



Ector County Independent School District

Action Page

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Anthony Sorola, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE NAMING OF BONHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL FIELD**

DATE: March 29, 2022

During the latter part of 2021, a request was received by the Ector County ISD administration to name the football field located at Bonham Middle School after Mr. J.T. King and place this name at the bottom of the new scoreboard that was recently installed at the field location. In response to this request, the administration referenced CW (Local), which is the policy that was adopted for addressing facility naming. A copy of CW (Local) has been included for reference purposes. This policy states that recommended names shall be submitted to a committee. This committee shall be chaired by the Superintendent or designee. The committee shall submit to the Board one or more recommended names for each facility to be named. The committee was composed of the following members:

- Tracey Borchardt: Co-chair
- Juan Dominguez: Co-chair
- Rene Earls: Member
- David Simpson: Member
- Dr. Donald Hembree: Member
- Terectica Deary: Member
- Melissa Ruiz: Member

The committee met on March 8, 2022, and unanimously decided to accept the recommendation to name the Bonham Middle School Football Field after Mr. J.T. King.

J.T. King "Coach King" was born on January 19, 1924, in Tahoka, TX. He graduated from Williams High School in 1941 and attended Texas Tech before marrying the love

of his life, Brownie Lancaster, in San Diego, CA, on July 22, 1943. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1943, serving in the Pacific Theatre and the post-war occupation of China as an exemplary member of the world's "Greatest Generation". J.T. returned home to graduate from Southwest Texas State in San Marcos, under the G.I. Bill, where he played football and tennis. Upon graduation, he moved his family to Odessa in the late 1940's to work for Shell Oil Company. J.T. was then hired by ECISD to coach and teach at Crockett Junior High thereby fulfilling a lifelong dream and passion. He became the head coach at Bonham Junior High in 1959 and spent the next 25 years at Bonham. J.T.'s record at Bonham: 150 wins, 43 losses, and 6 ties. At one time he had a 36-game winning streak! 8 Odessa-Midland Championships. Coach King was very instrumental to the 11 District Championships and 3 State Championships won by Permian High School from 1964-1980. Coach King was also an integral part in the feeder system of many young men who attended not only Permian High School, but Odessa High School as well. The profound impact of his positive influence will never be forgotten. Coach King officiated many high school play-offs and college games after the conclusion of Bonham's football season. J.T. King coached and taught in the community he loved for 33 years before retiring in 1985. Coach King passed away on September 3, 2004.

Administrative Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of the Facility Naming Committee as presented.