

**AT A REGULAR MEETING AND JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH DISTRICT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT TEAM ON DISTRICT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM, 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

Delma Abalos  
Dr. Steve Brown  
Tammy Hawkins  
Dawn Miller  
Christopher Stanley  
Bob Thayer  
Wayne Woodall

**Absent:**

**School Officials:** Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Dr. Keeley Boyer, Dr. Lilia Nanez, Dr. Anthony Sorola, Dr. Kellie Wilks

**Others:** Tatiana Dennis, Betsabe Salcido, Aaron Hawley, Jaime Miller, Jessica Gore, Tracey Borchardt, Ryan Merritt, Jeff Daniels, Todd Berridge, Consuelo Soto, Regina Chabarria, Gilbert Vasquez, Levi Bryand, Valerie Shreves, Martha Cirrincione, Mollie Jones, Stacey Nunez, Johnathan Smith, Stephanie Olivas, Leslieanne Prince, Celeste Potter, Albessa Chavez, Ruth Campbell, Rita Lopez, Mary Franco

**26603** **Meeting Called to Order:** Christopher Stanley, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**26604** **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Christopher Stanley, 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.

**26605** **Pledge Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Ross Elementary School Students Baylee Deese and Brandon Fierro.

**26606** **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Reverend Adrienne B. Coleman of Highland Methodist Church.

**26607** **Special Presentations:**

**Introduction of Texas Music Educators Association All-State Musicians:** Ector County ISD is proud to announce that six students have achieved the prestigious title of Texas All-State Musician from the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA). This honor follows a rigorous series of regional and area auditions, starting with over 70,000 high school students, with only approximately 2% of those students being selected as All-State. They qualify to perform in one of 18 All-State ensembles in band, orchestra and vocal divisions. To be an All-State Musician means that the individual – these students – are the best individually in the State of Texas. *It is an elite honor.*

TMEA All-State Musician:

Justus Davis, Senior | Odessa HS Choir, Tenor 1, 4-year TMEA All-State Musician

Shaun Price, Senior | Permian HS Band, Horn, 4-year TMEA All-State Musician

Elijah Keast, Senior | Permian HS Choir, Bass 1, 2-year TMEA All-State Musician

Jenesis Paget, Junior | Permian HS Choir, Alto 2, 2-year TMEA All-State Musician

Caidence Searcy, Junior | Permian HS Choir, Alto 1, 2-year TMEA All-State Musician

Aiden Armendariz, Junior | Permian HS Orchestra, String Bass – 1<sup>st</sup> PHS Orchestra student in 15 years

**Recognition of New Tech Odessa and Odessa Collegiate Academy as Qualifiers for Thomas E. Mosely Academic Decathlon State Meet:** This item has been moved to the March 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

**26608** **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In his opening comments, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri reminded everyone that Early Voting for March Primaries is now underway. He complimented ECISD staff for turning out in strong numbers for the Bond Election in November and encouraged staff and community to be sure to vote again in this election cycle. He said ECISD is a district of leaders and leaders vote.

**26609** **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.

**Bond 2023**

**26610** **Bond 2023 Update:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Muri along with Associate Superintendent of Operations Dr. Anthony Sorola and Executive Director of Finance, Budget & Accounting Albessa Chavez provided the Board of Trustees with the first Bond 2023 update since it was passed in November 2023.

This month's update began with a look at bond finances. Specifically, more than \$300,000 has now been encumbered (officially designated for) the purchase of Fine Arts instruments; \$29,200 has been spent for land purchases in the form of associated escrow; more than \$2.8 million has been spent on the purchase and installation of Promethean interactive flat panels for classrooms and another \$401,000 has been officially designated to continue that same work; and \$3,580 is now officially designated for laptops for project managers.

Regarding architecture and engineering services, ECISD sent out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) inviting any interested firms to respond.

A total of 12 firms sent in qualifications, and four of them graded high enough to be invited for an interview. A committee of 15 people, a cross-section of school district departments and functions, interviewed teams from each of the four firms – DLR Group, JSA Architects, PBK Architects, and Parkhill. The next step in this process is to finish evaluating the interviews and qualifications of each firm and assigning bond projects as determined.

Trustees learned more about the work to acquire land for the new Transportation Center. Now under contract and in negotiations, are two pieces of property at 5308 N. Andrews Highway, just north of the intersection with 52<sup>nd</sup> Street. The 21 acres sits adjacent to the ECISD Instructional Materials Warehouse and includes its own warehouse and office building, and has easy access to main roads. The cost is \$2.2 million. ECISD plans to keep and maintain the current bus barn on W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street as a satellite location.

The District is actively seeking third-party project management services to oversee the largest, most complex bond projects, assisting ECISD's Operations Department with the volume of work and dollars being spent.

No action required.

**26611**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Bond 2023 Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Miller to approve the Bond 2023 Purchases over \$50,000 as presented. This item included the projected architectural and engineering services (approximately \$26.4 million), the cost of the two pieces of property for the new Transportation Center (approximately \$2.2 million), land surveying services (\$100,000) and additional environmental assessment services (\$100,000).

Motion unanimously approved.

**26612**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of School District Facilities Construction Method by Bond 2023 Project:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Woodall to approve the School District Facilities Construction Method by Bond 2023 Project as presented. There are six construction delivery methods approved for school districts to use: Construction Manager At-Risk, Competitive Sealed Proposal, Job Order Contract, Competitive Bidding, Design Build, and Construction Manager Agent. School leaders recommended, and Trustees approved:

- Construction Manager At-Risk for the Career & Technical Education Center, the new middle school, and the Permian High School auditorium.
- Competitive Sealed Proposal for the Transition Learning Center, Agricultural Facility, and the Transportation Center.

Motion unanimously approved.

