

**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., JULY 27, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Nelson Minyard

**School Officials:** Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Dr. Lilia Náñez, Jason Osborne, Deborah Ottmers, Alicia Syverson, Dr. Kellie Wilks

**Others:** Mike Atkins, Robert Cedillo, Ashley Osborne, Cortney Smith, Dr. Corey Seymour, Staci Ashley, Toby Lefevers, Erin Bueno, Scott Randolph, Nancy Vanley, Jaime Miller, Daryton Ramsey, Tracey Borchardt, Beatrice Mata, Leslie Neiman, Ruth Campbell, Albert Anchondo, Mary Franco

**25567** **Meeting Called to Order:** Tammy Hawkins, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**25568** **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Tammy Hawkins, 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.

**25569** **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Christopher Stanley, ECISD Board Member.

**25570** **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Dr. Steve Brown, ECISD Board Secretary.

**25571** **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In his opening comments, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri congratulated the Board of Trustees on being named the Region 18 Nominee for TASA's 2021 Outstanding School Board. TASA stands for Texas Association of School Administrators, and the organization sponsors this recognition program annually. ECISD's Board of Trustees is one of fifteen school boards in Texas to earn this nomination this year. He thanked Trustees Tammy Hawkins and Chris Stanley for spending their weekend attending a board training session. He said just as with our teachers and other employees, school board members are continuously learning, too. Dr. Muri closed with a reminder that the COVID-19 pandemic is still a reality in our world and our community. In recent weeks, health guidance has been coming very quickly and changing often. He assured Trustees that District leaders are monitoring that guidance closely and are finalizing back-to-school protocols keeping the safety of our staff and students at the forefront of the decision-making. Those protocols will be announced very soon.

**25572** **Public Comment:** Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item on which they wish to address the Board. *BED(LOCAL)* The following seven citizens participated during this portion of the meeting.

There was no public comment.

### **Board Policy**

**25573** **Discussion of Revisions to Policy CFB(LOCAL): Accounting Inventories:** Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers presented this item for discussion. This revision updates the language in the policy to current terminology and standards. This item will be brought back for a second read and vote at the August 17, 2021 Regular Board meeting.

No action required.

### **Action Items**

**25574** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Dropout Prevention/Dropout Recovery Program:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Abalos to approve the Dropout Prevention/Dropout Recovery Program as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**25575** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Stanley to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**25576** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #1:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Abalos to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #1 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**25577** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct and Revisions to the Student Handbook Fees:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Minyard to approve the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct and Revisions to the Student Handbook Fees as presented.

For:	Against:	Abstained:
Brown		Abalos
Gregg		
Hawkins		
Smith		

Stanley

Motion passed.

**25578** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Appointment of TASB Delegate and Alternate**: Moved by Gregg, seconded by Smith to approve Christopher Stanley as TASB Delegate and Nelson Minyard as Alternate.

Motion unanimously approved.

**25579** **Consent Agenda**: Moved by Gregg, seconded by Abalos to approve Consent Agenda with the modifications to pull item 9-G (to be added to the August 2021 Board meeting agenda) and to pull item 9-L to discuss and act on independently.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of Meetings
- B. Request for Approval of Bills for Payment
- C. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Donations Over \$10K
- D. Request for Approval of Resolution Amending Investment Authorized Representatives
- E. Request for Approval of Resolution of the Board to Designate Investment Officer(s)
- F. Request for Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between Ector County ISD and the University of Texas at Austin for 2021-2022 OnRamps Program
- ~~G. Request for Approval of Application Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) 2021-2022~~
- H. Request for Approval of Addendum to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Odessa and Ector County ISD Regarding School Crossing Guards
- I. Request for Approval of Services Agreement Between Ector County ISD and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
- J. Request for Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Ector County ISD and Region 18 for Reading Academies
- K. Request for Approval of Teacher Certification Waiver for 2021-2022 School Year
- ~~L. Request for Approval of the 2021-2022 Elevate K-12 Agreement~~
- M. Request for Approval of School Nutrition Meal Prices for 2021-2022 and New Meal Charging Policy
- N. Request for Approval of Clarification on 2020-2021 Budget Amendment #8 and #9

Motion unanimously approved.

**25580** **Request for Approval of 2021-2022 Elevate K-12 Agreement**: Moved by Smith, seconded by Abalos to approve the 2021-2022 Elevate K-12 Agreement as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**Report/Discussion Items**

**25581** **State Assessment Update:** Superintendent Dr. Scott R. Muri provided Trustees with a report on the 2021 STAAR results. Being that all state tests were suspended in the spring of 2020 due to the COVID pandemic, he provided a comparison of the 2021 results vs. 2019 results. On a positive note, ECISD students narrowed the gap with the state in 16 of 22 tested areas. However, the data is clear that students struggled a great deal; every area saw declines. As one example, ECISD's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Math scores gained 5 points on the State's results (though both fell). These results stayed consistent across special populations like economically disadvantaged, limited English proficiency and Special Education. Dr. Muri called local results a powerful example of the hard work our teachers did to keep children engaged and challenge them even under the most difficult circumstances of the pandemic.  
No action required.

**25582** **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.] (The Board of Trustees will deliberate the hiring of Executive Director of Leadership, Burleson Elementary Principal, Cavazos Elementary Principal, and G.E. Buddy West Elementary Principal.) Consultations with Attorney – Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act [The Board will meet in Closed Session in Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding all Matters as Authorized by Law.]:**

Board President Tammy Hawkins convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 8:01 p.m.

Board President Tammy Hawkins reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 8:19 p.m.

**25583** **Request for Approval of Personnel Recommendations for Executive Director of Leadership, Burleson Elementary Principal, Cavazos Elementary Principal, and G.E. Buddy West Elementary Principal:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Brown to approve Dr. Keeley Simpson as Executive Director of Leadership, Rosa Cruz as Burleson Elementary Principal, Beatrice Martinez as Cavazos Elementary Principal, and Nora Gonzalez as G.E. Buddy West Elementary Principal as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**25584** **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Acknowledgement of Donations, Amended Administrative Professional, Financials, Purchasing Report, and Routine Personnel Report.

**25585** **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

**25586** **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.] (Level III Grievance Hearing – Jesus and Anneliese Martinez):**

There was no closed session.

**25587** **Possible Action Concerning Level III Grievance Hearing [ Jesus and Anneliese Martinez]:**

No action required.

**25588** **Adjournment:** Board President Tammy Hawkins adjourned the Board meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Tammy Hawkins*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Carol Gregg*