

**AT A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM, 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., AUGUST 10, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

Delma Abalos  
Dr. Steve Brown  
Carol Gregg  
Tammy Hawkins  
Nelson Minyard  
Dr. Donna Smith  
Christopher Stanley

**Absent:**

**School Officials:** Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Staci Ashley, Dr. Lilia Náñez, Jason Osborne, Deborah Ottmers, Alicia Syverson

**Others:** Tatiana Dennis, Lisa Wills, Aaron Hawley, Nancy Vanley, Annette Macias, Lauren Tavarez, Tracey Borchardt, Maria Harvey, Jacque Carrillo, Chelsea Reyes, Amanda Lopez, Donna Allen, Katelyn Zimmer, Cortney Smith, Ray Dominguez, Robert Cedillo, Dr. Corey Seymour, Daryton Ramsey, Ruth Campbell, Albert Anchondo, Mary Franco

**25589** **Meeting Called to Order:** Tammy Hawkins, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**25590** **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law – this is to certify that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with the public notice of this meeting:** Board President Tammy Hawkins, verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

**25591** **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In Dr. Muri's opening remarks he gave a brief recap of the first day of school. He said this was a day of realization that some of the kids returning to our school buildings had not been at school, in-person, in a year-and-a-half. Our middle schools and high schools opened with only 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on campus, and that seemed to be well-received. He said COVID is a big concern and will continue to be, and our District will continue to take precautions to keep everyone safe while at school.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Report/Discussion Items**

**25592** **Strategic Plan Update:** Special Assistant to Superintendent Albert Anchondo opened this item for discussion.

This presentation focused on three specific projects Redesign of the Student Summer Experience, Implementation of a Learning Management Systems (LMS) and System-wide Social/Emotional Learning (SEL).

*First, the* Redesign of the Student Summer Experience – a bold, new strategy combining TEA approved curriculum, ECISD’s own research-based resources and blending it all with coding and robotics, in small-group settings. It made for a very different summer experience. Enrollment reflected it: 2019-20 figures show about 2,100 students went to summer school versus 2020-21 seeing more than 5,400 in early June. Students also showed academic growth through the summer months – middle school students showed substantial growth in Reading on the MAP test. Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Lilia Náñez presented this item.

*Second,* Implementation of Learning Management System - a digital platform for teachers to design and deliver instruction to students online. This was piloted by 77 teachers last year, and the decision was made to use SeeSaw for PreK to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Schoology for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Staff has been trained and is using these tools now. A powerful LMS is a foundational component to providing personalized learning for every student. Director of Digital Learning Lauren Tavarez presented this item.

*Third,* System-wide Social/Emotional Learning - Research shows happiness and success are determined by the way a person thinks, rather than based on things out of their control (socio-economic factors, where a person comes from, etc.), and using the 7 Mindsets curriculum ECISD staff members will be able to more effectively support students in this way. Coordinator of Social/Emotional Learning Amanda Lopez presented this item.

No action required.

**25593** **Presentation of the Resilience School Support Program:** Associate Superintendent Dr. Lilia Náñez presented this item for discussion. ECISD received this RSSP grant a year ago and, with a technical support provider, implemented virtual learning for the 2020-21 school year. ECISD has received a second year of support through the RSSP grant. The focus of this grant for the 2021-22 school year is recovery and accelerated learning. Ector County ISD is the only school district in Region 18 to have received this RSSP grant. ECISD leaders will focus these recovery efforts on grade levels showing the lowest growth in Reading and Math, and students who are economically disadvantaged, Special Education, and English language learners. This will be a key piece of the District’s efforts to help children regain the academic losses of the COVID pandemic.

No action required.

**25594** **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.] 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.]:**

There was no closed session.

**25595** **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** In Dr. Muri’s closing remarks he thanked the Trustees for the good conversations in this meeting, and thanked ECISD staff for the work they did during a busy first day of school.

**25596** **Adjournment:** Tammy Hawkins, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Tammy Hawkins*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Carol Gregg*