

AT A REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY 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., OCTOBER 19, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Carol Gregg
Tammy Hawkins
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna C. Smith
Christopher Stanley

Absent:

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

Others: Tatiana Dennis, Dr. Corey Seymour, Stacy Ashley, Robert Cedillo, Erin Bueno, Cynthia Retana, Dawn Miller, Lisa Wills, Jaime Miller, Nancy Vanley, Aaron Hawley, Annette Macias, Tracey Borchardt, Albessa Chavez, Jennifer Moran, Josette Dobbins, Debbie Bynum, Armando Nunez, Jason Osborne, Julia Willett-Weekly, Albert Anchondo, Mary Franco

25676 **Meeting Called to Order:** Tammy Hawkins, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

25677 **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.

25678 **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Christopher Stanley, ECISD Board Member.

25679 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Dr. Steve Brown, ECISD Board Secretary.

25680 **Special Presentations:**

United Way of Odessa Awards: United Way Executive Director Hank Herrick and United Way Assistant Executive Director Christina Escobar presented ECISD with two awards – the United Way Odessa 2020 Most Improved Campaign Award and the 2020 Dick & Amelia Saulsbury Sustained Excellence Award.

National Merit Semifinalist and College Board Recognitions: Odessa High School senior Akshathh Mukkera was recognized for earning the National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist honor. The following 19 students were recognized by the College Board:

National Rural & Small -Town Designated Scholars

Nisabella Karais - New Tech Odessa
Maxine Flores - Odessa HS

National African American Designated Scholar

Sara Aberra, Permian High School

National Hispanic Designated Scholars – Permian HS:

Alison Blount	Angel Luna
Jacey Anglin	Joaquin Armendariz
Madelynn Ramirez	Noe Rodriguez
Nydia Brito	Jonathan Martinez

National Rural and Small-Town/National Hispanic Designated Scholars – Odessa HS:

Anastacio Pando	Elayne Brito
Marissa Rodriguez	Melany Coss
Rigoberto Mendoza	Sebastian Ramirez
Viviana Santillan	

National Rural and Small-Town/National Hispanic/National Indigenous Designated Scholar – Odessa HS:

Julius Saenz

25681 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In Dr. Muri’s opening remarks, he talked about an invitation ECISD Trustees had received to be part of a program, sponsored by Raise Your Hand Texas, that helps train school boards on how to work with legislators through advocacy and policy development. All Trustees are invited to participate and all expressed an interest in participating.

25682 **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.

Public Hearing on Financial Accountability

25683 **Public Hearing of District’s FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Report:** Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers presented the FIRST report for 2020-21 (which is based on financial data from 2019-20). Our District earned a Superior Achievement Rating, which is equivalent to a grade of A. Our score was a 100 out of 100. This was the fourth time in the past five years ECISD has earned an A. Created by the 76th Texas Legislature in 2001, FIRST is designed to encourage public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. The FIRST Ratings are calculated using a series of financial indicators, such as administrative cost expenditures; the accuracy of a district or charter’s financial information submitted to TEA; and any financial vulnerabilities or material weaknesses in internal controls as determined by an external auditor.

There was no public comment.

Board Policy

25684 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Revisions of Board Policy CW(LOCAL): Naming Facilities:** Moved by Abalos, seconded by Brown to Approve the Revisions of Board Policy CW(LOCAL): Naming Facilities as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

Action Items

25685 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Abalos to approve the Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25686 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #3:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Abalos to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #3 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25687 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2021 Certified Tax Roll:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Gregg to approve the 2021 Certified Tax Roll as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25688 **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Smith 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 Odessa High School Choir Student Out-of-State Travel to Orlando, Florida
- E. Request for Approval of Permian High School Band Student Out-of-State Travel to Seattle, Washington
- F. Request for Approval of Permian High School Orchestra Student Out-of-State Travel to Branson, Missouri
- G. Request for Approval of Additional 2021-2022 T-TESS Appraisers
- H. Request for Approval of Updated Investment Broker/Dealer List

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

There were no Report/Discussion items presented.

- 25689** **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 held.

- 25690** **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Acknowledgement of Donations, Amended Administrative Professional, Financials, Purchasing Report, Routine Personnel Report, and Teacher Certification Waivers.

- 25691** **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

- 25692** **Adjournment:** Board President Tammy Hawkins adjourned the Board meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Board President
Tammy Hawkins

Board Secretary
Carol Gregg