

AT A BOARD WORK STUDY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM A/B – 3rd FLOOR - 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., October 13, 2015 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Ray Beaty, D.C.
Dr. Steve Brown
Teri Ervin
Carol Gregg
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna C. Smith
Doyle Woodall

Absent:

School Officials: Mike Adkins, Tom Crowe, David Finley, Roy Garcia, Keith Garinger, Carolyn Gonzalez, David Harwell, Wendy Hines, Brian Moersch, Todd Vesely, Kellie Wilks

Others: Mike Atkins, Julia Willett, Jeff Whitaker, Liz Quintela, Jacqui Gore, Becky Morris, Tassy Miller, Lisa Wills, Ann McClarty, Ashley Bryant, Rexana Hughes, David Morris, Ruth Campbell, Cynthia McNabb, Mary Franco

23136 **Meeting Called to Order:** Nelson Minyard, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

(Carol Gregg was absent for this portion of the meeting.)

23137 **Presentation: Dyslexia Awareness Month:** Local Dyslexia Parents Network President Jacqui Gore spoke of her own experience with a Dyslexic child. Ms. Gore stressed how crucial it is to have a strong Dyslexia program for children and how important it is to connect with parents to make them aware of resources available to them and their children. She thanked the Board and Administrators for all the great work that is being done, but also emphasized that much more could be done in terms of educating and supporting parents.

(Carol Gregg arrived at 6:12 p.m. and was present for the remainder of the meeting.)

No action required.

23138 **Presentation: Permian High School and Odessa High School GAPP Exchange Program:** At the request of the Board of Trustee, students who participated in the GAPP Exchange Program and traveled to Germany this past summer provided Trustees with a presentation of their experiences. The students talked about not only their visits to German Museums and tourist sites, but of the great opportunity of experiencing the German education system, industry, and everyday culture.

No action required.

23139 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Permian High School and Odessa High School Students in GAPP Exchange Program Overseas Travel to Germany:** Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Roy Garcia presented this item for discussion. GAPP is a German American Partnership exchange program between the two countries which has existed since 1972. PHS and OHS students in the GAPP Exchange Program are requesting permission for approximately 10-12 students to travel to Germany from June 11 – July 10, 2016.

The students will be housed with local families (parents of students who visited us in April of 2014) and will attend classes at Kaiserpfalz Realschule for ten instructional days, they will spend time on local excursions, making contacts with community leaders, and will also spend time touring various cultural, social and academic sites.

Students will miss zero days of instruction and the cost of the trip will require fund raising and personal funds.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23140 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Permian High School Band Out-of-State Travel to New York:** Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Roy Garcia along with PHS Band Director Jeff Whitaker presented this item for discussion. Permian High School Band is requesting permission for approximately 200 students to travel to New York from June 5 – June 10, 2016.

While in NYC the students will attend Wicked and Hamilton on Broadway; they will attend Broadway in “The Classroom Clinic” where they will sight-read Broadway scores under the direction of Broadway pit musicians and they will also visit the 9/11 Memorial and Museum.

The cost of the trip will require fund raising and personal funds.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23141 **Presentation: JASON Learning:** ECISD Science Coordinator Ashley Bryant presented this item. ECISD had two teachers and one student participate in the JASON Argonaut program. Bonham Middle School 8th grade Science teacher Rexana Hughes, NTO Biology teacher Elias Martinez, and PHS freshman Wyatt Stiles were chosen at random to travel to Eleuthera in the Bahamas where they

were able to perform scientific tasks with actual scientists in the field. Ms. Hughes shared her experiences with the Board.

This trip was fully funded by Chevron.

No action required.

23142 **Report on the Compensatory Education Program Evaluation:** Director of Federal & State Programs Julia Willett provided the Board of Trustees with a report on the Compensatory Education Program Evaluation. Ms. Willett reported that ECISD students failing to perform satisfactorily on an end of course assessment were offered EOC Tutoring and EOC Extended Year. Through the EOC Tutoring, 1310 students were served. All secondary campuses offered campus based summer extended year remediation programs, 960 students served. Ms. Willett also reported that tutoring between first and second administration had the best results in passing rates, with US History and English II having the most success. Extended years services in US History and Biology showed the most positive gains.

No action required.

