

AT A REGULAR 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., JANUARY 19, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Carol Gregg (Virtually)
Tammy Hawkins
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna Smith
Christopher Stanley

Absent:

School Officials: Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Staci Ashley, Dr. Stephanie Howard, Dr. Lilia Náñez, Jason Osborne, Deborah Ottmers, Alicia Syverson

Others: Mike Atkins, Jaime Miller, Robert Cedillo, Crystal Gutierrez, Andrea Martin, Ruth Campbell, Albert Anchondo, Mary Franco

25343 **Meeting Called to Order:** Delma Abalos, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

25344 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Delma Abalos, 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.

25345 **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Tammy Hawkins, Board Vice-President.

25346 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Dr. Steve Brown, Board Secretary.

25347 **Special Presentations:**

School Board Recognition Month: January is the School Board recognition month throughout the state of Texas. Many campuses and departments throughout the District expressed their appreciation. Trustees viewed a video of the Mayor's Proclamation that January is Ector County ISD School Board Recognition Month in Odessa.

Introduction of National Merit Scholar Program Honorees: ECISD has three students who earned this distinction. Each year approximately 1.6 million high school students enter the competition by taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT). Students take the PSAT during their junior year of high school and are recognized as they begin their senior year. This year's honorees were presented to Trustees by way of video.

National Merit Commended Scholars
Askash Angirekula, Odessa HS Senior
Faith Fulbright, Permian HS Senior

National Merit Rural/Small-town Classification
Sejal Yadalla, Odessa HS Senior

Recognition of AP Scholars and IB Graduates: Communications Officer Mike Adkins introduced these students by way of video.

Permian HS AP Scholars – Current Seniors: Alexis Allen, Maggie Augesen, Andrea Davila, Moses Herrera, Nicholas Pursley, Gio Renacia, Ava Stadler

Permian HS AP Scholars – Graduated Seniors: Hayden Bloch, Isaiah Castelo, Chandler Chesnut, Isis Corral, Smantha Delgado, Halie Douglas, Aiden Everett, Garrett Rathburn, Quan Ton

Odessa HS AP Scholars – Graduated Seniors: Abigail Carrillo, Jackson Fanucci-Dishon, Trinity Mata, Jnylah McCown

New Tech Odessa AP Scholar – Graduated Senior: Clarissa Garcia

PHS AP Scholars with Honors – Current Seniors: Joshua Benigno, Faith Fulbright, Sneha Kesavan, Xochitl Gonzalez

PHS AP Scholar with Distinction: Abigail Gex

OHS AP Scholar with Distinction: Jason Zubia

2020 OHS IB Diploma Recipients: Angelica Carillo, Jon Dean, Jackson Fanucci-Dishon, Evan Haley, Esperanza Hinojos, Jonelle Leoncio, Raul Nevarez, Vivek Prasad, Yazlin Romero, Jason Zubia

2020 OHS IB Diploma Candidates: Austin Aguirre, Alyiha Contreras, Angelo Campos, Savannah Corrales, Jasmine Guerrero, Zoe Herndon, Evelyn Loya, Esteban Najera, Dalila Olivas, Louis Saenz, Rosemary Santillan, Stephanie Tapia, Isabel Torres

25348 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In Dr. Muri's opening comments, he thanked the Trustees for their work – which is volunteer work – on behalf of ECISD students and staff. He followed by talking with them about the recently completed student survey on school connectedness. School Connectedness is defined as the belief adults and peers care about their learning and about them as individuals. If students feel connected they will perform better academically. This fall, 59% of students, in grades 3-12, said they feel connected (61% is the national average in a pre-COVID atmosphere). Our goal is to be at the national average next spring and at 63% by 2024. The survey covers five areas: sense of belonging, school climate, rigorous expectations, school engagement, and supportive relationships. Overall, the highest rated area is Supportive Relationships with 72% positive responses; the lowest area is School Engagement at 45% positive responses. Schools are developing action plans to address issues revealed through this survey, and kids will take the same survey again in April.

25349 **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.

Action Items

25350 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Minyard to approve Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25351 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Election Order and Notice for May 1, 2021 Board of Trustees Election:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Hawkins to approve the Election Order and Notice for the May 1, 2021 Board of Trustees Election as presented. Position 2 (Delma Abalos), Position 4 (Chris Stanley), Position 5 (Dr. Steve Brown), and Position 7 (Nelson Minyard). All four incumbents have filed to run for re-election.

Motion unanimously approved.

25352 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Renewal or Nonrenewal of Contract with Ector Success Academy Network:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Brown to approve to Non-renew the Contract with Ector Success Academy Network the as presented. The term of the ESAN Performance Agreement with ECISD ends June 30, 2021. As outlined in ELA (Local), ECISD Board of Trustees may renew the contract for up to an additional ten-year term. In accordance with law, the Board shall renew a charter performance contract only if the Board finds that the campus charter has substantially fulfilled its obligations and met the performance standards in the contract and applicable law. From Tuesday night's board presentation: the campus met 6 of 24 academic goals set out in the Performance Agreement from 2018-2020; failed to meet generally accepted accounting standards for fiscal management; did not disclose a conflict of interest for services provided by the Charter Governing Board's President in June 2020, until November 2020. Per the agreement, notice of non-renewal must be given by the ECISD Board of Trustees by the last Friday of January

For:
Abalos
Brown
Hawkins
Minyard
Smith
Stanley

Against:
Gregg

Motion carried.

25353 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of PK3 Innovation Partner:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Minyard to approve the Odessa YMCA as the PK3 Innovation Partner. The Odessa YMCA will help provide three-year-old Pre-kindergarten next year. With kindergarten readiness being one of the primary tenets of ECISD's strategic plan, this partnership with the YMCA will help the District expand its pre-kindergarten program up to 1,000 three-year-olds beginning August 2021. The YMCA currently serves children 6-weeks-old to 12-years-old at its existing three locations. It plans to utilize its new building on Pagewood as the site for 150 3-year-olds with potential for expansion. The YMCA has a 'whole child' educational plan and academic model designed for literacy development and logical math discovery that lead to kindergarten readiness.

Motion unanimously approved.

25353 **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Brown to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes
- B. Request for Approval of Bills for Payment
- C. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Donations Over \$10,000
- D. Request for Approval of Permian High School Orchestra Student Out-of-State Travel to Orlando, Florida

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

25354 **Public Hearing on District Annual Performance Report:** Executive Director of Accountability Annette Macias presented this item for discussion. School districts are required to hold a public hearing to discuss their annual report which includes academic performance data, accreditation status, campus performance objectives, information on violent or criminal incidents and performance of the previous year's graduates in their first year of college as reported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Much of the academic information on this year's report remains the same as last year's report due to the fact all state assessments were suspended last spring due to the COVID-19 school closures. This presentation will be available on the [ECISD Accountability Department website](#) the day after this meeting.

No action required.

25355 **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.

25356 **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

25357 **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Acknowledgement of Donations, Financials, Purchasing Report and the Routine Personnel Report.

25358 **Adjournment:** Board President Delma Abalos adjourned the Board meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Board President
Delma Abalos

Board Secretary
Dr. Steve Brown