

**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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR - 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:30 P.M., January 10, 2017 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, David Harwell, Wendy Hines, Brian Moersch, Todd Vesely, Kellie Wilks

**Others:** Mike Atkins, Betsabe Salcido, Elaine Smith, Tracy Taylor, Stacy Johnson, Ann McClarty, Annette Macias, Julia Willett-Weekly, Jennifer Bizzell, Gisela Davila, Rebecca Osborne, Jason Osborne, Marlane Burns, David Morris, Ruth Campbell, Elaine Sparks, Mary Franco

**23588** **Meeting Called to Order:** Teri Ervin, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**23589** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Permian High School Orchestra Out-of-State Travel to Colorado Springs, Colorado:** Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Roy Garcia presented this item for discussion. The Permian High School Orchestra will be requesting permission for approximately eighty students to travel to Colorado Springs, Colorado from April 20-24, 2017. Students will attend a full ensemble clinic with a member from the Air Force Strings or Colorado Springs Philharmonic. This trip does not require fund raising and will be paid for by personal funds.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 17, 2017 meeting.)*

**23590** **Presentation: 2016-2017 District Continuous Improvement Team Index 2: Student Progress Review:** Executive Director of Secondary Operations Marlane Burns and Executive Director of Elementary Operations Elizabeth McClarty along with DCIT teacher subcommittee members presented this item for discussion. The purpose of the DCIT of Index 2 is to provide a measure of student progress by subject and report results by student demographics: race/ethnicity, current and monitored ELLs, and special education. The team reported that in 2016 ECISD saw some large gains, in Index 2. The committee also made their recommendations for Trustees consideration which included the use of INOVA to identify students who would benefit from instructional and psychosocial intervention.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 17, 2017 meeting.)*

**23591**     **Discussion of Consideration to Approve a Resolution Concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools:** Superintendent Tom Crowe presented this item for discussion. The Texas Legislature enacted legislation that requires the Commissioner of Education to implement a public school rating system that would assign an A-F grade to schools and districts in five different domains and an overall grade beginning with the 2017-18 school year. This resolution calls on the Texas Legislature to repeal the rating system utilizing A-F grades for schools and districts and develop a community-based accountability system that empowers school districts to design their own internal systems of assessment and accountability that, while meeting general state standards, allows districts to innovate and customize curriculum and instruction to meet the needs and interests of each student and their communities. Board members expressed concern about doing away with state accountability noting our students need to be measured against others from around the state. Superintendent Tom Crowe expressed frustration with the plan saying the A-F system is inherently unfair and designed to denigrate public schools. The impact an F can have on a child, a teacher, and a school is tremendous.” He also pointed out 16 other states have adopted a similar system and most have either adjusted it dramatically or dropped it. To date more than 160 school districts in Texas have adopted a similar resolution against the A-F Accountability System.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 17, 2017 meeting.)*

**23592**     **Discussion of Consideration to Approve a Resolution to Join a Coalition of Texas School Districts that will Petition the Texas Legislature to Fund TEC Section 42.2521:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. Trustees discussed joining Districts in Texas as part of a coalition to petition for funding in the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Section 42.2521 of the Texas Education Code states that, to the extent money specifically authorized to be used under Section 42.2521 is available, the Texas Education Commissioner shall adjust the taxable value of property in a school district that, due to factors beyond the control of the Board of Trustees, experiences a rapid decline in the tax base used in calculating taxable values in excess of 4% of the tax base used in the preceding year. Over the past two years Ector County ISD has lost more than 17% (equal to approximately \$24 million) in appraised property value well above the 4% necessary to qualify for funding under the statute. If funded, ECISD would be eligible for approximately \$13 million. There is no cost for ECISD to join the coalition.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 17, 2017 meeting.)*

- 23593**     **Discussion of Request for Approval of TASB BuyBoard Cooperative Management Fee Report:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. On an annual basis the Board of Trustees are asked to approve the TASB BuyBoard Cooperative Management Fee Report in order to be in compliance with Section 44.031(a)(5) of the Texas Education Code.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 17, 2017 meeting.)*

- 23594**     **Discussion of Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. There were no contract/purchases that met this requirement.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 17, 2017 meeting.)*

- 23595**     **Report on Acknowledgement of Gifts and Donations:** 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.

- 23596**     **Discussion of Request for Approval to Sale Excess ECISD Property Located in Goldsmith – Tract #1, Lots 1 and 2, Block 83:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. Generally the District is required to offer property for sale by public auction, there is an exception for land that, because of its shape or other factors, cannot be used independently or offer itself for sale. In those exceptions, the law allows property to be conveyed to the adjoining property owner. That conveyance does not require a formal appraisal and can be for an amount that the District determines fair. Trustees were asked to consider approving the sale of this property to Fife Services, Inc., which owns the adjoining property, for \$500.00.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 17, 2017 meeting.)*

- 23597**     **Discussion of Request for Approval to Authorize the Negotiation and Execution of a Contract to Purchase Property – 1203 Golder Ave:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. Trustees were asked to consider authorizing the negotiation and execution of a contract to purchase the property at 1203 Golder Ave for a proposed price of \$265,800.

The District will give the homeowner the option to “buy back” any structures currently on the property for \$1.00. This property sits directly east of the OHS Performing Arts Center and will be turned into a parking lot.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 17, 2017 meeting.)*

**23598**     **Discussion of Request for Approval to Authorize the Negotiation and Execution of a Contract to Purchase Property – 1211 Golder Ave:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. Trustees were asked to consider authorizing the negotiation and execution of a contract to purchase the property at 1211 Golder Ave for a proposed price of \$169,000. The District will give the homeowner the option to “buy back” any structures currently on the property for \$1.00. This property sits directly east of the OHS Performing Arts Center and will be turned into a parking lot.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 17, 2017 meeting.)*

**23599**     **Request for Approval of Closed Meeting – Personnel Matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Discussion of Routine Personnel Report) [Board will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employees of the District]:**

No closed session held.

**23600**     **Information Items:** The Purchasing Report and Routine Personnel Report were provided to the Board of Trustees.

No action required.

**23601**     **Adjournment:** Board President Teri Ervin adjourned the Board meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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**Board President**  
Teri Ervin

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**Board Secretary**  
Doyle Woodall