

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., APRIL 18, 2023, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Carol Gregg
Tammy Hawkins
Dennis Jones
Dr. Donna C. 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, Heather Lovett, Aaron Hawley, Lisa Wills, Jaime Miller, Tracey Borchardt, Sandra Banda, Susan Lara, Ronnie Hernandez, Laura Perez, Jessica Denney, Salvador Perez, Angela Martinez, Vanessa Brewer, Shannon Davidson, Michael Horton, Brandon Reyes, Stephanie Sherman, Cody Griffin, Edlin Roman, Jieun Pando, Fallon McLane, Heather Potts, Ale Garcia, Dianey Salgado, Martha Burrola, Ellen Smith, Natalie Fitzgerald, Connie Drager, Stephanie Wright, Kristen Vesely, Mary Franco

26271 **Meeting Called to Order:** Carol Gregg, Board Vice-President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

26272 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Carol Gregg, Board Vice-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.

26273 **Pledge Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Permian High School Students Casey Bennett and Luke Berridge.

26274 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Pastor Steve Crone, First Baptist Church.

26275 **Special Presentations:**

Presentation of Spirit Scholarship Winners from Odessa High School and Permian High School: Chief Communications Officer Mike Adkins introduced the Broncho Spirit and MOJO Spirit Scholarship Recipients. When a company requests to use one of our trademarked logos for Permian High School or Odessa High School, it must agree to a licensing agreement and the annual fee that goes with it. Those fees are pooled into a scholarship fund for PHS and OHS, four students from each high school are selected from the pool of applicants. Those students represent four areas

of involvement – Athletics, AVID, Career & Technical Education, and Fine Arts. This year's Broncho Spirit and MOJO Spirit Scholarship recipients are:

Odessa High School

- Jade A. Hernandez | Athletics | OC or Texas Tech University | Major: Nursing
- Jeseray Soto | AVID | Odessa College or Midland College | Major: Nursing
- Yeileen Barrera | CTE | OC or UTPB | Major: Business Management or Culinary Arts
- Victoria Rivera | Fine Arts | UTPB | Major: Business

Permian High School

- Alyse Albidrez | Athletics – Clemson University | Major: Psychology
- Angela Martinez | AVID – OC or UTPB | Major: Education
- Madaline G. Dominguez | CTE - Texas Tech University | Major: Nursing
- Easton Easley | Fine Arts – OC/Tarleton State University | Major: Environment Science

Introduction of Student Spaceflight Experiment Program Winners: Chief Communications Officer Mike Adkins introduced the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program and Mission Flight Patch Winners whose work will be sent to the International Space Station later this year for the fourth year in a row. Ector County ISD students are going to send a science experiment they designed to the International Space Station, this one as part of Mission 17 of the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP). This year a team of five students from the STEM Academy – Junior Georgie Shoumaroff, and Sophomores Evan Boyer, Evan Hernandez, Kagan Holder, and Bryan Nash, along with their teacher Karey Grametbaur created an experiment to test whether a specific fungus, *Pestalotiopsis microspora*, would survive and reproduce in space with the goal of the fungus breaking down waste plastic into biodegradable components. The biodegradable byproduct of this experiment could then be used by astronauts to grow plants in. SSEP is an international program that engages students in designing experiments that will be carried out in microgravity by astronauts on the ISS. The launch was originally scheduled for this summer but has been delayed until December.

An additional component of SSEP is the Mission Flight Patch competition. Students in all grade levels can participate in SSEP by creating mission patch art. Two mission patches will fly to the International Space Station with the winning team's experiment, and return to Earth certified as flown in space.

Mission 17 Flight Patch Winners:

Edith Martinez, Buice Elementary – 1st Place Elementary

Naelie Perez, Wilson & Young Medal of Honor MS – 1st Place Secondary

Young Professionals of Odessa Campus Awards: The Young Professionals of Odessa develops and creates opportunities, supports community involvement, provides leadership education, and promotes an overall investment in Odessa's future. In 2017 the Young Professionals of Odessa (YPO), put on a "re-supply" drive to help replenish students' school supplies after the first semester, for one school, Sam Houston Elementary. The YPO chose Sam Houston because it showed the highest level of economically disadvantaged students. Today, the YPO identifies 7 schools and the supply drive has become a \$1,000 donation to be used **as needed**

by the school. Still the same criteria, the schools are chosen due to high economically disadvantaged population.