**Board Policy**

- 26613**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of TASB Local Policy GKG (LOCAL) – Community Relations: School Volunteer Program:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Hawkins to approve TASB Local Policy GKG (LOCAL) – Community Relations: School Volunteer Program as presented. This recommended policy from the Texas Association of School Boards enables volunteer support across critical areas such as teaching, student/staff welfare, and district needs.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26614**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Resolution of the Board to Accept as Volunteers Chaplains:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Woodall to approve Resolution of the Board to Accept as Volunteers Chaplains as presented. Senate Bill 763 enables school districts to employ or welcome chaplains as volunteers, providing essential support, services and programs for students as determined by the board. The resolution affirms the existing practice of permitting chaplains to volunteer with schools in accordance with ECISD's volunteer program.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26615**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Revisions to Local Board Policy EHBE (LOCAL) – Special Programs: Bilingual Education/ESL:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Hawkins to approve Revisions to Local Board Policy EHBE (LOCAL) – Special Programs: Bilingual Education/ESL as presented. This policy revision outlines the existing practices of the school district in implementing a one-way dual language program, in which students acquire academic content in both English and Spanish, alongside the incorporation of a Dual Language Two-Way Model at appropriate campuses.

Motion unanimously approved.

**Action Items**

- 26616**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2023-2024 Budget Amendment #6:** Moved by Brown seconded by Woodall to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment #6 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26617**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Brown seconded by Abalos to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26618**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the 2024-2025 School Actions:**  
Trustees voted on a series of school actions for the 2024-25 school year. These school actions include new attendance zones and/or new grade configurations for 5 elementary schools.

**26619**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the 2024-2025 K-5 Zavala Elementary Attendance Boundary:** The 2024-2025 K-5 Zavala Elementary attendance boundary item was withdrawn from the agenda, with Dr. Muri stating that further review and refinement are necessary. This item will be reconsidered at an upcoming meeting.

No action taken.

**26620**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the 2024-2025 K-5 Pease Elementary Attendance Boundary:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Brown to approve the 2024-2025 K-5 Pease Elementary Attendance Boundary as presented. The new attendance zone will go into effect in August 2024. In addition, Pease will be the location of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, a new Choice School offering for students.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26621**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the 2024-2025 K-5 Noel Elementary Attendance Boundary:** Moved by Miller, seconded by Woodall to approve the 2024-2025 K-5 Noel Elementary Attendance Boundary as presented. The new attendance zone will go into effect in August 2024.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26622**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the 2024-2025 K-5 San Jacinto Elementary Attendance Boundary:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Woodall to approve the 2024-2025 K-5 San Jacinto Elementary Attendance Boundary as presented. The new attendance zone will go into effect in August 2024.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26623**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval to Repurpose Burleson Elementary into a Prekindergarten Center:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Brown to Repurpose Burleson Elementary into a Prekindergarten Center as presented. With this decision, students in the current Burleson attendance zone will be rezoned to attend either Noel Elementary or San Jacinto Elementary. Families will be notified very soon.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26624**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2024-2025 Academic Calendars:**  
Moved by Abalos, seconded by Hawkins to approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendars as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26625**     **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Resolution to Designate Additional Nonbusiness Days Under Texas Public Information Act (TPIA) for Year 2024:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Hawkins to approve a Resolution to Designate Additional Nonbusiness Days Under Texas Public Information Act (TPIA) for Year 2024 as presented. This resolution designates March 12, 13, 14; July 3, 5; November 26, 27; and December 27, 30 and 31 as additional non-business days under the Texas Public Information Act for Year 2024. This is a change in the law that went into effect after the last legislative session ended. Except for specified national and state holidays and other identified days, government entities now must designate up to 10 days as “nonbusiness” days for calculating deadlines for TPIA request. These are days the entity expects to be closed or operating with reduced staff. This action is required annually for each calendar year.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26626**     **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Hawkins 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 Quarterly Investment Report
  - E. Request for Approval of Resolution of the Board for Removal of Resigned Investment Officer(s)
  - F. Request for Approval of Investment Officer Account Access Authorization
  - G. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Education Foundation and Ector County ISD for the Inspiration Station
  - H. Request for Approval of Additional 2023-2024 T-TESS Appraisers

Motion unanimously approved.

### **Public Hearing**

- 26627**     **Joint Public Hearing with District Continuous Improvement Team on District Annual Performance Report:** Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri opened this item for discussion. Executive Director of Accountability Dr. Jessica Gore presented the District Annual Performance Report. School districts are required to hold a public hearing to discuss this annual report which includes academic performance data, accreditation status, campus performance objectives, and information on violent or criminal incidents. The information in this report is for the 2020-21 school year.

Immediately following the presentation, Board President Christopher Stanley declared the Joint Public Hearing with District Continuous Improvement Team on District Annual Performance Report, ***open***.

There was no public comment.

Board President Christopher Stanley declared the Joint Public Hearing with District Continuous Improvement Team on District Annual Performance Report, ***closed***.

No action required.

**26628** **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.] (Discussion of the 2024-2025 ECISD Campus Principal Administrator Contracts). 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.]**

Board President Christopher Stanley convened to the Board of Trustees to closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Board President Christopher Stanley reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 7:50 p.m.

**26629** **Request for Approval of the 2024-2025 ECISD Campus Principal Administrator Contracts**: Moved by Brown, seconded by Woodall to approve the 2024-2025 ECISD Campus Principal Administrator Contracts as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26630** **Information Items**: The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Financials, Purchasing Report, Routine Personnel Report, and Added Administrative Professional Stipend/Pay Grade Memorandum.

**26631** **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent**: There were no closing remarks.

**26632** **Adjournment**: Board President Christopher Stanley adjourned the Board meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Christopher Stanley*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Tammy Hawkins*