

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE HELD JANUARY 16, 2024, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM, 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

Delma Abalos  
Dr. Steve Brown  
Tammy Hawkins  
Dawn Miller  
Christopher Stanley  
Bob Thayer  
Wayne Woodall

**Absent:**

**School Officials:** Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Dr. Keeley Boyer, Dr. Lilia Nanez, Deborah Ottmers, Dr. Anthony Sorola, Alicia Syverson, Dr. Kellie Wilks

**Others:** Tatiana Dennis, Betsabe Salcido, Aaron Hawley, Sara Moore, Lisa Wills, Jaime Miller, Jessica Gore, Melissa Skinner, Erin Bueno, Mauricio Marquez, Matthew Spivey, Mark Gabrylczyk, Jerry Mahana, Julia Willett-Weekly, Hilberto Ochoa, Tracey Borchardt, Ryan Merritt, Amy Russell, Denise Mourning, Anthony Garcia, Melissa Grizzell, Allison Mendoza, Jeff Daniels, Susan Garcia, Brandy Haynes, Liz Garcia, Jordyn Jones, Marco Davis II, Marco Davis, Tim Jones, Jessica Gore, Felix Armendariz, Andrea Hewitt, Justice Lara, Ruth Campbell, Rita Lopez, Mary Franco

**26570** **Meeting Called to Order:** Christopher Stanley, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**26571** **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Christopher Stanley, 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.

**26572** **Pledge Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Bowie Middle School Students Ethan Carter 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and Jaxon Christesson 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**26573** **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by ECISD Board of Trustee Dr. Steve Brown. Reverend Adrienne B. Coleman of Highland Methodist Church was unable to attend.

**26574** **Special Presentations:**

**Presentation of Texas Association School Boards BuyBoard Rebate:** Our school district is committed to competitive purchasing practices in order to use taxpayer dollars wisely and responsibly while supporting the work of our staff and students. TASB Buyboard representative Lupe Mireles delivered a rebate check in the amount of \$98,139 to Ector County ISD for purchases made through the BuyBoard in 2022-23.

**Recognition of UIL Student Congress (Debate) State Qualifier:** Odessa High School *freshman* Ellie Mourning, was recognized for qualifying for the UIL State Congress, which, if you are unfamiliar with it, is debate. Congress is an individual contest in a large group setting. It models the legislative process of democracy, specifically, the United States Congress. Within this mock legislative assembly competition, contestants draft legislation submitted to the tournament, and they research the docket of bills and resolutions dealing with real-world social and political policies prior to the contest to prepare their speeches. She competed last week, January 9-11, and represented OHS, ECISD and Odessa very well.

**Introduction of All-State and Academic All-State Students-Athletes:** The Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Teams recognize senior high school athletes, trainers and managers who excel in Grade Point Average, class rank and ACT/SAT score. We have fourteen student-athletes being honored by this coaches' association.

Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) nominates based on the criteria of seniors with GPA 92+. We have two students honored by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

**Odessa High School Football** (Texas High School Coaches Association)

Julian Almance - 2nd Team Academic All-State

Ricky Santiago - 2nd Team Academic All-State

Marc Minjarez - 2nd Team Academic All-State – NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Rowdy Mendoza - Honorable Mention Academic All-State

Andy Del Real - Honorable Mention Academic All-State

Adriel Galindo - Honorable Mention Academic All-State –NOT IN ATTENDANCE

**Permian High School Football** (Texas High School Coaches Association)

Marco Davis - 2nd Team Academic All-State

Felix Armendariz - Honorable Mention Academic All-State

Juzstyce Lara - Honorable Mention Academic All-State

Giancarlo Garcia - Honorable Mention Academic All-State

Preston Grizzell - Honorable Mention Academic All-State

Parker Haynes - Honorable Mention Academic All-State

**Permian HS Volleyball**

Ariyana Garcia - Academic All-State Texas Girls Coaches Association

Jordyn Jones -

- 2nd Team Academic All-State Texas High School Coaches Association
- Academic All-State from the Texas Girls Coaches Association

Jade Workman -

- 2nd Team Academic All-State Texas High School Coaches Association
- 6A All-State Volleyball from Texas Girls Coaches Association
- Greater Texas Ford Dealers Female Athlete of the Month in November

**School Board Recognition Month Proclamation:** January is School Board Recognition Month throughout Texas, and we are proud to celebrate our Trustees. Many campuses and departments throughout the District expressed their appreciation. Odessa Mayor Javier Joven was present to read a School Board Month proclamation from the City of Odessa.

**26575 Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In his opening comments, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri echoed the sentiments Mayor Joven highlighted in the School Board Month proclamation. He told the audience school board members are elected officials who work for free. He applauded the amount of time and energy they commit to the students and staff members of ECISD. He said he enjoys working with a strong board, like this one, and called it a privilege to be part of this Team of 8 that is doing really good work for kids.

**26576 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)*

In public comment, Permian High School Senior Jade Workman thanked the Board of Trustees for providing support for athletics. She thanked her coaches for creating an atmosphere of success. She said she loves playing at Permian High School saying there is no place like it.

Permian High School Senior Jordyn Jones also thanked the Board of Trustees for its support of athletics and fine arts and the opportunities for competition, travel, and experiences beyond the classroom. She added she has learned a lot of life skills and lessons through these programs, and has made life-long friendships.

