

AT A REGULAR 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 17, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

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

Absent:

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

Others: Mike Atkins, Robert Cedillo, Ashley Osborne, Cortney Smith, Dr. Corey Seymour, Erin Bueno, Scott Randolph, Nancy Vanley, Jaime Miller, Tracey Borchardt, Lisa Wills, Dr. Keeley Simpson, Jessie Garcia, Dr. Aaron Hawley, Dawn Miller, Amy Russell, Marlynn Lujan, Yolanda Hernandez, Ivan R. Lujan, Hailey Lujan, Maria Harvey, Jerimie Hernandez, Julio Hernandez, Katelyn Zimmer, Albert Anchondo, Mary Franco

25597 **Meeting Called to Order:** Tammy Hawkins, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

25598 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Tammy Hawkins, 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.

25599 **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Nelson Minyard, ECISD Board Member.

25600 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Dr. Steve Brown, ECISD Board Secretary.

25601 **Special Presentations:**

Recognition of Region 18 Elementary Teacher of the Year: Travis Elementary Science Lab Teacher Sarah Hawkins was recognized as the Region 18 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Recognition of Odessa High School Mariachi Broncho for State UIL Awards: The Odessa High School Mariachi Broncho was recognized for their Superior UIL State Performance.

25602 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In his opening comments, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri reminded Trustees and the audience that ECISD's 100th birthday is tomorrow (August 18) and we will be celebrating with a small event, noting that there will be a number of events and activities throughout the year. He also lamented the fact that COVID continues to spread rapidly through our community, and is already impacting our schools. He encouraged everyone to get vaccinated, to wear masks indoors, and said he hopes the District does not reach a point where we have to close a school due to the spread of the virus.

25603 **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)* The following seven citizens participated during this portion of the meeting.

Julio Hernandez, Reagan Magnet Elementary parent spoke to agenda item 9E. Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2021-2022 Gifted and Talented Plan. He told Trustees he did not agree with the changes being made to the Gifted/Talented program this year. He said his daughter, who is in G/T at Reagan Elementary, has enjoyed the previous structure that set aside one day to pull kids from their regular classroom to a G/T class. The new plan is based on an inclusion model that provides G/T services every day in the regular classroom setting.

No action required.

Board Policy

25604 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy CFB(LOCAL): Accounting Inventories:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Stanley to approve the Revisions to Policy CFB(LOCAL): Accounting Inventories as presented. This revision updates the language in the policy to current terminology and standards.

Motion unanimously approved.

Action Items

25605 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Stanley to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25606 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #2:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Minyard to approve 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #2 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25607 **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Extension of the Time Period for Considering 1PointFive P1, LLC's Application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Brown to approve the Extension of Time Period for Considering 1PointFive P1, LLC's Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25608 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Application Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) 2021-2022:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Stanley to approve the Application Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) 2021-2022 as presented. The goal of the OFSDP is to allow students an opportunity to have flexible hours in order to be successful and receive a high school diploma by offering courses needed for graduation while the district receives funding for students in attendance. The program has two main objectives. The first is to allow a student who has dropped out of school, or is in danger of dropping out of school, an option other than the regular classroom setting or school day. The second objective is to enable a student the opportunity to recover credits lost due to lack of attendance.

Motion unanimously approved.

25609 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2021-2022 Gifted and Talented Plan:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Stanley to approve the 2021-2022 Gifted and Talented Plan as presented. In this annual report to the board, District leaders outlined a series of changes being made to the Gifted/Talented program at elementary schools. In order to grow the G/T program and provide more students in Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade the opportunity to engage in depth and complexity, G/T services will use an inclusion model – meaning students will receive G/T instruction each day in their classroom rather than be pulled out of that class for a dedicated G/T class one day per week (as is the current model). For Buice, Hays, and Reagan elementary schools the inclusion model will be put in place for all grade levels K-5. The purpose of moving to an inclusion model, which is the generally accepted model among schools today, is to provide students with rigor and depth five days per week rather than just one.

Motion unanimously approved.

25610 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Joint Task Force Committee and Possible Request for Approval of Election Law Expert and/or Demographer:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Stanley to Approve the Interlocal Agreement for a Joint Task Force Committee and Possible Request for Approval of Election Law Expert and/or Demographer as presented.

The law requires that after each census, governmental bodies shall review the census data and determine if they need to redraw boundary lines for their various election

precincts. In the past, all of the local governing entities have joined together to coordinate the process and save expenses. This Interlocal Agreement for the Joint Task Force Committee provides for the formation of the committee comprised of all of the entities to address the redistricting issues and share the costs. Each of the other entities either have considered or will be considering this same resolution.

Motion unanimously approved.

25611 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Resolution Regarding Extended Sick Leave During COVID-19:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Stanley to approve the Resolution Regarding Extended Sick Leave During COVID-19 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25612 **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Brown to approve the 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 Board T-TESS and T-PESS Appraisers for 2021-2022
- E. Request for Approval of Board T-TESS and T-PESS Appraisal Calendar for 2021-2022
- F. Request for Approval of Annual Investment Report
- G. Request for Approval of Permian High School Dance Student Out-of-State Travel to Orlando, Florida
- H. Request for Approval of Annual Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with UTPB for Counseling Practicum/Internships 2021-2022
- I. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County ISD and Intercultural Development Research Association
- J. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between ECISD and Education Foundation of Odessa, Inc.

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

25613 **Opening of Schools Update:** Superintendent Dr. Scott R. Muri provided Trustees with an opening of school's update. Enrollment is currently 32,031 (in person again) which is quickly approaching our projected enrollment of 32,730. We have 70 teacher vacancies (vs. 150 a year ago at this time); 423 new teachers which represents a 95%.

He reminded the board that the first two days of school saw 6th graders only at middle schools, and 9th graders only at the high schools, giving those students a chance to smoothly transition to a new campus. Our District also welcomed three-year-old kindergartners, too. Dr. Muri said he saw lots of engaging lessons and learning taking place on those first days. In regard to safety, we have 1.5 million masks available for staff and students; 1,200 gallons of hand sanitizer; 60 electrostatic sprayers used to disinfect buses and buildings; additional sneeze guards in cafeterias; and frequent daily cleaning by our custodians. We have about 5,800 registered bus riders, and our School Nutrition staff is serving 23,190 meals per day.

- 25614** **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.

- 25615** **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Purchasing Report, Routine Personnel Report, and Teacher Certification Waivers.
- 25616** **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.
- 25617** **Adjournment:** Board President Tammy Hawkins adjourned the Board meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Board President
Tammy Hawkins

Board Secretary
Carol Gregg