

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 – 3ND FLOOR - 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., October 14, 2014 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

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

Absent:

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

Others: Mike Atkins, Daniel Loudenback, Janelle Bell, Kerini Joy, Jeff Whitaker, Lisa Wills, Carolyn Gonzalez, Stephanie Howard, Trey Burns, Ann McClarty, Toby Lefevers, Julia Willett, Gregory Nelson, Matt Thrasher, Elaine Sparks, Mary Franco

22500 **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

22501 **Discussion of Odessa High Showgirls Dance Team Travel to Hawaii:** Fine Arts Director Dr. Daniel Loudenback presented this item for discussion. The Odessa High School Showgirls Dance team is requesting permission for approximately 25 students to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii during Spring Break, March 6 – March 12, 2015. The team will be competing in the Spring Fling Competition.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22502 **Discussion of Odessa High Bronchettes Travel to Orlando, Florida:** Odessa High School Principal Gregory Nelson presented this item for discussion. The Odessa High School Bronchettes are requesting permission for 36 students to travel to Orlando, Florida from March 5-11, 2015. The Bronchettes will perform for the Orlando Magic NBA team and will take a Disney Dance workshop.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22503 **Discussion of Permian High School Band Travel to Colorado Springs, Colorado:** Fine Arts Director Dr. Daniel Loudenback presented this item for discussion. The Permian High School Band is requesting permission for approximately 174 students to travel to Colorado Springs, Colorado from May 15-19, 2015. The Permian High School Band will participate in a full ensemble clinic with a member of the Air Force Band.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22504 **Report on the Compensatory Education Program Evaluation:** Director of Federal and State Programs Julia Willett presented this item. This report was focused on the district's extended year programs (summer school). Each campus served their own summer school students which resulted in increased attendance and improved results.

Superintendent Tom Crowe asked that Trustee review the district's current practice that allows seniors who have not passed state exams to walk the stage at our graduation ceremonies and whether or not that should be changed.

Ms. Willett will provided responses to the following questions:

Luis Galvan asked for the percentage of students that took advantage of tutoring prior to the May administration.

Dr. Smith asked for the at-risk criteria and also asked how many of the re-testers had failed previous tests.

No action required.

22505 **Discussion of School Boundaries for the 2015-16 School Year:** Tom Crowe, Superintendent and the Board of Trustees continued the discussion of the new school boundaries. Mr. Crowe spoke with Trustees about the feedback and recommendations they received from the community during the Rezoning Meetings in September.

Mr. Crowe made the following recommendation for Trustees consideration:

- 1) Elementary Boundary Plan B1, which keeps Ross Elementary open.
- 2) New Middle School Model that incorporates the High School boundaries and will keep the current feeder patterns intact with Ector JHS being the only split middle school.

3) No change to the current High School boundaries.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22506 **Discussion of UTPB Affiliation Agreement for Nursing Services:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. Through this annual affiliation agreement both parties will continue to develop and advance training opportunities, and exchange expertise on patient care and staff development matters. University nursing students will also be allowed to shadow the District's school nurses.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22507 **Report on Bond Update:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. Mr. Finley reported to Trustees that due to the tight job market combined with the competition for construction services that the estimated cost to complete the bond construction work is approximately \$8.1 million dollars over the original bond projection which included a 10% contingency to start.

Trustees asked if there are areas where the projects could be scaled back to save money.

Mr. Finley responded that there are areas that could be looked at and that he would provide Trustees with options of where the project could possibly be changed, reduced or eliminated in order to save money.

Trustee Nelson Minyard asked that this item be brought back for further discussion at a later date.

No action required.

22508 **Discussion of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Odessa High School Phase III: Gymnasium Addition:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. The GMP for the Odessa High School Phase III: Gymnasium Addition is \$2.8 million dollars. Trustees asked that this item be placed on hold for further review of details for possible cost-savings.

No action required.

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22509 **Report on Head Start Vehicle Service Contract between ECISD and Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin**: Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item. Mr. Finley reported that Head Start has a need for certain limited services. Through this agreement the District's transportation department will provide maintenance and repair services for Head Start's vehicles, as needed.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22510 **Discussion of SAT Administration by the College Board**: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Carolyn Gonzalez presented this item for discussion. Mrs. Gonzalez reported that in an effort to get more students to take the SAT, the District is working on a plan to offer the SAT with teachers as proctors at our high schools next year. This plan would cost the District approximately \$52,000.

Trustees expressed their support of the plan and asked Administrators to move forward with the plan.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22511 **Discussion of PDAS Appraisers**: Chief Human Resource Officer Keith Garinger presented three names of individuals who have completed the necessary training and are now certified "Professional Development & Appraisal" appraisers.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22512 **Discussion of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for NOC Construction**: Chief Technology Officer Kellie Wilks presented this item for discussion. The GMP of \$2.4 million dollars for the design of a network control center for the District's Technology Department includes the replacement of the entire roof instead of the original proposal to patch and repair.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22513 **Discussion of RFP for Security Surveillance System:** Chief Technology Officer Kellie Wilks presented this item for discussion. ECISD received five (5) responses to this RFP, it was recommended the Board go with CDW-G for this project. This project will include the installation of 1,068 security cameras, 25-30 at each elementary campus and 60-100 at the secondary campuses. The Board previously approved \$2.1 million dollars to complete this project.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22514 **Discussion of Purchases over \$50,000:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. There are two items that were presented for review, the Jason Project for Jason Learning Products and College Board for the administration of the SAT.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22515 **Report on District's FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Report:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented the District's FIRST Report. Mr. Harwell reported that ECISD had achieved a Superior Achievement rating, which is the highest of four possible ratings.

No action required.

(This item will be presented to the Board at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22516 **Report on 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.

No action required.

(This item will be presented to the Board at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22517 **Discussion of New Data Use Agreement – Medicaid Administrative Claiming & Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate creation, receipt, maintenance and access to Confidential Information and to clarify obligations with respect to the Confidential Information.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22518 **Report on Request of Class Size Waiver for Fall Semester (2014-2015**

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. Mrs. Hines reported to Trustees that ECISD would be requesting 172 waivers from the class size maximum in grades K-4 for the 2014-2015 Fall semester.

Mrs. Hines also reported that district administrators allocated money for 11 new teachers, 31 new aides, and 2 new assistant principals.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22519 **Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County Independent School District and Go, Inc. Project Head Start - Transition:**

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Wendy Hines presented this item. This MOU is reviewed on an annual basis. The purpose of this agreement is to ensure a smooth transition between the Head Start setting and the public school setting.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the October 21, 2014 meeting.)

22520 **Discussion of Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization Resolution:**

Superintendent Tom Crowe presented this item. The State Board of Education passed an amendment that allows public school students to be considered "in attendance" when participating in approved off-campus activities with an adjunct staff member of the school district. Mr. Crowe will be recommending the Board approve the annual resolution to a continuance of existing resolution regarding the Extracurricular Status of 4-H.

No action required.

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22521 **Discussion of Superintendent's Appraisal Instrument:** Board of Trustees continued their discussion of the Superintendent's Appraisal Instrument.

No action required.

22522 **Adjournment:** Moved by Ervin, seconded by Minyard to adjourn meeting.

Motion unanimously approved.

Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Board President
Dr. Steve Brown

Board Secretary
Teri Wheat Ervin MEd