

AT A REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON DISTRICT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 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., JANUARY 18, 2022, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Tammy Hawkins
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna C. Smith
Christopher Stanley

Absent:

Dr. Steve Brown
Carol Gregg

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

Others: Mike Atkins, Tracey Borchardt, Staci Ashley, Carla Byrne, Jed Duesler, Nancy Vanley, Cortney Smith, Aaron Hawley, Dr. Corey Seymour, Annette Macias, Lisa Wills, Maria J. Chavez, Raul M. Chavez, Jaime Miller, Maria Harvey, Cindy Retana, Cynthia McNabb

25761 **Meeting Called to Order:** Tammy Hawkins, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

25762 **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.

25763 **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Nelson Minyard, ECISD Board Member.

25764 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Christopher Stanley, ECISD Board Member.

25765 **Special Presentations:**

Odessa High School Student Qualified for UIL Congress State Competition: Odessa High School Senior Matthew Thompson was recognized for qualifying for UIL State Congress. The UIL State Congress is an individual contest in a large group setting. It models the legislative process of democracy, specifically, the United States Congress.

Academic All-State Athletes from Fall 2021: The Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Teams recognize high school athletes who excel in Grade Point Average, class rank and ACT/SAT score. We have four student-athletes so honored by this coaches' association.

Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) nominates based on the criteria of seniors with GPA 94+ and of good moral character. We have four additional students honored by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

This year, we have 14 All-State Honorees:

Odessa High School Football

James Folge - 1st Team
Ezequiel Garcia - 2nd Team
Adrian Estrada - 2nd Team
Isaiah Vasquez - 2nd Team
Duane Avalos - Honorable Mention
Diego Cervantes - Honorable Mention
Jamahr Brooks - Honorable Mention
Adrian Lara - Honorable Mention

Permian High School Football

Cade Owen - 2nd Team
Jonathan Martinez - 2nd Team
Joe Soto - 2nd Team
Grayson Proffitt - Honorable Mention

Odessa High School Girls Cross Country

Julie Tejada - 1st Team
Angelica Palma - 1st Team

Mayor's School Board Recognition Month Proclamation: January is School Board Recognition Month throughout Texas, and we are proud to celebrate our Trustees. Many campuses throughout the District expressed their appreciation. Our Board of Trustees have also been recognized this year as the Region 18 Outstanding School Board! We want to thank the City of Odessa and Mayor Javier Joven for joining us in the effort. Last Tuesday, the Mayor proclaimed this to be ECISD School Board Recognition Month.

Presentation of Extra Mile Award to Nelson Minyard: Nelson Minyard was presented with the Extra Mile Award. Mr. Minyard represented Ector County ISD Single-Member District 7 on the Ector County ISD Board since May 2013. Mr. Minyard is resigning that position, effective tomorrow, as he and his wife are moving.

Notes: Joined board just after the passage of the 2012 Bond, so he has helped oversee the opening of 3 new elementary schools; expansion of Odessa HS and Permian HS; the switch to a middle school grade alignment; led the district through substantial state budget cuts; a successful tax ratification election that put the district on solid financial ground; the plan to raise starting teacher pay above \$50,000.

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Opening Remarks by Superintendent: In Dr. Muri's opening remarks, he congratulated the Trustees on this being School Board Recognition Month. He applauded their commitment to the children and staff of ECISD and said it is a pleasure to be the superintendent of schools. Second, he told the school board ECISD would be receiving a visit from the Commissioner of Education tomorrow. The commissioner is interested in seeing the talent development work being done in the District, and will visit classrooms and teachers at Ross Elementary to see Opportunity Culture in action.

25767 **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.

Action Items

25768 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Smith to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25769 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar Amendment Due to TCLAS Requirements:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Smith to approve the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar Amendment Due to TCLAS Requirements as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25770 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Ector County Appraisal District Board Member to Fill a Vacancy:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Minyard to approve Tommy Ervin to fill a Board Member Vacancy on the Ector County Appraisal District Board as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25771 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the Selection Process to Fill the Ector County ISD Single-Member District 7 Board of Trustee Vacancy:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Abalos to Appoint a Replacement to fill the Ector County ISD Single-Member District 7 Board of Trustee vacancy.

State law governs the way a vacant board position can be filled. If there is more than one year left on the vacant term (Mr. Minyard's term expires in May 2025), then the board must fill this position within 180 days. The board can use one of two means: to call a special election or to appoint a replacement. In either case, the replacement will serve until the next election cycle, which for ECISD is May 2023. At that time a general election will be held for the remainder of that term through 2025. Having chosen to appoint a replacement for Mr. Minyard rather than call for a special election, Trustees will now develop and publicize the process they will use for an appointment.

Motion unanimously approved.

25772 **Consent Agenda**: Moved by Smith, 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 Memorandum of Understanding between University of the Southwest and Ector County Independent School District 2021-2022

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

25773 **Public Hearing on District Annual Performance Report**: Executive Director of Accountability, Assessment and School Improvement Annette Macias presented the District Annual Performance Report. School districts are required to hold a public hearing to discuss their annual report which includes academic performance data, accreditation status, campus performance objectives, information on violent or criminal incidents and performance of the previous year's graduates in their first year of college as reported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The information in this report is for the 2019-20 school year. This presentation will be available on the [ECISD Accountability Department website](#).

No action required.

25774 **Bond Discussion**: The ECISD Board of Trustees discussed the bond recommendations presented last week by the Community Bond Committee. All of the Trustees agreed with: 1) building of a state-of-the-art Career & Technical Education Center to accommodate fast-growing CTE programs; 2) building a new, comprehensive high school because there is no room to expand or add portables at Odessa High School and Permian High School, though they worry a community argument over the issue could potentially hurt the passage of the other items; 3) updating technology and lifecycle repairs and maintenance at all schools which are critical needs for a school district with 31 schools over 60 years of age. The Bond Committee also recommended the District keep the cost of any potential bond package under \$400 million. Trustees said they would work very hard to honor that. School board members also felt a May 2022 election is their preference. The Board began looking closer at the projected costs of the technology items and the life-cycle repair/maintenance items to see where money could be saved or removed from the bond. Their discussions will continue at the February workshop, and they will plan to add another meeting before a final decision is made.

No action required.

25775 **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.] 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.]:**

There was no closed session.

25776 **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Acknowledgement of Donations, Amended Administrative Professionals, Financials, Purchasing Report, Routine Personnel Report, and Teacher Certification Waivers.

25777 **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

25778 **Adjournment:** Board President Tammy Hawkins adjourned the Board meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Board President
Tammy Hawkins

Board Member
Delma Abalos