23143 **Presentation: District's FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Report:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented the District's 2013-2014 FIRST rating. Of the two ratings Pass (16-30 range) and Substandard Achievement (<16), Mr. Harwell reported that ECISD had achieved the Pass rating, with a score of 30.

There was no public comment on the report.

No action required.

(This item will be presented at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23144 **Discussion of Purchases over \$50,000:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented Purchases over \$50,000 as required by Board Policy CH(Local). There were no purchases over \$50,000 to present for review and approval. This agenda item is retained should a purchase item occur between the agenda posting deadline and the Board meeting.

No action required.

23145 **Discussion of Acknowledgement of Donations and Gifts:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented the quarterly report of Donations and Gifts. On occasion patrons of the school district provide gifts of money or equipment for use by students or staff. It is the District's desire to inform Trustees of these gifts and thank donors.

No action required.

23146 **Report on Disposal of Surplus Equipment:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. In August 2014 and March 2015 auctions were held to dispose of surplus equipment and furniture. The August 2014 auction proceeds were \$11,786.13 and the March 2015 proceeds were \$3,946.09. The total received from the sale of surplus equipment was \$15,732.22.

In addition, the District contracted with Prime Systems for disposal services to remove obsolete computers at no cost to the District. They picked up approximately 250 CPU's, approximately 200 CRT monitors, and approximately 290 laptops.

No action required.

23147 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Class Size Waiver for Fall Semester (2015-2016 School Year):** Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Wendy Hines presented this item. As mandated by the state each District must report each K-4 classroom that exceeds the 22:1 student-to-teacher ratio. The date used for determination of the class size waiver was September 8, 2015. Mrs. Hines reported to Trustees that ECISD would be requesting 40 waivers from the class size maximum in grades K-4 for the 2015-2016 Fall semester. ECISD is requesting 128 less waivers than it did last year 2014-2015. The decrease is the result of the opening of three new elementary schools and the new boundary zones.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23148 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Odessa High School Phase V: Performing Arts Building:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. The GMP of for Odessa High School Phase V: Performing Arts Building is being proposed at \$7,896,255.00 dollars approximately \$90,000 over the originally projected budget. This project is the final piece of the 2012 bond construction. Mr. Finley reported to Trustees that the entire school bond project, which includes OHS additions, PHS additions and the three new elementary schools is about \$6.5 million over budget.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23149 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Hazardous Traffic Area Designation:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley along with Executive Director of District Operations David Morris presented this item for discussion. As per Texas Education Code 42.155 a district may request an additional 10 percent of its regular transportation allotment to be used for the transportation of children living within two miles of the school they attend who would be subject to hazardous traffic conditions if they walked to school.

The District currently has twenty campuses that meet the designation, this designation will allow the District to access up to \$200,000 dollars.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23150 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Tax Foreclosed Property:** Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. Trustees are being asked to consider an offer on property (Lot 1 and Lot 2 except for East 10', Block 10, Pool Annex, Odessa, Ector County, Texas, 200 and 206 East Murphy Street, Odessa, Texas) which is less than taxes, penalties and interest currently owed, and less than the market price for the property. All other taxing entities must agree to the sale on these types of properties before transactions can be completed. Accepting an offer on the property will place them on various entities' tax rolls, plus relieve them from the need to maintain the property.

The property will be used as additional parking for the Historic White Pool House.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23151 **Discussion of Board Policy BQA (Local) Planning and Decision Making Process: District Level:** Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. This policy has been updated to reflect changes in the voting membership and to change the wording "junior high school" to "middle school".

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23152 **Discussion of Board Policy EIC (Local) Academic Achievement: Class Ranking**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. This policy has been updated to reflect changes in the Honor Graduates and Class Rank.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23153 **Discussion of Board Policy FJ (Local) Gifts and Solicitations**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. This policy has been updated to reflect changes in secondary grade levels and to change the wording “junior high school” to “middle school”.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23154 **Discussion of Board Policy FMF (Local) Student Activities: Contests and Competition**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. This policy has been updated to reflect changes in High School UIL Eligibility.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 20, 2015 meeting.)

23155 **Discussion of Board Policy FEE (Local) Attendance: Open/Closed Campus**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. Mr. Moersch recommended deleting this local policy and placing it in Regulations.

No action required.

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23156 **Adjournment**: Board President Nelson Minyard adjourned the Board meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary

Board Work Study
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