

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 1301 N. DOTSY, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., December 19, 2017, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Ray Beaty, D.C.
Dr. Steve Brown
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna C. Smith
Doyle Woodall

Absent:

Delma Abalos
Carol Gregg

School Officials: Tom Crowe, Mike Adkins, Roy Garcia, Carolyn Gonzalez, David Harwell, Ann McClarty, Brian Moersch, David Morris, Todd Vesely, Kellie Wilks

Others: Julie Rivera, Blanca Flores, Iva Hodges, Tristan Specter, Eva Ramirez, Andrea Crenshaw, Mauricio Marquez, Janet Bell, John Gillian, Wayne Squiers, Brandon Chesser, Marissa King, Cynthia Gonzalez, Kim Snyder, Rebecca Haynie, Anthony Rodriguez, Teracia Jernigan, Maria Villa, Leo Lopez, John Alvarez, Autumn Sloan, Kamy Smith, Betsabe Salcido, Marlane Burns, Patty Suchil, Teresa Sellers, Martha Mitchell, Sydney Garcia, Becky Phillips, Deanne Webster, Mary Morton, Kristin Morton, Ryan Morton, Julie Canty, Marcos Lopez, Silvia Moreno San Segundo, Amy Anderson, Latisha Hermosillo, Ronda Rodriguez, Patricia Forester, Heather Rutledge, Nathan Sanchez-Juarez, Katheryn Dockall, Janice Steele, Amye Cotton, Tabatha Sumrall, Carolyn Clair, Alisha Holguin, Sharon Story, Lisa Mitchell, Stacey Molyneaux, Gerardo Ramirez, Heather Cross, Sandra Banda, Manuel Banda, Alicia Press, Natalie, Fitzgerald, William J. Galindo, Tanya L. Galindo, Cynthia McNabb, Elaine Sparks, Mary Franco

23973 **Meeting Called to Order:** Doyle Woodall, Board Vice-President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

23974 **Special Presentations:**

Recognition of Student Spaceflight Experiments Program: Thanks to the work of the ECISD Innovation Department, its PICK Education initiative, and some very generous sponsors, 13 Falcon Early College High School students had the opportunity to compete in the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program. ECISD was one of 31 communities in the U.S., Canada, and Brazil accepted into the program which offered students the chance to develop their own science experiments that potentially could be conducted by astronauts at the International Space Station. The three experiments that were chosen as finalist and were submitted to the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education all came from Falcon Early College High School.

Participating students: Deidra Morales, Damien Galindo, Leo Lopez, Fabian Carrasco, Wendy Hernandez, Gracielle Velasco, Devin Arriaga, Mason

Driggers, Francis Dapanas, Faith Eleby, Kobe Hernandez, Juan Mendoza, and Yazlin Romero.

Recognition of Bushman Grant Recipients: Local businessman John Bushman contributed \$100,000 to ECISD in an effort to impact student learning. The plan devised called for awarding five grants of \$20,000 each with \$10,000 being dedicated to the project and \$10,000 to the individual grant writer. Another stipulation was that three of the grants needed to benefit the three ECISD schools in their fifth year of Improvement Required status (the grants benefiting these three schools did not have to be written by a teacher at those schools), Ector Middle School, Noel Elementary, and Zavala Elementary.

The five winning grants and authors are:

Amanda Webber, Hays Elementary 5th grade teacher, whose grant begins a partnership between 5th grade teachers at Hays and Zavala to increase digital literacy of teachers and students.

Janie Steele, Hays Elementary Media Specialist, whose grant is for Zavala and Noel to participate in the reading contest known as the Battle of Texas 2x2 Books.

Stephanie Green and Sydney Garcia, Hays Elementary 2nd grade and 1st grade teachers, whose grant creates a partnership with Zavala to allow students to become “engineers” and learn how to use the Engineering Design Process.