The Young Professionals of Odessa Representatives presented seven \$1,000.00 check to each of the following ECISD Elementary Campus Principals:

Blackshear Elementary, Assistant Principal Mercedes Shirley
Buddy West Elementary, Principal Nora Gonzalez
Dowling Elementary, Principal Julie Marshall
Gonzales Elementary, Principal Adonica Galindo
San Jacinto Elementary, Principal Fallon McLane
Travis Elementary, Principal Ale Garcia
Zavala Elementary, Principal Tania Galindo

Recognition of Career & Technical Education State & National Qualifiers: Chief Communications Officer Mike Adkins presented the following National Qualifiers:

Alondra Montoya (not Present) | OHS | Intermediate Word Processing | 4th in State

Kaden Mancha | PHS | Advanced Interview Skills | 3rd in State

Dianey Salgado OHS | Lesson Planning & Delivery: Humanities | She taught a lesson to a 2nd grade class and scored 111 out of a possible 115.

The Career & Technical Education State Qualifiers were introduced by video.

26276 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In his opening comments, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Muri congratulated retiring school board member Carol Gregg. She served in the role of school board member in two separate terms totaling 20 years. Trustees presented her with their “Extra Mile Award” and offered their thanks for all she has done for the staff, students and families of ECISD through the years. Job well done!

26277 **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)* The following seven citizens participated during this portion of the meeting.

There was no public comment.

Action Items

26278 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Jones to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented with modification to pull the last item, RFP #23 09 7th & 8th Grade Math Coaching.

Motion unanimously approved.

26279 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2022-2023 Budget Amendment #5:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Jones to approve 2022-2023 Budget Amendment #5

as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26280** **Discussion of and Request for Approval to Enter into Interlocal Agreement with Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA) Purchasing Cooperative (COOP) and Ector County ISD:** Moved by Jones, seconded by Stanley to approve to enter into Interlocal Agreement with Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA) Purchasing Cooperative (COOP) and Ector County ISD as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26281** **Discussion of and Request for Approval to Enter into Interlocal Agreement with National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) Purchasing Cooperative (COOP) and Ector County ISD:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Stanley to approve to enter into Interlocal Agreement with National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) Purchasing Cooperative (COOP) and Ector County ISD as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26282** **Discussion of and Request for Approval to Enter into Interlocal Agreement with Omnia Partners Purchasing Cooperative (COOP) and Ector County ISD:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Jones to approve to enter into Interlocal Agreement with Omnia Partners Purchasing Cooperative (COOP) and Ector County ISD as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26283** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2022-2023 Gifted and Talented Plan:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Hawkins to approve the **2023-2024** Gifted and Talented Plan as presented noting the calendar year correction.

(Delma Abalos had briefly stepped out and was not present for the vote.)

Motion passed 6-0.

- 26284** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Ector County ISD and Ector County:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Hawkins to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Ector County ISD and Ector County as presented. This agreement is for an exchange of properties adjacent to Cavazos Elementary.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26285** **Discussion of and Request for Approval to Set Date for Canvassing of Board of Trustees May 6, 2023 Election Results (Solicitud De Aprobación Para Fijar La Fecha Del Escrutinio De Los Resultados De Las Elecciones Del 6 De Mayo De 2023 De La Mesa Directiva):** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Hawkins to approve to Set Date for Canvassing of Board of Trustees May 6, 2023 Election Results (Solicitud De Aprobación Para Fijar La Fecha Del Escrutinio De Los Resultados De Las Elecciones Del 6 De Mayo De 2023 De La Mesa Directiva) for May 16, 2023.

Motion unanimously approved.

26286 **Consent Agenda**: Moved by Brown, seconded by Stanley to approve the Consent Agenda with the modification to pull Item F and act on independently.

- 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 MOU for Teacher Residency Strategic Staffing Grant with UTPB and Region 18 ESC TXCEE
- E. Request for Approval of Odessa HS Texas Association of Future Educators' Students' Out-of-State Travel to Orlando, Florida
- F. ~~Request for Approval of Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification 2023-2024~~

Motion unanimously approved as modified.

