

**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., FEBRUARY 14, 2023, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

Delma Abalos  
Dr. Steve Brown  
Carol Gregg  
Dr. Donna Smith  
Christopher Stanley

**Absent:**

Tammy Hawkins  
Dennis Jones

**School Officials:** Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Dr. Keeley Boyer, Dr. Lilia Náñez, Dr. Anthony Sorola, Alicia Syverson, Dr. Kellie Wilks

**Others:** Tatiana Dennis, Tracey Borchardt, Aaron Hawley, Jaime Miller, Julia Willett-Weekly, Leslie Wilson, Lisa Wills, Mauricio Marquez, Ryan Merritt, Susan Lara, Betsabe Salcido, Celeste Potter, Ca=had Crowson, Cindy Retana, Kevin Searcy, Sierra Searcy, Heather Lovett, Robin Fawcett, Monica McDaniel, Mary Franco

**26207** **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**26208** **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 public notice of this meeting:** Board President Dr. Steve Brown, verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

**26209** **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri's opening remarks, he took a moment to remind everyone this coming Monday, February 20, is now a regular day of school and work because of the bad weather day we took earlier this month. He added the 2023 Bond Committee will be meeting again this Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. at New Tech Odessa. One of the items on that agenda is a review of the updated demographic study, which the board will be discussing in this meeting.

**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.

**Board Policy**

**Discussion of TASB Local Policy Update 120:** Associate Superintendent of Athletics/ Human Capital /Operations Anthony Sorola, Ed.D. presented this item for discussion. These are recommendations from TASB to keep local policies in line with changes in state law. Three local policies are included in this update: CKC (Local): Safety Program and Risk Management – Emergency Plans; FNG (Local) Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student and Parents Complaints Grievances; and FO (Local) Student Discipline.

No action required.

**Report/Discussion Items**

**26210 Demographic Study Presentation:** Executive Director of District Operations Cortney Smith along with Davis Demographics Project Manager Georgia Leonard presented this item for discussion. Davis Demographics conducted this study which provides a 10-year enrollment forecast from school year 2023 through school year 2033. The firm researches current school enrollment, residential development projects, birth rates, and mobility factors to analyze and then create a forecast. Forecasts are most accurate for the first 5 years of the analysis and after that circumstances/conditions become more difficult to predict. The firm's evaluation, due to the loss of students during COVID and the area's loss of workforce over the past few years, shows school enrollment has slowed and is expected to remain relatively steady through the next few years. Beyond that, enrollment could begin to slowly decline without an economic rebound. Running an updated study in one-to-two years would provide a better indication of those economic factors going forward.

No action required.

**26211 Presentation of ECISD Choice Schools:** Executive Director of Choice Programs, Access and Support Chad Crowson presented this item for discussion. ECISD leaders are committed to providing families with choices – high-quality, best-fit schools for every child. ECISD offers 14 Choice Schools that enroll more than 5,500 students (or 16.6% of ECISD enrollment). Trustees reviewed the enrollment at each of the Choice campuses, discussed ways these choices are marketed to the community, and saw that Choice applications increased from about 2,600 last year to more than 4,000 for the coming year (that is a 53.7% increase). Evaluation of the Choice programs is done each year to highlight successful work and identify opportunities for improvement. One of the projects currently underway is the planned expansion of the International Baccalaureate Programme. IB exists as a high school program at Odessa High School, and with the 2024-25 school year a Middle Years Programme and a Primary Years Programme will begin.

No action required.

**26212** **ECISD Development Office Presentation:** Director of Development Celeste Potter presented this item for discussion. Mrs. Potter updated Trustees on its work to engage the community in support of the district's instructional programs through successful fundraising and communication to help meet the needs of our students. The Development Office provides oversight for Parent-Teacher groups and Booster Clubs, manages Volunteers and Partners in Education, helps coordinate the Texas Scholars Program, writes grants (42 grants worth more than \$7.6 million over the past three years), oversees donations/crowdfunding and Parent-Community engagement, and collaborates directly with the Education Foundation of Odessa. The Development Office also restocks the books for the 35 Little Free Libraries across ECISD, and hosts an annual holiday drive for the Community Outreach Center. A few of the projects in the works are a Parent Leadership Academy, a monthly networking opportunity for volunteers/parents, a menu of options for engagement, and a reading garden at the office. The Development Office also plays a key role in the Education Foundation's Bookworms Literacy Program, which impacts 6,750 students per month, impacting grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First grade.

No action required.

**26213** **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.

**26214** **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

**26215** **Adjournment:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 8:49 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Dr. Steve Brown*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Christopher Stanley*