Ronda Rodriguez, Blackshear Elementary 5th grade teacher, whose grant promises to take Blackshear students on virtual field trips to experience and explore all areas of science curriculum through a Google Expedition Virtual Reality kit.

Andrea Crenshaw, Ector Middle School Science teacher, also designed a grant to use Google Expedition Virtual Reality goggles for students to take trips all over the world.

Recognition of Education Foundation Emergency Grants: The Education Foundation of Odessa continues to create opportunities for education in ECISD. The Foundation opened a special grant cycle this fall specifically for the six schools that are in their 5th or 3rd year of Improvement Required status. ECISD teachers submitted 28 grants with 21 of them being funded in the amount of \$37,529. Teachers will implement these grants in the spring semester.

Recognition of Stand up for Texas Public Schools Partners: The following Texas Public Schools Partners were recognized for earning recognition from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Stand Up for Texas Public Schools program for their contribution to children’s education:

- Academy Sports & Outdoors, Liz Martinez, store manager – Promoting perfect attendance through donations of bikes and helmets.
- Asbury United Methodist Church, Mike & Lanelle Agee – Providing rewards for perfect attendance, donating backpacks, school supplies, and Smartboards.
- Bethany Christian Church, Pastor Greg Morris and Judy Morris – Providing school supplies, water, and snacks during STAAR testing.
- Odessa Fire & Rescue – 18 members of Odessa Fire & Rescue mentoring 16 5th grade students at Dowling Elementary during the 2016-2017 school year.

Recognition of W.D. Noel Volunteers of the Year: The Non-profit Management Center in Midland annually sponsors the Beacon Award – ten awards that recognize and reward various forms of Outstanding Community Service throughout the Permian Basin. In September two of ECISD volunteers were honored for their volunteer work.

Avery Bendik, Murry Fly Elementary 5th grade student was named the W.D. Noel Youth Volunteer of the year.

Pat Lopez, Burleson elementary VIPS Chair, was named the W.D. Noel Adult Volunteer of the year.

Recognition of Holiday Card Design Winners: The Board of Trustees and Superintendent's Christmas card that is sent each year is designed by ECISD students. This effort is coordinated each year by the District's Fine Arts Department. The Board of Trustees voted on the following three as their favorites to be placed on this year's Christmas card:

Elementary Winner: Adamaris Nieto, Burleson Elementary bilingual kindergarten student. Her classroom teacher is Silvia Moreno San Segundo.

Middle School Winner: Julian Tercero, Bonham Middle School 8th grader. His Art teacher is Heather Cross.

High School Winner: Anthony Rodriguez, Odessa high School 9th grader. His Art teacher is Rebecca Haynie.

Recognition of United Way Top Fundraising Campuses: ECISD contributed a total of \$82,053.79 to United Way 2017 Campaign. The following Campuses and Department were recognized as the top United Way fundraisers:

Top Department: School Nutrition - \$2,685

Top Elementary School: E.K. Downing - \$3,807
Top Secondary School: Odessa High School - \$11,080

Recognition of Red Ribbon Week Contest Winners: Lamar Early Education Center and Bowie Middle School were recognized as the Red Ribbon Week Campus Decorating Contest Winners.

Recognition of Texas Education Agency Distinctions: When the Texas Education Agency announces accountability ratings each year, the agency also announces Distinction Designations which are awarded for achievement in several areas and are based on performance relative to a group of campuses of similar type, size, grade span, and student demographics. For the 2016-2017 school year ECISD had a record number of schools, fourteen to earn a record number of Distinctions – 25.

