

**AT A BOARD WORK STUDY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM A/B – 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR - 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:15 P.M., JANUARY 13, 2015 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

**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, Stephanie Howard, Ann McClarty, Lisa Wills, Elaine Smith, Tracy Taylor, Michael Neiman, Cynthia McNabb, Mary Franco

**22803** **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**22804** **Report on the Special Education Department:** Executive Director of Special Education Elaine Smith and Executive Director of Instruction Lisa Wills provided Trustees with an overview of improvements being made in communication and training in the Special Education department. They provided specific information on end of course passing rates, dyslexia training, guided math, guided reading, Stetson Training and World Café Training.

No action required.

**22805** **Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding between Ector County Independent School District and GOPB, Inc. Head Start School Readiness Academy - Children with Disabilities Services:** Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Carolyn Gonzalez presented this item for review. The ECISD Special Education Department has collaborated with GOPB, Inc. Head Start School Readiness Academy to maximize benefits of services to children with disabilities.

This agreement is reviewed and renewed on an annual basis.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the January 20, 2015 meeting.)*

**22806** **Discussion of 2013-2014 Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR):**  
Executive Director of Accountability Tracy Taylor presented an overview of the

District 2013-2014 Texas Academic Performance Report. This report includes STAAR performance rates, attendance rates, dropout and graduation rates, student and staff demographics, programs, and district and campus budgets. Dr. Taylor highlighted the increase in the Met or Exceeded Progress results for math and reading, which indicates growth for ECISD students.

Superintendent Tom Crowe stated that scores are not where we want them to be and we will continue to work hard to increase expectations.

No action required.

**22807** **Discussion of Standard Playground Equipment:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. Due to the difficulty of installing and maintaining different playground equipment at the District's elementary schools and early education centers a committee was formed to evaluate playground systems. A number of systems were evaluated, the Evos Systems was selected for its durable construction and research-based support of children's physical activity. *(The City of Odessa is using the Evos System for the City parks playgrounds.)*

Currently there is funding for four elementary schools. Due to the dire need of playground equipment repair Noel, Ireland, Gonzales and LBJ will be the first campuses to receive the new playground equipment. As funds become available, campuses will receive funds for a base design. Campuses may raise money through PTA's, grants, etc. to expand to larger playgrounds if they so choose.

All three new elementary campuses will also receive the Evos System playground equipment.

No action required.

**22808** **Discussion of Adjustment to the Elementary and Middle School Attendance Zone 2015-2016:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. Based upon further study and current student data information it has been determined that an adjustment to the elementary and middle school attendance zones for 2015-2016 is necessary in order to obtain the district's goal of balancing campus populations and creating neighborhood schools.

The current attendance zones for 2015-2016 were adopted November 18, 2014.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the January 20, 2015 meeting.)*

**22809** **Discussion of Bond Facilities Construction Update:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley provided Trustees with an update on the Bond Facilities Construction. Mr. Finley told Trustees that a new bid opened on Monday, January 12, 2015 for the final phase of the Permian High School kitchen/cafeteria expansion, which came in at about 30% higher than projected. Due to the lack of bidders creating little competition the District is facing higher costs than originally budgeted. The District will be working closely with the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Lee Lewis Construction to identify areas where money can be saved. CMAR will also begin to solicit more bids.

The District's Food Service Department will be able to help with the cost of the kitchen, which will keep bond costs down.

No action required.

**22810** **Discussion of Interlocal Agreement with Region 17 Education Service Center to Participate in the West Texas Food Service Cooperative:** Chief Operations Officer David Finley presented this item for discussion. On an annual basis ECISD has collaborated with Region 17 through an Interlocal Agreement to provide substantial savings on specific items.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the January 20, 2015 meeting.)*

**22811** **Discussion of Purchases over \$50,000:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. Superintendent Tom Crowe reported that the decrease from \$250,000 to \$50,000 at this point has not affected day to day business. *(Items over \$50,000 require Board approval.)*

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the January 20, 2015 meeting.)*

**22812** **Discussion of TASB BuyBoard Cooperative Management Fee Report:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. 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 20, 2015 meeting.)*

**22813** **Report on Acknowledgement of Gifts and Donations:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. From time to time patrons of the school district provide gifts of money or equipment for use by students or staff. This information is provided on a quarterly basis.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented at the January 20, 2015 meeting.)*

**22814** **Discussion of Board Policy FMH (Local) Student Activities: Commencement:** Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item. This policy is being updated to reflect changes in high school graduation commencement exercises.

Superintendent Tom Crowe introduced a recommended change of language to this policy, requiring future seniors to meet all graduation requirements, including passing all required state standardized tests, in order to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies.

Currently, seniors may participate in graduation ceremonies if they have passed all their courses but have not passed the required state standardized tests.

If approved, this policy would go into effect for the graduating Class of 2016.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for discussion at the January 20, 2015 meeting.)*

**22815** **Discussion of 2014-2015 PDAS Appraisers:** Chief Human Resource Officer Keith Garinger presented a list of individuals who have completed the necessary training and are now certified "Professional Development & Appraisal" appraisers. By state rule, appraisers must be approved by the local Board of Trustees.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the January 20, 2015 meeting.)*

**22816** **Discussion of Appointment/Reappointment of Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Members:** Health & P. E. Coordinator Michael Neiman provided Trustees with an application and resumé of a community member wishing to serve on the Student Health Advisory Council for review and consideration. There is currently one Community Member position open due to a resignation.

No action required.

*(This item will be presented for board approval at the January 20, 2015 meeting.)*

**22817**    **Adjournment:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Galvan to adjourn meeting.

Motion unanimously approved.

Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Dr. Steve Brown*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Teri Wheat Ervin MEd*