

AT A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING BY VIDEOCONFERENCE OR TELEPHONE CALL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD BY TELEPHONE CALL, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., MAY 12, 2020, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Tammy Hawkins
Carol Gregg
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna Smith
Doyle Woodall

Absent:

School Officials: Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Dr. Stephanie Howard, Dr. Kellie Wilks

Others: Albert Anchondo, Mary Franco

25072 **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Donna C. Smith, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

25073 **On March 16, 2020, Gov. Greg Abbott granted a request by Attorney General Ken Paxton to temporarily suspend a limited number of open meetings laws to the extent necessary to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). In accordance with those suspended rules, we certify the following: Notice of this meeting has been posted online for at least 72 hours:** Board President Dr. Donna C. Smith certified that the public notice of this meeting has been posted online for at least 72 hours.

No action required.

25074 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no opening remarks.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Report/Discussion Items

25075 **Discussion of Strategic Plan:** Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri provided Trustees with an update on the work of the Strategic Planning committee. The presentation outlined the Vision, Mission, and Beliefs created by the Board of Trustees at the beginning of this process, which started in March 2019. He reviewed some of the statistics from his Look, Listen, and Learn tour when he started in this position last summer. A few of those key stats: in 2019, 65% of kindergarteners were not kindergarten-ready; 66% of 3rd graders were reading below grade level; and 68% of secondary students did not meet grade level requirements in Algebra I. He also talked with board members about the goals they have set in previous years. Dr. Muri reminded Trustees a large cross-section of people from our community formed the various teams of the Strategic Planning committee.

The title given to the plan is “The Future is Now” and it places focus on three critical areas: Foundations, Talent, and Learning. He described the thinking behind each area. Foundational Excellence means the school district operates with excellent processes now while keeping an eye toward the future and continuously researching and innovating for tomorrow; Investing in Talent means recruiting, developing and keeping highly effective team members; and the Learning Journey will be designed to carry students from Prekindergarten into and through their college and career years. A series of key statistics will be the measures by which we know we are successful.

No action required.

25076 **Discussion of ECISD’s Response to COVID-19:** Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri provided Trustees an update on the District’s response to the COVID-19 situation. Our School Nutrition department has now served more than 900,000 meals since the school closure began; our police officers have made more than 900 welfare checks; 18,000 log-ins to iStation has translated into 102,000 hours of reading instruction for elementary and middle school students; 15,500 log-ins to Imagine Math with 175,000 lessons (with an increasing passing percentage since the start) for elementary and middle school students; the emergency child care center is now serving 37 kids and will continue through the end of June; our counseling support line is very active; Basin PBS continues to broadcast educational programming each day with aligned curriculum to go with it; ECISD @ Home TV is presenting programming created by our own employees daily; and our high schools are preparing several different ceremonies to celebrate the Class of 2020 which is on track to be 1,787 students strong.

No action required.

25077 **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 a public officer or employee of the District; or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.]:**

No closed session held.

25078 **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** The Board of trustees and Dr. Muri all thanked ECISD team members for the incredible amount of work they have done during this closure. They expressed their pride in the way the District has worked to support students, families and the community as a whole.

25079 **Adjournment:** Dr. Donna C. Smith, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Board President
Dr. Donna C. Smith

Board Secretary
Tammy Hawkins