

AT A REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND GCC PERMIAN, LLC, APPLICATION NO. 1652, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE AND PUBLIC HEARING ON FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY 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., OCTOBER 18, 2022, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Tammy Hawkins
Dennis Jones
Dr. Donna C. Smith
Christopher Stanley

Absent:

Carol Gregg

School Officials: Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Dr. Lilia Nanez, Deborah Ottmers, Dr. Keeley Boyer, Dr. Anthony Sorola, Alicia Syverson, Dr. Kellie Wilks

Others: Tatiana Dennis, Stacy Ashley, Lisa Wills, Jaime Miller, Nancy Vanley, Aaron Hawley, Tracey Borchardt, Todd Hiner, Jeff Daniels, Heather Lovett, Laura Perez, Ryan Merritt, Susie Chasco, Estela Vejil, Jade Womack, Micah Pettigrew, Annette Macias, Misty Hiner, Riva Burnette, Edward Burnette, Michael Bettenhausen, Beatris Mata, Laura Samaniego, Cynthia Rubalcado, Yolanda Gordan, Maria Melendez, Morgan Harris, Tammy Belman, Brandon Reyes, Chelsea Reyes, Mauricio Marquez, Ruth Campbell, Monica Quintero, Mary Franco

26091 **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

26092 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Dr. Steve Brown, 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.

26093 **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led Hays Elementary Kindergarten Students Olivia Gaudet and Lyndon Storm.

26094 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Reverend Mike Atkins of Kingston Baptist Church.

26095 **Special Presentations:**

Recognition of Permian High School Coach Michael Bettenhausen: Coach Bettenhausen was recognized for his quick response and willingness to aide a student in distress. In September, at a freshman football game in Midland, Coach Bettenhausen noticed a student on the sidelines who was choking.

He immediately ran to the student and gave the Heimlich maneuver that dislodged a plastic bottle cap the student had been chewing on and had swallowed accidentally. We are thankful for his courage.

Introduction of National Merit Commended Scholar: Odessa High School Student Edward Burnette was one of about 34,000 students in the United State who earned the distinction of a National Merit Commended Scholar. Edward ranks among the top 3% of those who took the exam last fall. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. Approximately 1.5 million high school students enter the program each year by taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test usually at the beginning of their junior year.

Introduction of AP Scholars: ECISD had a total of 31 students who are recognized as AP (Advanced Placement) Scholars. At the conclusion of an AP course, students are given the opportunity to take a corresponding AP exam on which they earn a score from 1 to 5, 5 being the best score. All public universities and colleges in Texas and most private colleges and universities offer college credit for a "Qualified" designation, which is a student who scores 3 or higher.

AP Scholars: Student with scores of 3 or higher on three or more Advanced Placement exams.

Odessa HS AP Scholars: Caitlin Fitzgerald, (English Language & Composition, Human Geography, World History: Modern)

Permian HS AP Scholars:

Alondra Garcia, (English Language & Composition, Spanish Language, World History: Modern)

Robert Velasco, (English Language & Composition, US History, World History: Modern)

Class of 2022 AP Scholars

Odessa HS AP Scholars – Class of 2022: Melany Coss, Jemima Estrada, Gabriel Ortiz, and Fidel Zapata

Permian HS AP Scholars – Class of 2022: Sara Aberra, Joaquin Armendariz, Nydia Brito, Kyler Fife, Paula Garcia, Isabella Garza, Abigail George, Conner Hanish, James Keith, Swetha Kesavan, Alvin Lin, Angel Luna, Jonathan Martinez, Dhruvkumar Patel, Noe Rodriguez, Brenna Sollis,

AP Scholars with Honor: Students who receive an average score of 3.25 on all AP exams taken, AND scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Permian HS AP Scholars with Honor:

Brinley Batte, Permian High School (Biology, English Language & Composition, US History, Modern World History)

Hannah Douglas, Permian High School (English Language & Composition, Environmental Science, US History, Modern World History)

Permian HS AP Scholar with Honor – Class 2022: Alejandra Garcia

AP Scholars with Distinction: Students who receive an average score of 3.50 on all AP exams taken, AND scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Odessa HS AP Scholars with Distinction: Edward Burnette, (Calculus AB, English Language & Composition, Human Geography, Physics 1, US History, World History: Modern)

Anastacio Pando, (Biology, Calculus AB, English Language & Composition, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Physics 1, US History, World History: Modern)

Odessa HS AP Scholars with Distinction – Class of 2022: Aishath Mukkera

Recognition of New Tech Odessa as Apple School of Distinction: George H. W. Bush New Tech Odessa Principal was presented with the Apple School of Distinction Award. GHB New Tech Odessa was selected as an Apple Distinguished School for 2022–2025, a three-year designation. The staff at NTO is being recognized for continuous innovation in teaching, learning, and the school environment. NTO is now one of 689 schools in 36 countries to achieve this distinction; these are schools with a clear vision for how their technology-rich environments support learning goals.

26096 Opening Remarks by Superintendent: In Dr. Muri's opening remarks, he welcomed Monica Quintero as the new Special Assistant to the Superintendent. She will officially join ECISD later in the month after serving as the Public Information Officer for the Odessa Police Department

26097 Public Comment: Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item on which they wish to address the Board. *BED(LOCAL)*

There was no public comment.

