

AT A BOARD WORKSHOP 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 6:30 P.M., January 14, 2020, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

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

Absent:

Carol Gregg

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

Others: Mike Atkins, Aaron Hawley, Nancy Vanley, Annette Macias, Lisa Wills, Armando Nunez, Julia Willett-Weekly, Armida Tarin, Edward G. Gallegos, Dalia Benavides, Alicia Press, Andrea Martin, Carla Byrne, Hortencia DelBosque, Martha Lopez, Gabriel Fierro, Deborah Tavarez, Michelle Dominguez, Erica Dangerfield, Sophia Olivarez, Rose Valderaz, Ronda Mitchell, Marisela Gonzalez, Edith Sanchez, Shawna Glenn, Jessica Arguello, Letty Bernal, Scott Randolph, Niki Prann, Crystal Rayos, Stacy Johnson, Robert Cedillo, Sylvia Duran, Michael Duran, Tyler Press, Ruth Campbell, Mary Franco

24948 **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Donna C. Smith, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

24949 **Verification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – this is to certify that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with the public notice of this meeting:** Board President Dr. Donna C. Smith certified that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code had been met in connection with the public notice of this meeting.

No action required.

24950 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri opened the meeting stating that January is School Board Recognition Month and the reason for the late start of the meeting this evening was due to our Board of Trustees being recognized at the Odessa City Council meeting. He went on to thank our school board members for their volunteer service and he invited the audience to recognize our Trustees with a round of applause. Dr. Muri also complimented the students in the Culinary Arts program for the “great meal” they catered for a recent meeting. He spoke of the quality of the food and the customer service provided by the students and how Culinary Arts is another example of our Career & Technical Education courses preparing students for college and career.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Report/Discussion Items

24951 Discussion of Proposed Revisions to Local Policy Update 114 (First Reading): Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Howard presented this item for discussion. This is a series of 18 policies with updates recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). These updates are offered to school districts in order to keep local policies in line with changes to legal policies. These policies will be brought back to the board next week for second reading and a vote.

No action required.

24952 Discussion of Proposed Revisions to DEC(LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences (First Reading): Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Howard presented this item for discussion. This proposed update is a fundamental clean-up. This policy will be brought back to the board next week for second reading and a vote.

No action required.

24953 Discussion of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy DGBA(LOCAL) Personnel-Management Relations: Employee Complaint/Grievances (First Reading): Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Howard presented this item for discussion. This proposed update clarifies who hears a Level One complaint. This policy will be brought back to the board next week for second reading and a vote.

No action required.

24954 Discussion of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy FNAA(LOCAL) Student Expressions: Distribution of Non-school Literature (First Reading): Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Howard presented this item for discussion. This proposed update clarifies language. This policy will be brought back to the board next week for second reading and a vote.

No action required.

24955 Discussion of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy FNAB(LOCAL) Student Expressions: Use of School Facilities for Non-school Purposes (First Reading): Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Howard presented this item for discussion. This proposed update clarifies language. This policy will be brought back to the board next week for second reading and a vote.

No action required.

24956 **Discussion of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy EIC(LOCAL) Academic Achievement Class Ranking (First Reading):** Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Howard presented this item for discussion. The proposed update moves Pre-Advanced Placement courses to a higher grade point average “weight” in order to reward high school students who choose the more challenging, rigorous courses. If approved, this change would go into effect with the incoming 9th graders – the Class of 2024. It would not affect those who have already started high school. This policy will be brought back to the board next week for second reading and a vote.

No action required.

24957 **Presentation of Student Support and Wrap Around Services:** ECISD has seven divisions under the heading of Student Support, this presentation focused on two, Teen Parent Related Service and Community Outreach Center. TPRS Coordinator Rose Valderaz and Community Outreach Center Director of School Attendance Scott Randolph each presented on their respective division.

Teen Parent Related Services (TPRS) provides support, in a variety of ways, to keep teen parents in school. Things like providing transportation, child care, an incentive program, and making daily contact are ways the TPRS program reaches teen parents. Last year’s graduation rate was 85% for students receiving TPRS support. The department is still working with those who did not graduate.

The Community Outreach Center, located at 301 E. Clements, is where our ECISD social workers keep track of students and families to increase attendance and reduce the dropout rate. This includes monitoring truancy. The department works to connect families with needed community services, and offers a “Parenting Wisely” course to about 250 families each year.

No action required.

24958 **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 a public officer or employee of the District; or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.]:**

No closed session held.

24959 **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** Dr. Muri closed the meeting by thanking the presenters for being at the meeting, and thanked all of the Student Support departments for the work they do on behalf of students and families every day.

24960 **Adjournment:** Dr. Donna C. Smith, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Board President
Dr. Donna C. Smith

Board Secretary
Tammy Hawkins