

**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 6:00 P.M., April 14, 2015 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

Ray Beaty, D.C.  
Teri Ervin  
Nelson Minyard  
Dr. Donna C. Smith  
Doyle Woodall

**Absent:**

Dr. Steve Brown  
Luis Galvan

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

**Others:** Mike Atkins, Nancy Vanley, Rita Woodall, Gail Newberg, Casie Granado, Stephanie Howard, William Boone, Marcela Macias, Greta Black, Dianne Mata, Ashley Bryant, Cindy Roman, Virginia Hunt, Omega Loera, Helen Husband, Elaine Smith, Lisa Wills, Tracy Taylor, Carla Byrne, Nat Armendarez, Julia Willett, Katy Taylor, James Ramage, Dr. David Watts, Dr. Porter, Sylvia Garcia, Ann McClarty, Lydia Ybarra, Elaine Sparks, Mary Franco

**22896** **Meeting Called to Order:** Nelson Minyard, Board Vice President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

**22897** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Skills USA Nationals Out-of-State Travel to Louisville, Kentucky:** Executive Director of Career & Counseling Services Carla Byrne and VOC Welding Instructor Natividad Armendarez presented this item for discussion. Three students won the State Competition in Welding which qualified them for the National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. The Career and Technical Education Department will seek permission for these three students and one teacher to travel to Louisville, Kentucky to participate in the Skills USA Nationals Competition from June 20-26, 2015.

Skills USA Nationals provides students the opportunity to network and participate in various activities that promote participation in manufacturing skills and occupations.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

No action required.

- 22898**     **Discussion of Request for Approval of Odessa High School Debate Team Out-of-State Travel to Lincoln, Nebraska:** Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Roy Garcia presented this item for discussion. The Odessa High School Debate Team will be requesting permission for one qualifying student to travel to Lincoln, Nebraska from May 7 – 11, 2015.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

No action required.

- 22899**     **Discussion of Request for Approval of Permian High School Panther Paws Dance Team Out-of-State Travel to New York City:** Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Roy Garcia presented this item for discussion. The Permian High School Panther Paws Dance Team will be requesting permission to travel to New York City from November 21-27, 2015. The Dance Team will perform at the Grand Ballroom and in the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

No action required.

- 22900**     **Discussion of Request for Approval of Two Sponsors and One Student to Participate in the Argonaut Program Led by JASON Learning:** Science Coordinator Ashley Bryant presented this item for discussion. The JASON Argonauts will travel to the Cape Eleuthera Institute on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas in July 2015. Student will have the opportunity to participate in scientific investigations with resident and visiting scientists. All travel expenses will be fully covered by Chevron.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

No action required.

- 22901**     **Presentation: UTPB Early College High School:** Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Roy Garcia along with UTPB Board President Dr. Watts and Dr. Lillian Porter presented this item. Trustees were informed of the just approved Early College High School (ECHS) partnership scheduled to begin in August 2015 with a freshman class of 100 students. The academy will be located on the UTPB campus in the Founders building. A principal search will begin followed by the recruiting of teachers and students. ECHS allow students least likely to attend college an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours.

No action required.

- 22902**     **Presentation: District Continuous Improvement Team Index 2: Student Progress:** Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction Stephanie Howard

along with the DCIT Index 2 subcommittee presented this item. The purpose of this subcommittee is to provide a measure of student progress by subject and student group independent of overall student achievement levels. New in 2015, the Index 2 calculations will be based on the combined STAAR and ELL progress measure.

No action required.

**22903**     **Presentation: District Continuous Improvement Team Index 3: Closing the Performance Gaps:** Director of Federal and State Programs Julia Willett along with the DCIT Index 3 subcommittee presented this item. The subcommittee provided a review of the district improvement goals and plans for 2015-2016 that will address closing student performance gaps.

No action required.

**22904**     **Presentation: AVID:** AVID District Director Dianne Mata along with AVID District Coordinator Virginia Hunt, AVID students and AVID teachers presented this item. Below are some of the programs highlights:

- 7,259 Students in 4-6<sup>th</sup> grades impacted by AVID
- Schoolwide AVID for Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2015-2016
- 1,062 AVID Students taking Pre-AP, AP or IB
- Seniors applied and accepted to college – 100%
- Of 134 Seniors 128 are 1<sup>st</sup> Generation College Students

An AVID report is provided to Trustees on an annual basis.

No action required.

