

AT A BOARD WORK STUDY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM A/B – 3rd FLOOR - 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., February 14, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(Due to the Administration building elevators being out of order the meeting was moved to the Board Room – 1st Floor)

Present:

Dr. Steve Brown
Teri Ervin
Carol Gregg
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna C. Smith
Doyle Woodall

Absent:

Ray Beaty, D.C.

School Officials: Mike Adkins, Tom Crowe, David Finley, Roy Garcia, Keith Garinger, Carolyn Gonzalez, David Harwell, Wendy Hines, Brian Moersch, Todd Vesely

Others: Mike Atkins, Nancy Vanley, Elaine Smith, Barbara Moreno, Tristen Specter, Ann McClarty, Marlene Burns, Annette Macias, Stacy Johnson, David Morris, Kendra Herrera, Shari Story, Yolanda Hernandez, Brandy Ferrer, Sydney Hill, Carla Byrne, Heather Potts, David W., Kathleen W., Elaine Randolph, Lisa Wills, Pam Walker, Becky Phillips, Amanda Warber, Nancy Herrera, Cynthia McNabb

23615 Meeting Called to Order: Teri Ervin, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

23616 Presentation: District Continuous Improvement Team Index 3: Closing the Performance Gaps Subcommittee: Director of Guidance & Counseling Nancy Vanley along with DCIT Index 3 subcommittee members Travis Elementary Teacher Barbara Moreno and Compliance Officer Elaine Smith presented this item for discussion. The subcommittee provided a review of the 2015-16 District progress on Index 3 as well as on programs related to closing the performance gaps and made recommendations for 2016-17 district plan goals and strategies related to Index 3.

No action required.

23617 Presentation: Update on Campus Turnaround Plans: The Texas Education Agency requires each campus in the improvement process to complete a Campus Turnaround Plan that addresses all areas of insufficient performance. Updates from the following nine (9) campuses were presented to the Board of Trustees: Blanton, Burleson, Noel, Ross, San Jacinto, Zavala, Ector MS, Wilson & Young MS, and Odessa HS.

No action required.

- 23618** **Presentation and Discussion of 2015-2016 Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR):** Director of Accountability and School Improvement Annette Macias presented this item for discussion. Districts are required to hold a public hearing to discuss their Texas Academic Performance Report, District 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. ECISD was rated Met Standard and is again noted to need substantial intervention in Special Education.

No action required.

- 23619** **Discussion of Request for Approval of 2017-2018 Dual Credit Matrix:** Director of Guidance and Counseling Nancy Vanley and Executive Director of Career & Counseling Service Carla Byrne presented this item for discussion. Students taking Dual Credit courses earn both high school and college credits simultaneously. A list of dual credit courses available to our high school students next year was presented to Trustees. (Note: The Medical Terminology course at Odessa College was cancelled.)

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

- 23620** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Permian High School Choir Students Out-of-State Travel to Chicago, Illinois:** Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Roy Garcia presented this item for discussion. The Permian High School Choir is requesting permission to travel to Chicago, Illinois to participate in the Dixie Classic Adjudicated Festival from April 21-24, 2017. There will be approximately 75 students traveling. The cost of the trip will require fund raising and personal funds. Two instructional days will be missed.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

- 23621** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. February purchases over \$50,000 included two items: Copy Paper and Phonics Supplemental Materials & Training.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

23622 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Quarterly Investment Report:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. The report represents investments for the months of October 2016 - December 2016. The District's investments are governed by state laws and local policies. Every effort is made to maximize investment earnings while protecting the District's assets. The report represented is in compliance with legislation that requires quarterly reporting.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

23623 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #4:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. The net result of the amendment is as follows: Net Decrease in Fund Balance – General Fund (\$928,741).

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

23624 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Extension of Bank Depository Contract:** Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. As required by the Texas Education Code Subchapter G School District Depositories §45.205, the award of the District Bank Depository Contract for a two year period shall be approved by the Board of Trustees. Due to excellent service and affordable pricing received from Frost Bank, the District's recommendation is to extend the current depository contract.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

23625 **Discussion of Request for Approval of 2016-2017 T-TESS Appraisers:** Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction Carolyn Gonzalez presented a list of individuals who have completed the necessary training and are now certified "Texas Teacher Evaluation & Support System" appraisers. By state rule, appraisers must be approved by the local Board of Trustees.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

- 23626** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Low Attendance Waiver:** Director of Information System/District PEIMS Coordinator Heather Potts along with Chief Technology Officer Kellie Wilks presented this item for discussion. The T.E.A. allows districts/campuses to submit a Low Attendance waiver application that any instructional days with attendance at least ten (10) percentage points below the last school year's average attendance due to inclement weather, health or safety issues be excluded from ADA calculations for the current school year. On December 8, 2016, snowfall resulted in an average daily attendance of 83.50%, 11.19% less than the ADA for the 2015-2016 school year. The District is requesting December 8, 2016 be removed from this year's ADA calculations.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

- 23627** **Presentation: District Continuous Improvement Plan (DCIP) Quarterly Update:** Trustees were provided with an update for the second quarter of the school year specific to the status of the strategies contained within the DCIP.

No action required.

- 23628** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Election Order and Notice for May 6, 2017 Board of Trustee Election:** Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. Positions 2, 4, 5, and 7 will be contested in this election, which will be conducted by the Ector County Elections Administration under the direction of Elizabeth Sertuche, Ector County Elections Assistant Administrator.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

- 23629** **Discussion of a Request for Approval of a Resolution to Initiate the Process for Consideration of Designation as a District of Innovation:** Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this for discussion. Education Code 12A.001 provides that a District is eligible for designation as a District of Innovation if the District's most recent performance rating under Section 39.054 reflects at least acceptable performance, and that consideration of designation as a District of Innovation may be initiated by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District. This is only the first step in a specific process. The resolution being considered by the Board is requesting DOI flexibility in four areas: the calendar (specifically the start date); 22:1 Class Size Exemption (keeping in mind that we are already applying for 22:1 waivers when necessary – this would not drastically change from what the District is already doing); Certification Requirements for CTE teachers; and Student Performance as a factor in Teacher and Administrator Appraisals. This resolution will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 regular Board of Trustees meeting.

If approved Trustees will hold a public hearing on becoming a District of Innovation, appoint a local committee to develop an Innovation Plan, and will notify the Commissioner of Education of the District's intention to become a District of Innovation.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

23630 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Transfer of Two Vehicles to Odessa College Law Enforcement Academy:** Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this for discussion. This agreement is made pursuant to Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code and satisfies the legal requirements therein. This agreement is entered by and between Ector County ISD and Odessa Junior College District for the transfer of goods. Odessa Junior College District will take possession of two 2008 Dodge Chargers which are deemed to be surplus equipment of Ector County ISD.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the February 21, 2017 meeting.)

23631 **Request for Approval of Closed Meeting – Personnel Matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Discussion of Routine Personnel Report) [Board will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employees of the District]:**

Board President Teri Ervin convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 8:19 p.m.

Board President Teri Ervin reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 8:37 p.m.

23632 **Information Items:** The Financials, Purchasing Report, and Routine Personnel Report were provided to the Board of Trustees.

No action required.

23633 **Adjournment:** Board President Teri Ervin adjourned the Board meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Board President
Teri Wheat Ervin, MEd

Board Secretary
Ray Beaty, D.C