<u>Campus</u>	<u>Distinction Designations Received</u>
Buice	(1) Top 25% Student Progress
Burnet	(1) Top 25% Student Progress
Cavazos	(1) Top 25% Student Progress
Ireland	(1) Top 25% Student Progress
Milam	(1) Top 25% Student Progress
Ross	(1) Top 25% Student Progress
Sam Houston	(1) Science
San Jacinto	(1) Top 25% Student Progress
Hays	(2) Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps, Post-Secondary Readiness
Travis	(2) Top 25% Student Progress, Math
Reagan Elementary	(6) All Areas, Reading/ELA, Math, Science, Post-Secondary Readiness, Top 25% Closing the Performance Gaps, Top 25% Student Progress
GHWB NTO	(5 of 7) Reading/ELA, Math, Social Studies, Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps, Post-Secondary Readiness

Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Program Honorees: 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. Of approximately 250,000 Hispanic/Latino high school juniors who take the PSAT only about 5,000 (the top 2%) are honored as National Hispanic Scholars. ECISD is proud to announce four students that achieved this distinction this year:

David Hinojos, Odessa High School
Reana Lopez, Permian High School
Jacob Menchaca, Permian High School
Kristen Morton, Permian High School

Recognition of Academic All-State Selections: The Texas High School Coaches Association released its Academic All State teams to recognize athletes who excel in grade point average, class rank, and their ACT/SAT scores. Odessa High School had the following four student-athletes named Honorable Mention Academic All State:

Nathan Gonzales, Seth Marsh, Nathan Sanchez, and Chase Webster

Recognition of Washington Post's Most Challenging High Schools List: Odessa High School and Permian High School were recognized for being named to the Most Challenging High School List, this being the second year in a row OHS has made the list. Odessa High School was ranked #1,553 and Permian High School was ranked #1,928. According to the Washington Post, Odessa and Permian High Schools are among the leaders in public schools who are pushing students to achieve through participation in exams such as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate.

Recognition of Odessa High School selected as Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program Site of the Year: Odessa High School received recognition as site of the year by representatives of IDRA, the organization that created the program. This distinction highlights the effective and innovative ways OHS implements the program. The CCVYP is a student-to-student tutoring program in which at-risk high school students are selected to be mentors and tutors to struggling elementary students.

Recognition of Odessa High School Qualifiers for National Thespian Festival: The International Thespian Society (ITS), founded in 1929, is an honorary organization for high school theatre students located at more than 4,600 affiliated secondary schools across America and abroad. The mission of the International Thespian Society is to honor student achievement in the theatre arts. This year, six Odessa High School students participated in the state festival: Karis Cox, Juan Rivera, Jonathan Spruill, Vianka Suchil, Keylee Dennis, and Caitlynn Almance. Two of these students, Vianka Suchil and Juan Rivera, qualified for the national competition in duet acting. These students have earned the opportunity to represent Odessa High School at the national level. The National Festival and Competition will be held on Jun 25 through June 30 in Lincoln Nebraska.

Recognition of 2017 Mark of Excellence National Percussion Ensemble Honors: The Foundation for Music Education awarded the Permian High School Percussion Ensemble Commended Honors in the 2017 Mark of Excellence Project. This year 287 of the finest musical ensembles in the nation entered this competition, which included band, choir, orchestra, jazz, and percussion categories. Permian High School Percussion Ensemble group entered a recorded performance which is now featured on the MarkCustom.com website as a permanent archive of the achievement and a

valuable reference and resource for other directors. The Permian Percussion Ensemble is directed by John Carroll.

Recognition of Precision Manufacturing Level I Certifications: Odessa Career & Technical Early College High School (OCTECHS) students Jon Travland, Raul Hurtado, Carter Duke, Rogelio Zoe Zavala, Anastazia Pulido, and Aidan Wheelles walked the stage during Odessa College's graduation ceremony, having all earned their Precision Manufacturing Level I Certificates. These students are part of the first group of OCTECHS who started when the school opened at Odessa College in the Fall of 2015. They are on their way to earning an Associate's Degree from OC by the time they graduate from high school. Students who attend OCTECHS can complete an Associate's Degree along with their high school diploma at no cost.

23975 **Adjournment:** Board Vice-President Doyle Woodall adjourned the Board meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Board Vice-President
Doyle Woodall

Board Secretary
Donna C. Smith