

AT A REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE, SUBMITTED BY DG PENWELL NORTH, LLC, NO.1815, AND OPHELIA SOLAR, LLC, NO. 1816 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2022, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM, 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Carol Gregg
Tammy Hawkins
Dennis Jones
Christopher Stanley

Absent:

Dr. Donna C. Smith

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

Others: Mike Atkins, Noe Ortiz, Celeste Potter, Gary Potter, Jesus Valeriano, Andrea Martin, Christina Escobar, Gabbie Velasquez, Marissa Molina, Adonica Galindo, Lisa Wyman, Anthony Garcia, Robert Cedillo, Tracey Borchardt, Brandon Reyes, Chelsea Reyes, Mauricio Marquez, Heather Lovett, Fred Stormer, Chris Grammer, Rebecca Rhodes, Crissy Preslar, Ariana Martin, Leesa Harrington, Chris Harrington, Jessica Gore, Leslie Wilson, Aaron Hawley, Sara Moore, Clay Moore, Chas Wigington, Christie Cranfill, Megan Powell, Elton Powell, Jason Garewal, Juliette Farris, Vanessa Brewer, Reyes Hernandez, Tim Brewer, Ruth Campbell, Monica McDaniel, Mary Franco

26124 **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

26125 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Dr. Steve Brown, 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.

26126 **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Ireland Elementary Students Luis Esparza and Maximum Munoz.

26127 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Missions Pastor Chris Harrington, Immanuel Baptist Church.

26128 **Special Presentations:**

Announcement of TAEA District Distinction Award: Chief Communications Officer Mike Adkins presented Fine Arts Executive Director Dr. Aaron Hawley along with our Visual Arts Teachers with the Texas Art Education Association District of Distinction Award.

Announcement of School Nurses Named to Permian Basin Great 25 Nurses: Permian Basin Great 25 Nurses is an organization that recognizes extraordinary nurses across West Texas. Nurses from 19 Counties are eligible for nomination. The following SIX Ector County ISD Nurses are among those selected for this honor:

Janice Tinney, MSN, RN – Janice is the nurse at Sam Houston Elementary. She has more than 40 years of experience in nursing, with the last three years in ECISD.

Crissy Preslar, R.N. – Crissy is the nurse at Nimitz MS. She has been a nurse for 20 years, the last six years have been with ECISD.

Christie Cranfill, BSN, R.N. – Christie is the nurse at Jordan Elementary. She has been a nurse for 24 years, the last six years have been with ECISD.

Marissa Molina, R.N. – Marissa is the nurse at Odessa HS. She has been a nurse for 6 years, the last five years have been with ECISD.

Mari Lemus, BSN, R.N. – Mari is the nurse at Crockett MS. She has been a nurse for 7 years, the last four years have been with ECISD.

Nicole Jacobo, R.N. – Crissy is the nurse for Alamo Elementary, Austin Elementary, OCA and OCTECHS. She has been a nurse for 19 years, the last seventeen years have been with ECISD.

United Way Campaign Top Fundraisers: Communications Officer Mike Adkins introduced the following Top Fundraisers in ECISD's United Way Campaign 2022:

- Department – Technology Services \$6,285.88
- Elementary – Gonzales Elementary, \$3,501.60
- Middle School – Crockett MS, \$4,672
- High School – Odessa HS, \$9,603

26129 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In his opening comments, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri called attention to our substitute teachers. Friday is National Substitute Educators Day, and our district is going to celebrate these valuable team members with a reception on Thursday night. ECISD currently has approximately 500 substitute teachers.

26130 **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)*

There was no public comment.

Report/Discussion Items

26131 **Education Foundation Presentation**: President Elect for the Education Foundation Lisa Wyman updated the school board on the work of the Foundation and its plans for future support of ECISD. Ms. Wyman highlighted a few of the biggest Education Foundation projects through the years:

- Food 2 Kids, backpacks filled with nutrition food started in 2010, now has expanded to other food outreach programs
- Bookworms involves volunteer readers; more than \$540,000 invested (including purchase of 38 book vending machines), and over 6,700 students/month impacted
- \$1,000 incentive to ECISD's two teachers of the year
- Provide partial funding for the district's grant writer
- Support for AVID from its inception in ECISD with more than \$1 million invested
- \$750,000 in student scholarships
- More than 930 teacher grants have been funded, worth \$2.7 million
- Contributed to AP/IB programs, Innovation Department, Career & Technical Education, teacher training, and data research

The Foundation's future plans are to focus on grants for innovative initiatives that can be scaled widely; celebrate educators for their work; and continue collaborative efforts with the community. There are also plans for an Inspiration Station, a mobile community outreach vehicle. The Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to create opportunities for education in Ector County ISD. Their vision is that every student in ECISD will be school-ready, college-ready, work-ready...WORLD-READY!

No action required.

