

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., MARCH 24, 2020, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

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

Absent:

School Officials: Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Dr. Stephanie Howard, Art Martin, Dr. Lilia Nández, Alicia Syverson, Patrick Young

Others: Mike Atkins, Brandon Reyes, Omega Loera, Jeff Daniels, Thomas Demorrow, Ruth Campbell, Mary Franco

25024 **Meeting Called to Order:** Donna C. Smith, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

25025 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Donna C. Smith, 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.

25026 **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were the Board of Trustees.

25027 **Invocation:** Invocation was led by Doyle Woodall, ECISD Board of Trustee.

25028 **Special Presentations:**

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Howard accepted to the National Superintendents Academy: Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Howard was recognized for her acceptance into the National Superintendents Academy.

25029 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** Dr. Scott Muri praised the 4,200 employees of ECISD who are working in a way they have never worked before. He pointed out they are working long hours to totally switch the way we deliver instruction, in a situation that is changing daily, if not hourly. He congratulated them for doing this work, and asked the Board and the community to acknowledge their efforts as well.

25030 **Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

Action Items

25031 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** There were no purchases over \$50,000 that required Board approval.

No action required.

25032 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County ISD School Nutrition Department and the West Texas Food Bank:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Brown to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County ISD School Nutrition Department and the West Texas Food Bank as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25033 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of FDB(LOCAL) Admissions: Intradistrict Transfer and Classroom Assignments:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Gregg to approve FDB(LOCAL) Admissions: Intradistrict Transfer and Classroom Assignments as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25034 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Resolution for Emergency Purchases:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Woodall to approve Resolution for Emergency Purchases with modification to include the following language: RESOLVED, The Superintendent shall notify the Board of Trustees of any expenditures over \$50,000 under this emergency resolution.

Motion unanimously approved.

25035 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Ector County ISD to Participate in the 1GPA Cooperative Services Purchasing Program:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Hawkins to approve Ector County ISD to participate in the 1GPA Cooperative Services Purchasing Program as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25036 **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Minyard to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes
- B. Request for Approval of Bills for Payment
- C. Request for Approval of 2020-2021 Special Calendars
- D. Request for Approval to Updated 2019-2020 T-TESS Appraiser List

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

25037 **Report on PSAT 2019 Participation and Results:** Director of Advanced Academics Services Omega Loera presented this item. The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) is a practice version of the SAT exam. Many students take it during their sophomore and junior years of high school. A high score as a junior can lead to scholarship money through the National Merit Scholarship program. The PSAT is offered every year in October. This past October, more than 3,000 ECISD sophomores and juniors took the PSAT. The number of ECISD students who met benchmarks in English/Reading/Writing and Math trailed the state and national averages. The District is enhancing how it communicates the importance of the PSAT to parents and students, and will offer support classes for sophomores who score well on the exam, so they have the chance to excel when taking it as a junior.

No action required.

25038 **Report on District Response to COVID-19:** Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri provided the Board of Trustees with a report on the Districts' response to COVID-19. He reminded the Board that the District redesigned school in just seven days. He said our teachers have a wide range of experience, and comfort, using technology to teach this way. He added some families have little or no internet access, and some parents work full-time and are not able to be with their kids, working on lessons, throughout the day. He said we must figure out the best way to help these kids and these families, and said he expects adjustments and improvements to be made every day. He also noted that digital resources are available on our website and paper resources are available through our schools. ECISD Technology is working on plans to expand internet access, and provide devices for students.

School Nutrition continues to serve thousands of meals each day. They will be serving meals from all school campuses except for OC and Alternative Center.

The meals will be available as follows:

Breakfast | 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Lunch | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A new announcement, coming soon, ECISD will establish a child care center at Zavala Elementary School for the medical community, in order for doctors, nurses and others to be at work while schools remain closed. Initially, it will be open to employees of Odessa Regional Medical Center and Medical Center Hospital, for children ages birth to 10, and a maximum of 140 kids. As this child care center becomes operational, it potentially could be expanded to serve more students, for expanded hours, and for other critical community providers as identified by City and County leaders.

No action required.

25039 **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 officer or employee of the District; or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.]:**

Board President Dr. Donna C. Smith convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 7:00 p.m. for consultation with attorney.

Board President Dr. Donna C. Smith reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 7:55 p.m.

25040 **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Financials, Purchasing Report and the Routine Personnel Report.

25041 **Adjournment:** Board President Dr. Donna C. Smith adjourned the Board meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Board President
Dr. Donna C. Smith

Board Secretary
Tammy Hawkins