

AT A REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY 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., NOVEMBER 16, 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, Dr. Lilia Nanez, Deborah Ottmers, Dr. Keeley Simpson, Dr. Anthony Sorola, Alicia Syverson, Dr. Kellie Wilks

Others: Mike Atkins, Dr. Corey Seymour, Stacy Ashley, Robert Cedillo, Erin Bueno, Cynthia Retana, Dawn Miller, Lisa Wills, Jaime Miller, Nancy Vanley, Aaron Hawley, Tracey Borchardt, Becky Rhodes, Reyes (Ali) Hernandez, Amanda Castellano, Joanna Muniz, Mary Fulton, Janie Madrid, Josie Armendariz, Catherine Speers, Sandra Mendoza, Kimberly Benavidez, Karla Ortiz, Debbie Lieb, Erin Reddell, Tanya Galindo, Linda Marquez, Paula Lozano, Berta Saldivar, Baldo Valeriano, Mauricio Marquez, Natalie Rivera, Karla Ortiz, Albert Anchondo, Mary Franco

25704 **Meeting Called to Order:** Tammy Hawkins, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

25705 **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.

25706 **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Christopher Stanley, ECISD Board Member.

25707 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Dr. Steve Brown, ECISD Board Secretary.

25708 **Special Presentations:**

United Way of Odessa 2021 Top Fundraisers: United Way Executive Director Hank Herrick and United Way Assistant Executive Director Christina Escobar presented ECISD with two awards – the United Way Odessa 2021 Most Improved Campaign Award and the 2021 Dick & Amelia Saulsbury Sustained Excellence Award. On an annual basis ECISD hosts a campaign for the United Way of Odessa. This year our District campaign raised a little more than \$77,000. The following Campuses and Department were recognized as the top 2021 United Way Campaign fundraisers:

Top Department – Curriculum & Instruction - \$4,908.00
Top Elementary School – Zavala Elementary- \$4,186.63
Top Middle School – Nimitz MS - \$8,055.00
Top Secondary School – Odessa High School - \$11,483.08

W.D. Noel Adult Volunteer of the Year: Kay Crow was recognized as the W.D. Noel Adult Volunteer of the Year. After retiring from ECISD in 2019, Kay Crow continued pursuing her passion of educating students by volunteering. Kay volunteered 682 hours over the past two years.

ECISD Nurses Named to Permian Basin Great 25 Nurses: Permian Basin Great 25 Nurses is an organization that exists to recognize extraordinary nurses across west Texas. Nurses from 19 counties are eligible for nomination. This year FOUR of our Ector County ISD nurses are among those selected for this honor.

Ali Hernandez, BSN, RN – she is the nurse at New Tech Odessa; her first year at NTO but her 14th with our school district. She has 23 years of experience in nursing.

Nancy Garcia, R.N. – Nancy has been a nurse for 27 years, 20 of those with ECISD and the last two at Wilson & Young Middle School.

Amanda Castellanos, RN – she is the nurse for Reagan Elementary and Ross Elementary, her first year to serve both of those schools. She has been with ECISD for eight years, a nurse for 12 years.

Joanna Muniz, RN – Joanna has been a nurse for 13 years, ten of those with ECISD and the last five at Buddy West Elementary.

National Fossil Day 2021 Art Contest Winners: Communications Officer Mike Adkins introduced the National Fossil Day 2021 Art Contest winners. The theme for this year was “Prehistoric Life from our National Parks and Monuments. The following were recognized:

Lyzandra Casarez, 11th grade student at George H.W. Bush New Tech Odessa; first place among ECISD high school students & District student winner.

Melissa Hernandez, Burleson K-Bilingual teacher; District staff winner & 3rd place in national contest; as a national finalist Melissa’s entry is posted to the National Fossil Day website.

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Opening Remarks by Superintendent: In Dr. Muri’s opening remarks, he along with Bilingual Coordinator Luz Melendez recognized retiring Bilingual Specialist Gloria Phillips. Gloria is known to those in the Bilingual Department as “Momma G” and has served our school district for 47 years, in a variety of roles and responsibilities. As she prepares to retire, we took this special opportunity to honor her and her work on behalf of our student, families and staff for a remarkable 47 years!

After honoring Mrs. Phillips, Dr. Muri told Trustees he started his day in Houston where he was invited to talk about Ector County's efforts to bring high-speed broadband Internet to the entire community (through a partnership called the ConnEctor Task Force). He said Ector County is very close to making that a reality, and Houston is working on a plan to do the same thing and officials there asked Ector to talk about the collaborations between government entities, businesses and organizations to achieve the goal. Ector's work is gaining a lot of attention and is being held up as an exemplar by the state.

- 25710** **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

- 25711** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of TASB Local Policy Update 118:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Brown to approve TASB Local Policy Update 118 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 25712** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the Resolution of the Board Delegating Authority to Accept a Contract Employee's Resignation Effective Before the End of the School Year:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Minyard to approve the Resolution of the Board Delegating Authority to Accept a Contract Employee's Resignation Effective Before the End of the School Year as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 25713** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the Resolution of the Board Delegating Authority to Accept a Contract Employee's Resignation Effective at the End of the School Year or Submitted Before Penalty-Free Resignation Date:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Gregg to approve the Resolution of the Board Delegating Authority to Accept a Contract Employee's Resignation Effective at the End of the School Year or Submitted Before Penalty-Free Resignation Date as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

Action Items

- 25714** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Minyard to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 25715** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Annual Financial Report for 2020-2021:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Brown to approve the Annual Financial Report for 2020-2021 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 25716** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Appointment/Reappointment of School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Members:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Smith to approve the Appointment/Reappointment of School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Members as voted by ballot. Appointees will serve a two (2) year term.

Parent Member Appointments – Two (2):

Sandra Mendoza

Katy Ochoa

Additional Members – Two (2):

Sara Hinshaw, Community

Christina Acosta, Teacher

Motion unanimously approved.

- 25717** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Ector County Appraisal District Board Members:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Stanley to approve the Ector County Appraisal District Board Members as voted by ballot. Appointees will serve a two (2) year term for 2022-2023.

Robert Chavez

Dorothy Jackson

Austin Keith

Nelson Minyard

Tom Sprawls

Beginning January 2022, a Board Member is limited to service for all or part of five terms, with 2022 as the first term of that limit.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 25718** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Resolution Regarding Local Remote Learning Program:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Abalos to approve the Resolution Regarding Local Remote Learning Program as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25719 **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Smith to approve 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 Additional 2021-2022 T-TESS Appraisers
- E. Request for Approval of Waiver of 19 Texas Administration Code §129.21 and Remote Homebound Instruction-Special Education Student for Foundation School Program Funding Purposes
- F. Request for Approval of NSBA 2022 Annual Conference Session Presentation: Embracing Heutagogy to Equip Students for the Innovations of the Future....Today
- G. Request for Approval of Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle P.C. Special Education Legal Services Retainer Agreement for Ector County ISD

Motion unanimously approved.

25720 **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 held.

25721 **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Financials, Purchasing Report, Routine Personnel Report, and Teacher Certification Waivers.

25722 **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** Dr. Muri reminded the Trustees of the upcoming Bond Committee meeting.

25723 **Adjournment:** Board President Tammy Hawkins adjourned the Board meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Board President
Tammy Hawkins

Board Secretary
Carol Gregg