Public Hearing

26098 Public Hearing, Discussion and Possible Action on the Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value between the District and GCC Permian, LLC, Application No. 1652, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code: Moved by Stanley, seconded by Jones that the Board approve the Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value between the District and GCC Permian, LLC, Application No. 1652, as presented, thereby modifying the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value dated April 19, 2022, and authorize the Board President, Dr. Steve Brown, to execute the Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the District and to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller's related rules.

Motion unanimously approved.

Public Hearing on Financial Accountability

- 26099** **Public Hearing of District's FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Report:** Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers presented this item for discussion. For the third year in a row, Ector County ISD received a perfect score of 100 on the state's FIRST report. FIRST stands for Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. It assesses how school districts spend their money annually. This FIRST report is for 2021-22, which is based on financial data from 2020-21. Our District earned a Superior Achievement rating, which is equivalent to a grade of A. This was the fifth time in the past six years ECISD earned an A. In the 20 years since this report's inception, ECISD has earned an A in financial integrity 16 times. Created by the 76th Texas Legislature in 2001, FIRST is designed to encourage public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. The FIRST ratings are calculated using a series of financial indicators, such as administrative cost expenditures; the accuracy of a district or charter's financial information submitted to TEA; and any financial vulnerabilities or material weaknesses in internal controls as determined by an external auditor. Congratulations to our ECISD Finance Department for their hard work in managing tax dollars responsibly.

There was no public comment.

Action Items

- 26100** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Abalos to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26101** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2022-2023 Budget Amendment #2:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Jones to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Amendment #2 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26102** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2022 Certified Tax Roll:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Hawkins to approve the 2022 Certified Tax Roll as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26103** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Inc and Ector County Independent School District:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Hawkins to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Inc and Ector County Independent School District as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26104** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Submission of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Abalos to approve the Submission of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26105** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of CARE Coordination Agreement between PermianCare and Ector County Independent School District:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Hawkins to approve the CARE Coordination Agreement between PermianCare and Ector County Independent School District as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26106** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Bond Development Process:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Abalos to approve the Bond Development Process as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26107** **Discussion of and Potential Approval of 2023 Legislative Agenda:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Smith to approve the 2023 Legislative Agenda as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26108** **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Abalos to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of Meetings
- B. Request for Approval of Bills for Payment
- C. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Donations Over \$10,000
- D. Request for Approval of Odessa High School Dance Teams Out-of-State Travel to Los Angeles, California
- E. Request for Approval of Data Sharing Agreement between Economic Mobility Systems, LLC and Ector County Independent School District
- F. Request for Approval of Additional 2022-2023 T-TESS Appraisers

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

- 26109** **Presentation of Early Childhood Program:** Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction Jaime Miller and Director of Early Childhood Beatris Mata presented a program overview through the lens of data. The department's goal is to ensure students are kindergarten ready. Currently, there are 470 students in the three-year-old pre-k program, up 116 from one year ago; and 1,421 students in the four-year-old program, up 80 from a year ago. The innovative partnership with the

Odessa Family YMCA is a tremendous help with the three-year-old program and its future expansion. ECISD's Early Childhood program supports the YMCA and local daycare centers by making available professional development and training opportunities to better prepare kids for starting school. In data from last year comparing the beginning of the year and the end of the year, PK3 students showed significant growth in language and math, and PK4 students saw growth ranging from 15% to 24% growth in language and math. Once in kindergarten, students are assessed after Labor Day, and ECISD kindergartners have grown from 33.2% in 2020 to 57% this year.

No action required.

- 26110** **Presentation of 2023 Medical Benefits:** Associate Superintendent Dr. Anthony Sorola and Benefits and Risk Management Director Yolanda Gordan presented an update on Medical Benefits for the 2023 plan year. The Medical Plan Committee announced there will be no changes in premium costs for the coming year (insurance benefits run on a calendar year, i.e. January 1 – December 31, 2022). Aetna is the ECISD medical plan administrator, PCARx is the pharmacy administrator, and First Financial offers optional benefits. ECISD offers a variety of coverages and options for care for team members. Open Enrollment for insurance benefits starts next week for district employees.

No action required.

- 26111** **Update on School Safety Audits:** District Chief of Police Todd Hiner and Assistant Chief Jeff Daniels presented an update on school safety audits. In response to Uvalde tragedy the state now requires every school district to be audited for safety by an external entity. Those audits are performed at random. In addition to that requirement, our ECISD police are conducting weekly safety audits at every school, checking that safety precautions are all in place. A series of schools have now been through the external audit, and at one location not all inside doors were locked (per ECISD requirement). That finding is required to be reported to the school board. The situation is being addressed, and random external audits will continue over the next four months.

No action required.

- 26112** **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 held.

26113 **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Acknowledgement of Donations, Financials, Purchasing Report, and Routine Personnel Report.

26114 **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

26115 **Adjournment:** Board President Dr. Steve Brown adjourned the Board meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Board President
Dr. Steve Brown

Board Secretary
Christopher Stanley