### **Bond 2023**

**26577 Bond 2023 Update:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Muri along with Associate Superintendent of Operations Dr. Anthony Sorola and Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers provided the Board of Trustees with the first Bond 2023 update since it was passed in November 2023.

Trustees discussed the outline of a five-year project calendar giving a look at which projects will reasonably be started this year (2024) and how they will carry over into future years until completed. If all goes according to schedule, the major construction projects will be done in 2-3 years and only some Priority 2 renovations/repairs/maintenance will be remaining in 2028.

Trustees also reviewed the estimated costs for each project and saw that a purchase order of more than \$3.1 million has already been created for interactive flat panel displays for classrooms (Promethean Boards). Those were ordered in December. Looking year-by-year, the schedule shows the largest portion of bond proceeds would be spent during 2025 as construction of the new middle school, new CTE Center, new Transportation Center, Permian High School auditorium renovation, Ag Farm and Transition Learning Center kick in. To note: most, if not

all, of the work on these projects during this year, 2024, will be in the design and planning phases.

Next, Trustees discussed land purchases. The new middle school will be on 40 acres on South Tripp Avenue in West Odessa, just north of Interstate 20. A housing community is being developed around the location of the new school. The new Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center will be located on 37 acres in the industrial complex on East Murphy Street, near the intersection with Meadow Avenue. This land was donated by Grow Odessa. A third piece of property is unrelated to Bond 2023 but will be used for future school district growth. It is Sunset Golf Course on Andrews Highway. It is slightly more than 169 acres and has a cost of \$3.4 million.

The management of the projects will be a combination of internal employees, external contractors, and bond staff hired by ECISD with bond dollars to support the Operations Division and the Finance Division. Staff members in these divisions do not have the personnel to run day-to-day requirements and manage all the bond projects that will come on-line in a short period of time.

A Bond Oversight Committee of 10 community members has been formed to review and monitor all the bond work over the next five years. This group will meet for the first time on January 23, 2024.

The district has put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural/engineering firms and will return to the school board in February to make recommendations on awarding projects to qualifying firms. ECISD will consider a variety of construction methods including competitive bidding, competitive sealed proposal, construction manager-agent, construction manager at risk, design-build and job order contracts.

No action required.

**26578** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Bond 2023 Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Woodall to approve the Bond 2023 Purchases over \$50,000 as presented. This item is for \$756,000 to purchase 40 acres on South Tripp, once a contract is finalized. This will be the site of the new middle school. The cost of the land is \$720,000 plus associated fees.

Motion unanimously approved.

### **Board Policy**

**26579** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of TASB Local Policy Update 122:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Thayer to approve TASB Local Policy Update 122 as presented. The Texas Association of School Boards recommended revisions to this set of ten local board policies to keep them aligned to current law.

Motion unanimously approved.

**Action Items**

**26580** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Miller seconded by Hawkins to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented. The two items on this list this month are the purchase of the land at 9301 Andrews Highway (Sunset Golf Course), once a contract is finalized, for future school district growth and design/engineering services for roof replacements and repair and miscellaneous related work.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26581** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2023-2024 Budget Amendment #5:** Moved by Hawkins seconded by Abalos to approve 2023-2024 Budget Amendment #5 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26582** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between WestEd and ECISD for the Evaluation of the Air Tutors Program:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Hawkins to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between WestEd and ECISD for the Evaluation of the Air Tutors Program as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26583** **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Abalos to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

- 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 \$10,000
- D. Request for Approval of Community Training and Assistance Center (CTAC) Mutual Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement
- E. Request for Approval of Community Training and Assistance Center (CTAC) Collaborative Agreement
- F. Request for Approval of Office of the Governor Police Grants

Motion unanimously approved.

**Report/Discussion Items**

**26584** **Presentation of the Tutor Co-Pilot Artificial Intelligence Cutting-Edge Research & Innovation Partnership with FEV Tutoring & Ector County ISD:** Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Lilia Nájuez presented this item for discussion. Due to a flight cancellation the FEV representative was not able to attend to present. Trustees were presented with information about a cutting-edge research and innovation partnership with FEV Tutoring and Stanford University for a Tutor Co-Pilot program using Artificial Intelligence to support tutors. FEV Tutoring is one of the companies ECISD uses to provide high-dosage,

virtual tutoring. FEV is being used at 8 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high school. ECISD was selected due to being a top-performing high-impact tutoring district nationally. The concept is based on prior Stanford research and utilizes the knowledge of expert math teachers using AI searches to provide multiple, real-time suggestions for their tutors. The tutor can edit that response, too. The study will look at questions: how do tutors use an AI Tutor Co-Pilot and how does an AI Tutor Co-Pilot affect student engagement and academic growth? The study will be conducted through this semester with findings to be released around September.

No action required.

- 26585** **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 the Principal at Ector Middle School). Security Personnel, Devices or Security Audits – Section 551-076 of the Texas Government Code (The Board will receive and deliberate a School Safety Audit Report). 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 Christopher Stanley convened to the Board of Trustees to closed session at 7:49 p.m.

Board President Christopher Stanley reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 8:10 p.m.

Upon reconvening to open session, Dr. Scott Muri announced that Alejandra Garcia would be the new principal at Ector Middle School for the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Garcia is currently the principal at Travis Elementary.

- 26586** **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Acknowledgement of Donations, Financials, Purchasing Report, and Routine Personnel Report.

- 26587** **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

- 26588** **Adjournment:** Board President Christopher Stanley adjourned the Board meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Christopher Stanley*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Tammy Hawkins*