene Collins, Annette Ray, Mary Ellis, Charles Cotton, Ruth Campbell, Rita Lopez, Mary Franco

**26802** **Meeting Called to Order:** Christopher Stanley, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**26803** **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 Christopher Stanley, verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

**26804** **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In his opening comments, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri informed Trustees that district leaders are closely monitoring early enrollment numbers, which shows an increase of about 1,000 more students enrolled compared to the second day of school last year. He noted that they will continue to monitor these numbers and adjust as needed.

**26805** **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 were no public comments.

**26806** **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] (Discussion of the Terms of Dr. Scott Muri's Voluntary Retirement Agreement and Discussion of Possible Naming of an Interim Superintendent and Terms of Employment)**

Board President Christopher Stanley convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 6:02 p.m.

Board President Christopher Stanley reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 7:56 p.m.

**26807**     **Request for Approval of Dr. Scott Muri's Voluntary Retirement Agreement:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Hawkins to approve Dr. Scott Muri's Voluntary Retirement Agreement as presented.

The voluntary retirement agreement stipulates he will serve as the Superintendent Emeritus, an advisory role, through January 31, 2025. The new role will allow him to support the transition to an interim superintendent and, potentially, the new full-time superintendent. The agreement stipulates a host of responsibilities and functions that keep district initiatives and projects moving forward without pause, and will lead to a seamless transfer to the new superintendent.

For:  
Abalos  
Brown  
Hawkins  
Stanley  
Thayer  
Woodall

Abstained:  
Miller

Motion carried.

**26808**     **Possible Action on Naming an Interim Superintendent:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Miller to name Dr. Keeley Boyer as Interim Superintendent as presented.

Dr. Boyer has served as ECISD's Chief of Schools since September 2021. As Chief of Schools, Dr. Boyer leads a team of three principal supervisors responsible for the effective oversight and development of ECISD's principals. Under her guidance, the Aspiring Leader's Program and Principal Pipeline have resulted in placing internal candidates in all 11 principal vacancies in 2022 and 6 of 7 vacancies in 2024. She holds a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership & Policy from the University of Texas, completed the Cooperative Superintendency Program from the University of Texas, the Forum for Education Leadership, the University of Virginia's Partnership for Leadership in Education, and has been attending Holdsworth Center's Leadership Collaborative for the past two years. Dr. Boyer joined ECISD after working as a Regional Superintendent for Portland Public Schools for three years. In that role, Dr. Boyer supervised a region of 35 schools - elementary, middle schools, and four high schools. Prior to her time in Portland, she served as the School Support Officer managing, coaching and developing principals at 15 campuses elementary, middle, and high schools in Houston ISD. During her time in

Houston ISD, she was a high school assistant principal and a middle school principal and earned HISD's Secondary Principal of the Year in 2017.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26809**     **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** In his closing remarks, Dr. Muri expressed gratitude to the seven members of the Board of Trustees for an extraordinary five-year journey, describing it as the best experience of his career. Proud of their work for the community's children, he announced his retirement, clarifying he won't take another superintendent role but plans to coach and mentor superintendents nationwide. Reflecting on his time, he said he loved every minute of the job - except maybe a few moments during COVID and will always consider himself part of Team ECISD. He praised Ector County as an incredible place to be. Trustee Delma Abalos thanked him for his dedicated service and for honoring his commitment to stay with ECISD for at least five years. The audience gave him a standing ovation.

**26810**     **Adjournment:** Christopher Stanley, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Christopher Stanley*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Dr. Steve Brown*