

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 6:30 p.m., December 18, 2007, with the following members:

Present:

Fay Batch
Ray Beaty DC
Butch Foreman
Carol Gregg
Randy Rives
Dr. Donna Smith
Doyle Woodall

Absent:

School Officials: Hector Mendez, Dr. Steve Brown, David Finley, Leon Fuller, Irene Granado, Alma Guerrero, Wendy Hines, Margaret Lehr, Brian Moersch, Randy Talley, Tonya Tillman, Gilbert Vasquez

Others: Linda Lentz, Roy Garcia, Tracy Taylor, Nancy Clark, Angela Olsen, Eric Olsen, Laurie Williams, James Ramage, Kevin O'Hanlon, Tommy Harrison, Pete Frankson, Phyllis George, Mike George, Marsha Dry, Sharyn Smith, David Morris, Chuck Isner, Jennifer Jones, Ron Davis, Kelly Cecil, Jan Brown, Lu Cleere, Gary Vest, Bob Popinski, Michael Adkins, Dr. Karen Johnson, Al Harris, Mike Atkins, Ann Suiter, Nelda Loya

20058 **Meeting Called to Order:** Carol Gregg, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order.

20059 **Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags:** The pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags were led by Murry Fly Elementary School students, Veronica Tarango and Paige Consiglio.

20060 **Invocation:** Butch Foreman, Board Vice-President, gave the invocation.

20061 **Special Presentations:**

Education Foundation Resolution –

Hector Mendez, Interim Superintendent, read the District's Education Foundation Resolution in recognition of all Education Foundation grant recipients.

United Way Recognitions –

The following United Way top fund raisers were recognized:

Jan Brown - Barbara Jordan Elementary
James Ramage - Bonham Jr. High School
Ron Davis - Maintenance Department

Odessa Student Crime Stoppers Presentation–

Sgt. Pete Frankson gave a brief overview of the Odessa Student Crime Stoppers and reported that as of November, 2007 the program has received 1,254 anonymous tips clearing 1,389 cases and has paid out \$113,703.00 in cash rewards. Odessa Student Crime Stoppers has received 16 State awards that included two student board members being recognized as “Student Board Member of the Year” and the organization recognized as “Campus Program of the Year.”

**Hostage Negotiators of the Year –
Officers Kenny Taylor and Kelly Cecil –**

Officers Kenny Taylor and Kelly Cecil were recognized for having received the “Hostage Negotiators’ of the Year Award.” They were nominated for the award by Sgt. Paul Sheppard of the Odessa Police Department, for their involvement in the September 8, 2007 hostage situation, where three OPD officers lost their lives.

20062 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Carol Gregg, Board President, verified that the provisions of Texas Government Code Section 551.001 had been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

20063 **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Foreman that the following Consent Agenda be approved:

1. Superintendent’s Agenda
2. Minutes of Meeting
November 13, 2007 – Regular
December 6, 2007 – Special
3. Bills for Payment
4. School Construction Report
5. Purchases Over \$250,000
6. Quarterly Investment Report

Motion unanimously approved.

20064 **Discussion and Request for Approval to Adopt Findings Concerning the Application from Pistol Hill Wind Energy LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes, as Amended on November 20, 2007:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Beaty to approve to adopt findings concerning the application from Pistol Hill Wind Energy LLC for a limitation on appraised value of property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes, as amended on November 20, 2007.

Motion unanimously approved.

20065 **Discussion and Request for Approval to Waive the Job Creation Requirement Set Forth in Texas Tax Code § 313.05(b):** Moved by Smith, seconded by Woodall to approve to waive the job creation requirement set forth in Texas Tax Code § 313.05 (b).

Motion unanimously approved.

20066 **Discussion and Request for Approval of Agreement for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes with Pistol Hill Wind Energy LLC:** Moved by Woodall seconded by Rives to approve the agreement for limitation on appraised value of property for school Maintenance and Operations Taxes with Pistol Hill Wind Energy LLC.

Motion unanimously approved.

20067 **Approval of 2007-2008 Budget Amendment #3:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Foreman to approve 2007-2008 Budget Amendment #3 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

20068 **Approval of Tax Foreclosed Property:** Moved by Rives, seconded by Beaty to approve Tax Foreclosed Property as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

20069 **Approval of Contract with Ector County Elections Office to Conduct May 10, 2008 Joint Election:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Foreman to approve the Contract with Ector County Elections Office to Conduct May 10, 2008 Joint Election.

Motion unanimously approved.

20070 **Approval of Ector County Appraisal District Board Members:** Moved by Foreman, seconded by Woodall to approve Abel Quintela and Tommy Ervin to serve a two (2) year term on the Ector County Appraisal District Board.

Motion unanimously approved.

20071 **Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Permian High School Choir:** Moved by Beaty, seconded by Woodall to approve Out-of-State Travel for Permian High School Choir to travel to Colorado Springs, Colorado on April 17-21, 2007.

Motion unanimously approved.

20072 **Approval of State Waiver for Staff Development at Career Center:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Foreman to approve the state waiver for staff development at the Career Center, as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

20073 **Update on Purchase of Activity Buses:** David Finley, Executive Director for Facilities and Maintenance, presented an update on the purchase of activity buses for the District.

20074 **Discussion of Board Policies BQA(Local) Planning and Decision-Making Process: District Level and DCB(Local) Employment Practices: Educator Contracts – FIRST READING:** Brian Moersch, Executive Director for District Operations, presented for first reading, Board Policies BQA(Local) Planning and Decision-Making Process: District Level and DCB(Local) Employment Practices: Educator Contracts.

20075 **Approval to Change Board Meeting Date from January 15, 2008 to January 22, 2008:** Moved by Woodall, seconded by Smith to approve the change of date for January 15, 2008 Board meeting to January 22, 2008.

Motion unanimously approved.

20076 **Closed Session – Consultation with Attorney – Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (Discussion and Consideration of Pending Litigation: ACLU Lawsuit) and 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]:** Carol Gregg, Board President, convened the Board of Trustees in Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Carol Gregg, Board President, stated the Board ended its Closed or Executive Session at 8:39PM.

20077 **Approval to Take Action Pertaining to ACLU Lawsuit:** No action taken.

20078 **Approval of Routine Personnel Report:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Foreman to approve the Routine Personnel Report as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

20079 **Adjournment:** Carol Gregg, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 8:40 PM.

Board President
Carol Gregg

Board Secretary
Ray Beaty, DC