

**AT A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING 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., DECEMBER 5, 2023, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

**School Officials:** Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Dr. Keeley Boyer, Dr. Lilia Nández, Dr. Anthony Sorola, Alicia Syverson, Dr. Kelly Wilks

**Others:** Tatiana Dennis, Aaron Hawley, Tracey Borchardt, Sam Magallan, Brady Peugh, Amy Hosick, Ryan Merritt, Ruth Campbell, Rita Lopez, Mary Franco

**26527** **Meeting Called to Order:** Christopher Stanley, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**26528** **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law – this is to certify that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with the public notice of this meeting:** Board President Christopher Stanley, verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

**26529** **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In Dr. Muri's opening remarks, he gave a brief update on work related to the successful Bond 2023. He said final contract negotiations are taking place for property purchases – the property on South Tripp for the new middle school and the property on East Murphy for the new Career & Technical Center – however, they will likely not be finalized before the end of this month. In addition, the district is negotiating for the property of Sunset Golf Course which is not related to any bond project but would be in place for future school district growth. He added the district is in the process of creating year-by-year timelines for the bond projects and these timelines will be posted on the ECISD website for the community to follow.

**26530** **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.

### Board Policy

**26531** **Discussion of Revisions to Local Board Policy: DEC(LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits – Leaves and Absences:** Associate Superintendent of District Operations Dr. Anthony Sorola presented this item for discussion. The proposed revisions will bring this policy into alignment with statutory changes that full-time telecommunicators (police dispatch) who are licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and experience a traumatic event in the scope of employment be provided mental health leave like peace officers.

No action required.

**26532** **Discussion of Revisions to Local Board Policy: CKEA(LOCAL): Security Personnel Benefits – Commissioned Peace Officers:** Associate Superintendent of District Operations Dr. Anthony Sorola presented this item for discussion. The proposed revisions to this policy specifically address body-worn cameras and video equipment in police cars and include training requirements for those district employees with access to the video.

No action required.

### Report/Discussion Items

**26533** **Presentation of Energy Management:** Executive Director of District Operations Sam Magallan and Director of Energy/Custodial Operations Brady Peugh presented this item for discussion. Energy management is the proactive monitoring and control of energy consumption to conserve usage and decrease energy costs. This is done primarily by using a network-based (online) system to centrally manage Heating/Ventilation/Air Condition units (HVAC). The system allows energy managers to schedule occupied and unoccupied buildings, events outside of normal hours, and holiday shutdowns when buildings are not in use. Over time, most of the savings have been realized in holidays and summer breaks. Over the first eight years of implementation, ECISD has seen a cost avoidance of more than \$13 million, an average annual savings of about \$1.6 million. The centralized controls give the Energy Management team real-time information on room temperatures, precise school-day scheduling and quicker responses to comfort and A/C related service requests. At this time, about 90% of the district spaces are covered by web-based controls, with a plan to complete all other areas over the next year. The tight management of utilities leads to reduced use, which is helping the district offset rising costs of utilities. The next steps in the ECISD's Energy Management program are to expand focus on consumption of water, gas, and waste.

No action required.

**26534** **Presentation and Discussion of SB1882 Contract Decisions:** Executive Director of Choice Schools Dr. Amy Hosick presented this item for discussion. Trustees discussed the process, outlined in board policy ELA(Local), for reviewing Senate Bill 1882 in-district partnerships as the end of the contracts approach. The school district is in the third and final year of SB 1882 partnerships with both the Odessa Family YMCA and Third Future Schools (Ector Middle School). The annual review of these partnerships was presented to the school board in October and the next step is for Trustees to decide on the future of these partnerships.

No action required.

**26535** **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.

**26536** **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** In his closing remarks, Dr. Muri reminded Trustees they will be further discussing and taking action on the contracts with the YMCA and Third Future Schools at next week’s board meeting.

**26537** **Adjournment:** Christopher Stanley Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Christopher Stanley*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Tammy Hawkins*