

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM A/B – 3ND FLOOR - 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., August 12, 2014 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Ray Beaty, D.C.
Dr. Steve Brown
Teri Ervin
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna C. Smith
Doyle Woodall

Absent:

Luis Galvan

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

Others: Mike Atkins, Alicia Press, Alicia Syverson, Linda Subia, Lisa Wills, Stephanie Howard, Julia Clay, Henri Lewis, Nancy Vanley, Ann McClarty, Don Munsch, Elaine Sparks, Mary Franco

22418 **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

22419 **Discussion of Purchase of Attendance Credits (Netting Chapter 42 Funding):** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Netting Chapter 42 Funding). Mr. Harwell reported to Trustees that the State would be withholding a percentage of the Districts state funding due to ECISD being considered a property rich district.

No action required.

22420 **Report on Annual Investment Report:** Chief Finance Officer David Harwell presented the Annual Investment Report. Mr. Harwell reported that interest rates remained low, limiting return on investments.

No action required.

22421 **Discussion of Region 20 Revised Agreement:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented the Region 20 Revised Agreement. The revision provides for the continued inquiry access of the business/human services software that is being replaced by the MUNIS software.

No action required.

22422 **Discussion of Proposed Tax Rate to Publish and Public Meeting Date for Tax Rate Adoption:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented the Proposed Tax Rate to be Published (M & O: \$1.04 and I & S: \$.121) and

September 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. as the Public Meeting Date for the Tax Rate Adoption.

No action required.

22423 **Report on the Compensatory Education Program Evaluation:** Director of Federal & State Programs Julia Clay reported on the Compensatory Education Program Evaluation. Ms. Clay provided Trustees with a preliminary report on the new HB 5 requirements.

No action required.

22424 **Report on UIL Eligibility Courses:** Guidance and Counseling Director Nancy Vanley provided a Report on the UIL Eligibility Courses. These courses are all Advance Core Courses.

No action required.

22425 **Report of Scheduled Professional Development for 2014-2015 School Year:** Director of Professional Development Henri Lewis provided a Report of the Scheduled Professional Development for 2014-2015 School Year.

No action required.

22426 **Presentation: 21st Century Learning:** Principals for the District's three new elementary schools, Alicia Press, Alicia Syverson and Linda Subia provided Trustees with a presentation on 21st Century Learning.

No action required.

22427 **Discussion of Approval of Student Code of Conduct for 2014-2015:** Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Roy Garcia reported to Trustees there were no major changes to the Student Code of Conduct for the 2014-2015 school year other than the removal of paragraph addressing the election of high school graduation speakers.

No action required.

22428 **Discussion of Board Policy CH(Local) Purchasing and Acquisition:** Trustees discussed the possibility of changing the requirements for purchases requiring Board approval. Trustees discussed reducing the current amount of \$250,000 to either \$100,000 in aggregate or \$50,000 for individual purchases.

No action required.

22429 **Discussion of Board Policy BE(Local) Board Meetings:** Trustees discussed adding a Board Work/Study to this policy. This Board Work/Study would be held on the Tuesday preceding the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

No action required.

(Ray Beaty departed at 8:25 p.m. and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.)

22430 **Discussion of Superintendent Appraisal Instrument:** Superintendent Tom Crowe provided Trustees with an example of an appraisal instrument for their review and discussion. Trustees will continue to work on the evaluation instrument.

No action required.

22431 **Discussion of Board Self-Appraisal:** Trustees are required to conduct a Board Self-Appraisal annually. Superintendent Tom Crowe provided information on two groups that could assist the Board with this process, either the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) or the Centers for Reform of School Systems (CRSS). The Board desires further discussion, therefore will continue to review both providers.

No action required.

22432 **Discussion of Expedited Waivers:** Superintendent Tom Crowe reported to Trustees that TEA allows Districts to submit a waiver application to allow for Professional Development in lieu of 180 days of student instruction and that the approval of these waivers does not obligate the District to offer fewer days of instruction, but does afford the flexibility to do so in the development of the instructional calendar.

No action required.

22433 **Discussion of Alternate Approver for Superintendent:** TEA allows large school districts to request an alternate approver on behalf of the Superintendent. The District will request the Board authorize the Director of Information Systems/District PEIMS Coordinator Heather Potts as the alternate approver.

No action required.

22434 **Discussion of Request for approval of Interlocal Agreement Between Ector County ISD and Crane ISD for Providing an Alternative Education Program:** This agreement will allow Crane ISD students to attend the District's Alternative Center if needed and if space is available.

No action required.

22435 **Discussion of 2014-2015 PDAS Appraisers:** A list of individuals who have completed the necessary training and are now certified "Professional Development & Appraisal" appraisers was provided to Trustees. By state rule, appraisers must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

No action required.

22436 **Discussion of Purchases over \$250,000:** The only item on the Purchases over \$250,000 was the Curriculum Software and Services. Assistant Superintendent Carolyn Gonzalez explained that the software is used for response to intervention for K-6 students and Hood 7-8th students who are below grade level in Reading and/or Math.

No action required.

22437 **Discussion of Recommendation to Change March 2015 Board Meeting Date:** In an effort to allow staff adequate time to prepared the March 2015 Board agenda a recommendation to change the board meeting from March 17 to March 31, 2015 due to Spring Break was discussed.

No action required.

22438 **Discussion of Appointment/Reappointment of Tri-Ethnic Committee Members:** Three Tri-Ethnic Committee member positions will expire at the end of August 2014. Members in those positions wish to be considered for reappointment.

No action required.

22439 **Report on Extended Year Services:** Assistant Superintendent Roy Garcia reported on the major changes to summer school (extended year services) this year. Each campus served their own summer school students, which was well received by both administrators and students. There was a considerable increase in cost as well as in the number of student attendance and improved results.

No action required.

22440 **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]:**

22441 **Adjournment:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Board President
Dr. Steve Brown

Board Secretary
Teri Wheat Ervin MEd