

AT A BOARD WORK STUDY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM A/B – 3rd FLOOR - 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., March 24, 2015 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Ray Beaty, D.C.
Dr. Steve Brown
Luis Galvan
Dr. Donna C. Smith

Absent:

Teri Ervin
Nelson Minyard
Doyle Woodall

School Officials: Mike Adkins, Tom Crowe, David Finley, Roy Garcia, Keith Garinger, Carolyn Gonzalez, David Harwell, Wendy Hines, Brian Moersch, Kellie Wilks

Others: Mike Atkins, Stephanie Howard, Ann McClarty, Elaine Smith, Tracy Taylor, Leslie Coody, Christie Lozano, Ashley Perales, Roger Cox, Cheryl Cox, Carolyn Gonzalez, Lisa Wills, Denisa Mendel, Bertha Saldibar, Sandra Rodriguez, Aavida Valenzuela, Rosa Flores, Marlon Ortega, Marcia Tombosky Ann Kennedy, Daniel Loudenback, Blanca Madrid, Cynthia McNabb, Mary Franco

22859 **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

22860 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Business Professional of America Students Out-of-State Travel to Anaheim, California:** Trustees heard a presentation from Odessa HS Career & Tech Counselor Marcia Tombosky and Permian HS Educator Ann Kennedy. They are requesting permission for eight students and four teachers to travel to Anaheim, California to compete at the Business Professionals of America in the Nationals Competition. This event provides students the opportunity to network and participate in various activities that promote participation in business and graphic design skills and occupations.

These students qualified for Nationals based on their performance at the State BPA Contest.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22861 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Ector JHS and Permian HS Close-Up ESL Students Out-of-State Travel to Washington, DC:** Trustees heard a presentation from ESL Coordinator Sandra Rodriguez. The ESL department is requesting permission for twenty students and five sponsors to travel to Washington DC to participate in the Close-Up Washington DC Education Program. The mission of the program is to inspire, engage, and empower students to become active citizens.

Trustees also heard from Permian HS Senior Marlon Ortega and Junior Claudia A. Valenzuela who both attended last year. They shared with Trustees how much they learned about the United States government during their trip and how much it has helped them with their history lessons.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22862 **Presentation: District Continuous Improvement Team Index 1: Student Achievement and System Safeguards:** Trustees heard a presentation from Executive Director of Accountability Dr. Tracy Taylor who serves as the DCIT Index 1 Subcommittee Chair and from subcommittee members Robyn Fawcett, Leslie Coody, Roger Cox, Christie Lozano, Robin Peterson, Lee Rivers, and Ashley Perales.

The subcommittee presented a review of the district improvement goals and plans for 2015-2016 that impact all students' achievement, specifically targeting high need subgroups.

No action required.

22863 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Instructional Material Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2015-2016:** Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Carolyn Gonzalez and the Curriculum Coordinators presented this item for discussion. The Texas Education Code §31.0211, 82nd Legislature requires each year the Board of Trustees notify the State Board of Education that the instructional materials selected have been approved by the Board of Trustees for use in the school district.

Ms. Gonzalez told Trustees that all instructional materials selected were 100% TEK aligned.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22864 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Social Studies K-12, High School Math, Music K-5, Art 5-8, CTE Curriculum and Theatre/Dance Adoption:** Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Carolyn Gonzalez presented this item for discussion. Legal Board Policy (EFAA) and the Texas Education Code §31.101 requires each year the Board of Trustees of each District to select textbooks for subjects in the foundation and enrichment curricula.

The selection of these textbooks was made by a committee of teachers who attended a vendor fair hosted by Region 18. After reviewing the textbooks,

selections were made and vendors were invited to present to local communities, which then voted on the books being presented for board approval.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22865 **Discussion of Purchases over \$50,000**: Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. March purchases over \$50,000 include the list of textbooks for subjects in the foundation and enrichment curricula which will be presented to Trustees for adoption.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22866 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #3**: Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. This amendment includes an increase for estimated payroll cost through June, an increase in Maintenance Department costs through June, funds for TCM Enterprise & Tyler hosting, Textbook department needs, and contracted accounting services through June.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22867 **Discussion of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Odessa High School Phase 4: Kitchen Expansion and Renovation**: Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. After cost control measures were put in place the final GMP for Odessa High School Phase 4 is a total project cost of \$4,127,887. Phase 4 includes the renovation and expansion to the kitchen and cafeteria to allow for a closed campus for 9th and 10th grade students as well as interior renovations to the existing building to capture more classroom space.

