

**AT A SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM E – 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR, 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 12:30 P.M., APRIL 2, 2013, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

Fay Batch  
Ray Beaty, D.C.  
Luis Galvan  
Dr. Donnie Norwood  
Tom Pace  
Dr. Donna C. Smith  
Yollie Wilkins

**Absent:**

**School Officials:** H.T. Sanchez, Brian Moersch, David Finley, Wendy Hines

**Others:** Martha Mitchell, Mary Jane Noblitt, Catalina Bobadilla, Nicole Rodriguez, Tommy Ervin, Teri Ervin, Damon Jackson, Raul Moreno, Carolyn Gonzalez, Mike Adkins, Mike Atkins, Lindsay Weaver, Elaine Sparks, Mary Franco

**21986** **Meeting Called to Order:** Ray Beaty, D.C., Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

*(Luis Galvan was absent for this portion of the meeting.)*

**21987** **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Ray Beaty, D.C., 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.

*(Luis Galvan was absent for this portion of the meeting.)*

*Item C was moved to be heard first on the agenda to accommodate a member's need to depart.*

**21988** **Discussion to Set Meeting Date to Begin Discussing the Superintendent Search Process:** Tom Pace led the discussion stating that he would like for the Board to begin exploring the search options, such as TASB or search firm costs.

Dr. Donna Smith said that she felt that the hiring of a Superintendent is a job for the next Board and that the current Board should not take action until after the May election. Dr. Smith also stated she thinks the Board should give Interim Superintendent Dr. H.T. Sanchez a chance to do the things they want him to do.

Dr. Donnie Norwood said he too would like for the research to begin to get an idea of the cost associated with a search.

Dr. Smith said she would like to see how other school districts conducted similar searches.

Trustees agreed to have the information gathered for review.

A report on the findings will be presented to Trustees at the regular April 16, 2013 board meeting.

This time frame ensures that a full-time superintendent cannot be hired before the May election. The Board must give public notice of the name of the finalist being considered at least 21 days before the date of the meeting at which a final action or vote is to be taken on the employment of the person. Government Code 552.126 [BJB (Legal)]

*(Dr. Donna Smith departed at 12:40 p.m. and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.)*

No Action Required.

**21989** **Lamar Early Education Center Profile Presentation**: Lamar Early Education Center Principal Martha Mitchell and staff members provided Trustees with a campus profile update.

*(Luis Galvan arrived at 1:04 p.m. and was present for the remainder of the meeting.)*

No Action Required.

**21990** **Bond Management Oversight and Update**: Chief Operations Officer David Finley walked Trustees through a process of designing an elementary school. He asked Trustees to consider the question “do our facilities support the learning environment or hinder the learning environment?” Mr. Finley talked about the concept of learning hubs; areas of school buildings that are not normally used for learning; such as hallways and common areas.

Trustees broke into two groups and were provided with a packet with all the required pieces to design a school. Meeting guest and local media members were invited to join the exercise.

After the design work Trustees offered suggestions and shared their likes and dislikes.

Mr. Finley pointed out that hallways are the biggest waste of space and money. He said this design concept literally expands hallways to be much bigger and to become part of the learning hub. This allows for student movement and uses space much more efficiently.

This is the concept for the new elementary schools and Mr. Finley is now looking for feedback to improve the final design. (Principals went through this same exercise last week.)

No Action Required.

**21991** **Adjournment:** Ray Beaty D.C., Board President, adjourned the Special Board Workshop at 1:50 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Ray Beaty, D.C.*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Dr. Donna Smith*