



Ector County Independent School District

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Anthony Sorola, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE NAMING OF BLACKSHEAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S AUDITORIUM**

DATE: March 29, 2022

During the latter part of 2021, a request was received by the Ector County ISD administration to name the auditorium located at Blackshear Elementary School after Ms. F.C. Whitiker and place this name on a sign near or inside of the auditorium. In response to this request, the administration referenced CW (Local), which is the policy that was adopted for addressing facility naming. A copy of CW (Local) has been included for reference purposes. This policy states that recommended names shall be submitted to a committee. This committee shall be chaired by the Superintendent or designee. The committee shall submit to the Board one or more recommended names for each facility to be named. The committee was composed of the following members:

- Valerie Rivera: Chair
- Rene Earls: Member
- Marcia Cleaver: Member
- Eddy Spivey: Member
- Gilbert Vasquez: Member

The committee met on March 4, 2022, and unanimously decided to accept the recommendation to name the Blackshear Elementary School Auditorium after Ms. F.C. Whitiker.

Frizella C. Whitiker was born in Greenwood, Louisiana. She grew up in Austin, Texas. Ms. Whitiker graduated from Samuel Huston University in 1950, now Huston-Tillotson University, in Austin. After graduating, Ms. Whitiker moved to Odessa, Texas to teach in the Ector County Independent School District at Blackshear High School, now Blackshear Magnet Elementary. She was a vital part of the Blackshear High School

choir. She later taught at Ector Junior High School as an English teacher. She retired from teaching in 1986. In Odessa, Ms. Whitiker has been a sponsor and board member of Head Start for over 40 years, as well as a board member of the Black Cultural Council of Odessa. She has also been a leader of Mackey Chapel of the United Methodist Church.

Administrative Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of the Facility Naming Committee as presented.