Superintendent Tom Crowe told Trustees that he expects all classroom spaces to be ready for students in August, although he and his leadership team are working on a plan for “what if” the building isn’t ready to occupy.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22868 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between ECISD and Education Foundation of Odessa, Inc.**: Superintendent Tom Crowe presented this item for discussion. This is an annual review for approval of the memorandum of understanding for the 2015-2016 school year.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22869 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Changing May 25, 2015 of the 2014-2015 Traditional School Calendar from a Holiday to a Bad Weather Make-up Day**: Superintendent Tom Crowe presented this item for discussion. Due to inclement weather after the first bad weather day ECISD closed for a total of two days during the 2014-2015 school year and was able to use the second bad weather day as a make-up day. This leaves one day that needs to be made up. It is being recommended that the Board of Trustees approve changing Memorial Day, May 25, 2015 from a holiday to a bad weather make-up day.

Mr. Crowe told Trustees that the Curriculum & Instruction department are currently working on building lessons that will emphasize the Memorial Day holiday and the sacrifices of our veterans.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22870 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Adjusting Bad Weather Days for 2015-2016 Traditional School Calendar**: Superintendent Tom Crowe presented this item for discussion. Based upon the need to modify the 2014-2015 Traditional School Calendar to address bad weather days, it is being recommended that Trustees approve changing the February 15, 2016 bad weather day to April 25, 2016 in an effort to get past the potentially hazardous winter weather.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22871 **Discussion of Board Policy DFE(LOCAL) Termination of Employment: Resignation**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. There is a stipulation in the District employment contracts stating that if a contract is not signed and returned by a specific date, the contract is void and the position is considered to have been resigned. This language does not exist in the District's local policy. The District is proposing modifying the current policy to include this language so that policy reflects District practice.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22872 **Discussion of Board Polices for TASB Update 101 (First Reading)**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. TASB periodically offers suggested changes to local policy. These policies will be presented for First Reading at the March 31, 2015 board meeting. These policies will be studied and reviewed before being presented to Trustees for approval at the April 21, 2015 board meeting.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for discussion at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22873 **Discussion of Approval to Cancel May 9, 2015 Single Member District, Position 3 and Position 6 Elections and Certify the Unopposed Candidates as "Elected" (Aprobar la Cancelacion del Panel de Fideicomisario, Posicion Numero 3 y Posicion Numero 6 y Certificar los Candidatos sin oposicion "Elegido" Fijada para el 9 de Mayo del 2015)**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. The Ector County Elections Administrator Mitzi Scheible has certified candidate for SMD, Position 3 Donna Smith and candidate for SMD, Position 6 Ray Beaty as unopposed for election to office for the May 9, 2015 election.

The Board of Trustees in open meeting must vote to cancel the Single Member District (SMD) elections and certify the unopposed candidate "Elected".

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22874 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Low Attendance Waivers - Four District Campuses**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. The T.E.A. allows districts/campuses to submit a Low Attendance waiver application that any instructional days with attendance at least ten (10) percentage points below the last school year's average attendance due to weather, health or safety issues be excluded from ADA calculations for the current school year. Four ECISD campuses have been identified for dates meeting this criteria on January 22, 2015 (Bowie JH, Carver EEC, Lamar EEC, and Dowling Elementary)

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22875 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Low Attendance Waivers - District Wide**: Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. The T.E.A. allows districts/campuses to submit a Low Attendance waiver application that any instructional days with attendance at least ten (10) percentage points

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below the last school year's average attendance due to inclement weather, health or safety issues be excluded from ADA calculations for the current school year.

On January 23, 2015, snowfall resulted in an average daily attendance of 69.56%, 25.04% less than the ADA for the 2013-14 school year.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for board approval at the March 31, 2015 meeting.)

22876 **Adjournment:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Minyard to adjourn meeting.

Motion unanimously approved.

Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Board President
Dr. Steve Brown

Board Secretary
Teri Wheat Ervin MEd