26287 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification 2023-2024**: Moved by Abalos, seconded by Hawkins to approve the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification 2023-2024 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

26288 **Budget Update Discussion**: Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers along with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Muri presented this item for discussion. Dr. Muri gave board members a brief update on the state legislature's work, letting them know the Texas House of Representatives has now sent a preliminary budget to the Texas Senate, and the Senate has sent its preliminary budget to the House. In early analysis of each budget, the House proposal would mean an additional \$4 million for ECISD's funding; the Senate is targeting funding for areas such as Safety and a \$2,000 Raise for Teachers. Dr. Muri and a group of Trustees will be traveling to Austin this week to talk with elected officials about our school district needs and ideas on using the State's \$32 billion surplus to have a large impact on public education.

No action required.

26289 **Curriculum & Instruction Report | K-2 Literacy**: Executive Director of Leadership Ellen Smith presented this item for discussion. All kindergarten through 3rd grade teachers and administrators are required to attend a Texas Reading Academy. The District is supporting that work with a decoding pilot that showed strong improvement (double-digit gains) among students at Blanton, Milam and Pease elementary schools. There are 5 essential components of reading: fluency, vocabulary, phonics, phonemic awareness and comprehension. The decoding work directly supports phonics.

No action required.

26290 **Technology Update Presentation:** Chief Technology Officer Dr. Kellie Wilks along with each Information Technology Division Leader provided an update of each of their respective area. These IT teams are continuously evaluating infrastructure and devices to ensure they are working, and being used, at maximum efficiency. IT has been cleaning up wireless internet access in portables to prevent downtime; providing each teacher a laptop and docking station to make every teacher portable – they can go anywhere and use their computer; the district is changing over from smart boards in classroom to interactive smart panels (Promethean boards) that are larger, and brighter; streamline processes for buyback or disposal of outdated equipment; the IT Help Desk has been redesign to improve service, which it has to less than 5 hours for the first response to a request and resolved by the next day, on average. A new student information system will come online this summer, called Focus. The migration started about 10 months ago and training is well underway. With Focus the new parent portal and teacher gradebook are mobile compatible and easier to use. The Digital Learning office gives support for the way student devices and digital tools are used, allowing teachers to create, monitor and deliver learning more efficiently. Digital tools let teachers review work and give feedback without having to physically collect all completed assignments.

No action required.

26291 **Board of Trustees' Continuing Education Report:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Muri presented this item. The State Legislature requires school districts to provide the public with a record of school board member continuing education credit hours. These records, as recorded by the Texas Association of School Boards along with the Framework for Governance Leadership were provided. All Trustees met the annual requirements.

No action required.

26292 **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.] (Discussion of 2023-2024 Employment Contract Renewals for Administrators, Teachers, and Other Professional Support Employees); and (The Board of Trustees will deliberate the hiring of the Principal at Blanton Elementary School; Principal at Goliad Elementary School; and Principal at Ireland Elementary School.) 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.]:**

Board Vice-President Carol Gregg convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 8:32 p.m.

Board Vice-President Carol Gregg reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 8:57 p.m.

26293 **Request for Approval of 2023-2024 Employment Contract Renewals for Administrators, Teachers, and other Professional Support Employees:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Jones to approve the 2022-2023 Employment Contract Renewals for Administrators, Teachers, and other Professional Support Employees as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26294 **Request for Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal at Blanton Elementary School:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Hawkins to approve the recommendation to hire Christan Pugh as Principal at Blanton Elementary School as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26295 **Request for Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal at Goliad Elementary School:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Hawkins to approve the recommendation to hire Claudia Lopez as Principal at Goliad Elementary School as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26296 **Request for Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal at Ireland Elementary School:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Hawkins to approve the recommendation to hire Mercedes Shirley as Principal at Ireland Elementary School as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26297 **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Acknowledgement of Quarterly Donations, Financials, Purchasing Report, and Routine Personnel Report.

26298 **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** In Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Muri's closing remarks, he once again congratulated Carol Gregg for her years of service to ECISD.

26299 **Adjournment:** Board Vice-President Carol Gregg adjourned the Board meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Board Vice-President
Carol Gregg

Board Secretary
Christopher Stanley