**22905**     **Discussion of Request for Approval of AVID Contract for 2015-2016:** AVID District Director Dianne Mata presented this item for discussion. The AVID contract is reviewed and renewed on an annual basis.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

**22906**     **Discussion of Request for Approval of 2015-2016 Gale Pond/Alamo Year-Round School Calendar:** The 2015-2016 Gale Pond/Alamo Year Round School Calendar was presented for review and discussion.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

**22907**    **Discussion of Acknowledgement of Donations and Gifts:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented the quarterly report of Donations and Gifts for discussion. On occasion patrons of the school district provide gifts of money or equipment for use by students or staff.

No action required.

*(This report will be presented to the Board at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

**22908**    **Discussion of Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. The College Board AP Exams is the only item presented for approval on the April purchases over \$50,000 request.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

**22909**    **Discussion of Request for Approval for the Sale or Disposal of Instructional Materials or Technological Equipment:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. As required by Board Policy CMD(Legal) the Textbooks & Records department is requesting approval to dispose of 52 pallets of out-of-adoption materials.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

**22910**    **Discussion of Request for Approval of Meal Prices for 2015-2016:** Director of School Nutrition Katy Taylor presented this item for discussion. In accordance with the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, lunch prices must be increased by 10¢ for the 2015-2016 school year. Federal requirement states that the Districts lunch prices must equal the amount we are reimbursed for a Free lunch. The School Nutrition Department is recommending an increase in lunch prices by 15¢ to avoid another required increase for the 2016-2017 school year.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

**22911**    **Discussion of Request for Approval of Proposal for Asbestos Abatement Project for Odessa High School Bond Project:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. Certified Indoor Environmental Consultant Ines Corral recommends Asbestos Removal, Inc. to perform the Odessa High School asbestos abatement work for the sum of \$119,495. This bid is approximately \$15,000 less than the initial cost estimate.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

- 22912**     **Discussion of Request for Approval of Board Policies for TASB Update 101 - (Second Reading)**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. TASB periodically offers suggested changes to local policy. These policies have undergone further study and review, especially where input was received. Trustees opted not to change *Trustees to Board Member* in local policy BE and not adding “*informal resolution shall be encouraged but shall not extend any deadlines in this policy, except by mutual consent*” in local policies DGBA, FNG and GF as suggested by TASB.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

- 22913**     **Discussion of Request for Approval to Set Date for Canvassing the Board of Trustees May 9, 2015 Election Results (Solicitud De Aprobación Para Fijar La Fecha Del Escrutinio De Los Resultados De Las Elecciones Del 9 De Mayo De 2015 De La Mesa Directiva)**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. The canvass generally must take place no earlier than the 8th day after the election date, and no later than the 11<sup>th</sup> day after the election date; however, the results of the May election may be canvassed as early as three days after the election, but only if there are no outstanding late (overseas) ballots, mail, or provisional ballots. The last day to receive carrier envelopes placed in the mail by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 9, 2015, from voters who are voting outside the United States is May 14, 2015; therefore it is being recommended that the Board of Trustees set May 19, 2015 as the date for canvassing the election which falls between May 15 and May 20, 2015 as pursuant to Section §67.003 of the Texas Education Code.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

- 22914**     **Discussion of Listing of Judges for Board of Trustees May 9, 2015 Election (Apuntamiento De Los Jueces Para Las Elecciones Del 9 De Mayo De 2015 De La Mesa Directiva)**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. The Board of Trustees were provided a preliminary list of judges and polling places for the May 9, 2015 election. Not all polling places will be used in the ECISD Trustee election, as only SMD Position 1 is being contested.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented as a matter of record at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

- 22915**     **Discussion of Request for Approval to Change Work/Study and Regular Board Meeting Dates for March 2016:** Superintendent Tom Crowe presented this item for discussion. The Board Work/Study meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month and the Regular Board of Trustees' meetings are set for the third Tuesday of each month, therefore the March 2016 meetings are being recommended for change to allow adequate preparation time of the said agendas following Spring Break (March 7-11, 2016). Recommended dates:

Board Work/Study: From March 8, 2016 to March 22, 2016

Regular Board Meeting: From March 15, 2016 to March 29, 2016

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

- 22916**     **Request for Approval of Closed Meeting - Personnel Matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Discussion of Employment Contract Renewals for Administrators, Teachers, and other Professional Support Employees and Discussion of Routine Personnel Report) [Board will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employees of the District]:**

Board Vice President Nelson Minyard convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Board Vice President Nelson Minyard reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 8:27 p.m.

- 22917**     **Discussion of Request for Approval of Employment Contract Renewals for Administrators, Teachers, and other Professional Support Employees:**

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the April 21, 2015 meeting.)*

- 22918**     **Adjournment:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Ervin to adjourn meeting.

Motion unanimously approved.

Board Vice President Nelson Minyard adjourned the Board meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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**Board Vice President**  
Nelson Minyard

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**Board Secretary**  
Teri Wheat Ervin MEd