

AT A BOARD WORK STUDY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM – 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., January 16, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Ray Beaty, D.C.
Dr. Steve Brown
Carol Gregg
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna C. Smith
Doyle Woodall

Absent:

School Officials: Tom Crowe, Mike Adkins, Roy Garcia, Carolyn Gonzalez, David Harwell, Ann McClarty, Brian Moersch, David Morris, Todd Vesely, Kellie Wilks

Others: Mike Atkins, Tatiana Dennis, Stacy Johnson, Tracy Canter, Andrea Martin, James Ramage, Linda Voss, Elaine Smith, Lisa Wills, Debbie Bynum, Selina Mireles, Carla Byrne, Kevin Badgett, Marlane Burns, Amy Russell, Lillian R. Porter, Melisa Burnett, Shari Story, J. Kendrick, Shannon Davidson, Keri Rivas, Lorraine Perryman, Kathleen Weilby, Ruth Campbell, Cynthia McNabb, Mary Franco

23976 **Meeting Called to Order:** Carol Gregg, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

23977 **Presentation: A Proposed STEM-Based Partnership Between UTPB & ECISD:** UTPB Dean of College Education Dr. Selina Mireles, Curriculum Director Shannon Davidson, Senior Early College High School Program Coordinator Lillian Porter, and Assistant Professor of College Education Kevin Badgett presented this item for discussion. UTPB came to the district with the proposal under which Zavala Elementary and Ector Middle School would become In-district Charter Schools designed to meet T-STEM (Texas Science Technology Engineering & Math) standards, and College & Career Readiness standards. The potential benefits from the partnership: for ECISD, the two schools would receive a 2-year suspension of penalties of being rated Improvement Required (IR), through SB 1882 more than \$1 million of funding is available over the next two years to support the implementation at Zavala, the STEM implementation will focus on areas relevant to the Permian Basin and at-risk factors prevalent for students. For UTPB the partnership would provide research opportunities for its staff; field-based learning for its student-teachers and professors; support for its UTPB STEM academy in areas like counseling, Special Education, English as a Second Language and Fine Arts; and it will establish a Pre-K through UTPB pipeline for students. Under this arrangement UTPB would be the managing partner and have decision-making authority in many instances, though the university says it feels this must be a true partnership between the entities. If, ultimately, the partnership comes to be, the In-district Charter status of Zavala & Ector would have to remain in place for ten years. Trustees had many questions about the details of how this

would be implemented, and UTPB's Dr. Selina Mireles said those are the pieces of the agreement that must be worked out by the university and the school district through negotiations. The Texas Education Agency is developing a model contract for agreements like this but that model has not yet been completed. Some of those questions should be addressed in the model contract. Both sides want to arrange more meetings in the very near future to discuss details that would have to be worked out before moving into this type of agreement.

23978 **Discussion of Improvement Required (IR) Campus Updates:** Trustees received an update from the principals of the three campuses in their fifth year under Improvement Required status. They each presented the current actions they are implementing towards improving teaching and student learning at each of their respective campuses. (The following campuses are on improvement required status under state accountability standards due to low state test scores: Noel Elementary, Zavala Elementary, and Ector Middle School.) Board President Carol Gregg along with other Trustees expressed their appreciation for all the hard work they are putting in towards improvement.

No action required.

23979 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Campus Turnaround Plan:** Bonham Middle School Principal James Ramage presented this item for discussion. TEA requires each campus in the improvement required process to complete a turnaround plan that outlines the school's systemic approach to producing significant and sustainable gains. The school is looking to implement AVID school-wide, meaning AVID strategies and activities are incorporated into all classrooms not just the AVID elective classes. It includes an AVID Excel component which is designed to focus on English Language Learners. Components of AVID Excel include coursework, professional learning, family connections, and biliteracy. This plan also includes staff training. A proposed budget was also presented for Trustees consideration.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 23, 2018 meeting.)

23980 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Odessa High School Bronchettes Out-of-State Travel to Orlando, Florida:** The Odessa High School Bronchettes will be requesting permission for approximately thirty students to travel to Orlando, Florida from June 9-13, 2018. Students will participate in a Disney Dancing Workshop or a performance (pending on availability and confirmation). The cost of the trip will require fund raising and personal funds.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 23, 2018 meeting.)

23981 **Discussion of Request for Approval of TASB BuyBoard Cooperative Management Fee Report:** On an annual basis the Board of Trustees are asked to approve the TASB BuyBoard Cooperative Management Fee Report in order to be in compliance with Section 44.031(a)(5) of the Texas Education Code.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 23, 2018 meeting.)

23982 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Region 17 Education Service Center for Coordinating Services:** Through this interlocal agreement ECISD along with other member districts will participate in the 2018-2019 West Texas Food Service Cooperative (WTFSC) to obtain substantial savings on specified items through volume purchasing.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 23, 2018 meeting.)

23983 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. There were no contract/purchases that met this requirement.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 23, 2018 meeting.)

23984 **Report on Acknowledgement of Gifts and Donations:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented the quarterly report of Donations and Gifts. On occasion patrons of the school district provide gifts of money or equipment for use by students or staff. It is the District's desire to inform Trustees of these gifts and thank donors.

No action required.

23985 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Tax Foreclosed Property:** Trustees are being asked to consider an offer on property located at S Odessa Street Goldsmith, Texas which is less than taxes, penalties and interest currently owed, and less than the market price for the property. All other taxing entities must agree to the sale on these types of properties before transactions can be completed. Accepting an offer on the property will place them on various entities' tax rolls, plus relieve them from the need to maintain the property.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the January 23, 2018 meeting.)

23986 **Request for Approval of Closed Meeting – Personnel Matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Discussion of Routine Personnel Report) [Board will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employees of the District]:**

No closed session held.

23987 **Information Items:** The Purchasing Report and Routine Personnel Report were provided to the Board of Trustees.

No action required.

23988 **Adjournment:** Carol Gregg, Board President adjourned the Board meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Board President
Carol Gregg

Board Secretary
Donna C. Smith