

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., AUGUST 18, 2020, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Tammy Hawkins
Carol Gregg
Dr. Donna C. Smith

Absent:

Nelson Minyard

School Officials: Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Dr. Stephanie Howard, Deborah Ottmers, Dr. Lilia Nanez, Dr. Corey Seymour, Dr. Kellie Wilks

Others: Mike Atkins, Jesse Christesson, Chris Stanley, Michaela Johnson, Dr. Stacy Johnson, Robert Cedillo, Jason Osborne, Alicia Press, Alicia Syverson, Ruth Campbell, Albert Anchondo, Mary Franco

25197 Meeting Called to Order: Delma Abalos, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

25198 Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law: Delma Abalos, 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.

25199 Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags: The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Tammy Hawkins, ECISD Board Member.

25200 Invocation: The Invocation was led by Dr. Steve Brown, ECISD Board Secretary.

25201 Opening Remarks by Superintendent: Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri announced that earlier in the day district leaders learned ECISD's application for the Teacher Incentive Allotment has been accepted. The TIA provides additional, potentially significant, compensation to highly effective teachers whose students show measurable improvement in academic growth. Dr. Muri told Trustees this will be a data-gathering year, and in 2021-22 teachers will be eligible for the pay. ECISD is one of 47 school districts in Texas that applied for TIA this spring. He reminded the school board that even in times of crisis, the District must stay focused on innovative efforts like this.

25202 Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Action Items

25203 Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000: Moved by Smith, seconded by Brown to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25204 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2020-2021 Budget Amendment #2:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Hawkins to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Amendment #2 as presented. The largest part of the Budget Amendment is for Chromebooks, iPads and MiFi internet hotspots for students and families.

Motion unanimously approved.

25205 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of TEA Waiver from the Annual Financial Report Due Date Requirements for Fiscal Year 2019-2020:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Hawkins to approve the TEA Waiver from the Annual Financial Report Due Date Requirements for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25206 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Required Waivers to the Texas Education Agency:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Brown to approve the Required Waivers to the Texas Education Agency as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25207 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2020-2021 Gifted and Talented Plan:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Brown to approve the 2020-2021 Gifted and Talented Plan as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25208 **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Gregg 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 Additional 2020-2021 T-TESS Appraisers
- D. Request for Approval of UIL Exemption List for the 2020-2021 School Year
- E. Request for Approval of Annual Investment Report

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

25209 **Discussion of ECISD's Opening of Schools:** Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri offered the Board of Trustees an update of the opening of schools. On the first day of school enrollment was 23,067 with 4,200 kids attending in person and 779 calls made to the ECISD Technology Help Desk. After five days, enrollment now stands at 30,465 and more than 4,700 students are attending in person (about 14%), and nearly 3,800 calls to the Technology Help Desk.

He showed pictures from classrooms around the district that highlighted distancing between desks and cleaning being done by our custodial teams. He reminded Trustees that Phase II for students to return to school in person on August 26 and Phase III is on schedule for September 1.

No action required.

25210 **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.] (Board will review the Board of Trustees Position 4 applications and conduct interviews.):**

Board President Delma Abalos convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 7:07 p.m.

Board President Delma Abalos reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 9:15 p.m.

25211 **Possible Action to Appoint a Citizen to fill Board of Trustee Position 4:**
Moved by Gregg, seconded by Smith to appoint Christopher John Stanley to fill Board of Trustee Position 4 for the remainder of the current term as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25212 **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Purchasing Report and Routine Personnel Report.

25213 **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** There were no closing.

25214 **Adjournment:** Board President Delma Abalos adjourned the Board meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Board President
Delma Abalos

Board Secretary
Dr. Steve Brown