Public Hearing

26132 **Public Hearing on Applications for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, submitted by DG Penwell North, LLC, No. 1815 and Ophelia Solar, LLC, No. 1816:**

Trustees held a public hearing on Applications for Appraised Value Limitation on qualified property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, submitted by DG Penwell North, LLC, No. 1815 and Ophelia Solar, LLC, No. 1816. Representatives from both DG Penwell North and Ophelia Solar provided brief updates.

Immediately following the presentation, Board President Dr. Steve Brown declared the Public Hearing on Applications for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, submitted by DG Penwell North, LLC, No. 1815 and Ophelia Solar, LLC, No. 1816, **open**.

There was no public comment.

Board President Dr. Steve Brown declared the Public Hearing on Applications for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, submitted by DG Penwell North, LLC, No. 1815 and Ophelia Solar, LLC, No. 1816, **closed**.

No action required.

26133 **Presentation on Resolutions Adopting Findings of Fact and Approving the following Applications:**

- DG Penwell North, LLC, No. 1815
- Ophelia Solar, LLC, No. 1816

Trustees heard a presentation on the Findings of Fact for DG Penwell North, LLC, No. 1815 and Ophelia Solar, LLC, No.1816.

No action required.

26134 **Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Adopting Findings of Fact and Approving the Application of DG Penwell North, LLC for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, No. 1815, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and Other Action Incident Thereto:**

Moved by Stanley, seconded by Hawkins that the Board approve the Resolution, as presented, Adopting Findings of Fact and Approving the Application of DG Penwell North, LLC for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, that such Resolution and Findings, as presented, be executed by the Board President Dr. Steve Brown and made a part of the Minutes of this meeting, and that the Application of DG Penwell North, LLC be approved, all in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.

Motion unanimously approved.

26135 **Discussion and Possible Action on an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with DG Penwell North, LLC No. 1815:**

Moved by Stanley, seconded by Gregg that the Board approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes with DG Penwell North, LLC pursuant to Chapter 313 of Texas Tax Code, and authorize the Board President Dr. Steve Brown to execute the Agreement on the District's behalf, and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller's related rules.

Motion unanimously approved.

26136 **Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Adopting Findings of Fact and Approving the Application of Ophelia Solar, LLC for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, No. 1816, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and Other Action Incident Thereto:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Hawkins that the Board approve the Resolution, as presented, Adopting Findings of Fact and Approving the Application of Ophelia Solar, LLC for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, that such Resolution and Findings, as presented, be executed by the Board President Dr. Steve Brown and made a part of the Minutes of this meeting, and that the Application of Ophelia Solar, LLC be approved, all in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.

Motion unanimously approved.

26137 **Discussion and Possible Action on an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with Ophelia Solar, LLC No. 1816:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Gregg that the Board approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes with Ophelia Solar, LLC pursuant to Chapter 313 of Texas Tax Code, and authorize the Board President Dr. Steve Brown to execute the Agreement on the District's behalf, and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller's related rules.

Motion unanimously approved.

Board Policy

26138 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Revisions to Board Policy FFAC (LOCAL): Wellness and Health Services: Medical Treatment:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Gregg to approve the Revisions to Board Policy FFAC (LOCAL): Wellness and Health Services: Medical Treatment as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

Action Items

26139 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the Annual Financial Report:** Moved by Jones, seconded by Gregg to approve the Annual Financial Report as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26140 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Stanley to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26141 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of West Texas National Bank Funds Investment:** Moved by Jones, seconded by Stanley to approve the West Texas National Bank Funds as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26142 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchasing COOP:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Stanley to approve the Purchasing COOP as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26143 **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Hawkins 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 Quarterly Investment Report
- E. Request for Approval of Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle P.C. Special Education Legal Services Retainer Agreement for Ector County ISD
- F. Request for Approval of Additional 2022-2023 T-TESS Appraisers
- G. Request for Approval of Data Sharing Agreement between Hanover Research and Ector County Independent School District
- H. Request for Approval of Amending Authorized Investment Representatives

Motion unanimously approved.

26144 **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 Accountability); and (The Board of Trustees will Consider Superintendent's Recommendation to Terminate Employment Contract of Megan Powell). 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 Dr. Steve Brown convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 7:44 p.m.

Board President Dr. Steve Brown reconvened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 8:22 p.m.

26102 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Recommendation for the Executive Director of Accountability:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Hawkins to approve Dr. Jessica Gore as the Executive Director of Accountability as presented.

For:	Against:
Brown	Abalos
Hawkins	Gregg
Jones	
Stanley	

Motion passed.

26102 **Discussion of and Request for Approval to Accept Superintendent's Recommendation to Terminate Employment Contract of Megan Powell:**
Moved by Stanley, seconded by Hawkins to accept Superintendent's Recommendation to Terminate Employment Contract of Megan Powell as presented.

For:	Abstained:
Abalos	Jones
Brown	
Gregg	
Hawkins	
Stanley	

Motion passed.

26113 **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Financials, Purchasing Report, and Routine Personnel Report.

26114 **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

26115 **Adjournment:** Board President Dr. Steve Brown adjourned the Board meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Board President
Dr. Steve Brown

Board Secretary
Christopher Stanley