

**AT A REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON INTENTION OF ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSIDER DESIGNATING THE QUAIL RUN CARBON REINVESTMENT ZONE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM, 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M., AUGUST 16, 2022, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Present:**

Delma Abalos  
Dr. Steve Brown  
Carol Gregg  
Tammy Hawkins  
Dennis Jones  
Dr. Donna C. Smith  
Chris Stanley

**Absent:**

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

**Others:** Tatiana Dennis, Cortney Smith, Staci Ashley, Lisa Wills, Scott Randolph, Dr. Aaron Hawley, Annette Macias, Frances Franco, Magaly Nieto, Brandon Reyes, Chelsea Reyes, Lisa Wills, Mauricio Marquez, Robert Cedillo, Tracey Borchardt, Ashley Osborne, Heather Lovett, Amanda Lopez, Jaime Miller, Leslie Wilson, Stephanie Burton, Kendra Burton, Aiden Armendariz, Lorraine Perryman, Ruth Campbell, Mary Franco

**25996** **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**25997** **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.

**25998** **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Gonzales Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Amerah Hays and Piper McGuire.

**25999** **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Deacon Scott Randolph of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

**26000** **Special Presentation**

**Presentation of Extra Mile Award to Lorraine Perryman, Lisa Wyman, and Chris Cole:** Chief Communication Officer Mike Adkins presented Lorraine Perryman with the Extra Mile Award. This is an award given by the Board of Trustees to those who go the "Extra Mile" in service of the students, staff and families of ECISD. This trio of dedicated and determined community leaders,

volunteered to lead a facility review committee that started work in December of 2019. After several months, they were interrupted by COVID closures. Their work resumed in July 2021 and continued until a bond proposal was brought to the school board in January. Once the election was called, Lorraine, Lisa and Chris took lead roles in the election campaign and all of the work that goes along with it. They truly love education and want what is best for the students and staff of ECISD. Thank you. Lisa Wyman and Chris Cole were unable to attend this meeting.

**Presentation of Split Gavel Award to Tammy Hawkins:** Superintendent Dr. Scott R. Muri expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Hawkins for her service as Board President over the past year and presented her with the Outgoing Board President Award.

**Announcement of NAMM Foundation Best Communities for Music Education Award:** Ector County ISD was recognized for being named one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row. This designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. Dr. Aaron Hawley, Director of Fine Arts was present to accept the award.

**UIL Outstanding Soloist:** Chief Communications Officer Mike Adkins introduced two Permian High School students Kendra Burton and Aiden Armendariz who were recognized for earning the prestigious Outstanding Performer Award at the UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest.

**26001 Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In Dr. Muri's opening remarks he invited Trustees to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Acceleration Academies campus on Wednesday morning. Acceleration Academies is a partner with ECISD in dropout recovery efforts.

**26002 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**

**26003 Discussion of and Request for Approval of TASB Local Policy Update 119:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Stanley to approve TASB Local Policy Update 119 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**Public Hearing**

**26004** **Public Hearing on Intention of Ector County Independent School District to Consider Designating the Quail Run Carbon Reinvestment Zone:** Trustees held a public hearing on Intention of Ector County Independent School District to Consider Designating the Quail Run Carbon Reinvestment Zone. The reason for creating the reinvestment zone, is that in order for the Quail Run Carbon Project to be eligible for a 313 Agreement, it must be located in area designated as a reinvestment zone or enterprise zone. Either the County or the District can create a Reinvestment Zone. Being that since time is of the essence to get the application process completed before Chapter 313 expires, Quail Run Carbon has requested that the District create the reinvestment zone instead of the County.

Immediately following the presentation, Board President Dr. Steve Brown declared the Public Hearing on Intention to Ector County Independent School District to Consider Designating the Quail Run Carbon Reinvestment Zone ***open***.

There was no public comment.

Board President Dr. Steve Brown declared the Public Hearing on Intention to Ector County Independent School District to Consider Designating the Quail Run Carbon Reinvestment Zone ***closed***.

No action required.

**26005** **Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Designating the Quail Run Carbon Reinvestment Zone, Establishing the Boundaries Thereof and Providing for an Effective Date, Pursuant to Chapter 312 and 313 of the Texas Tax Code:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Jones that the Board approve the Resolution Designating the Quail Run Carbon Reinvestment Zone, Establishing the Boundaries Thereof and Providing for an Effective Date, Pursuant to Chapter 312 and 313 of the Texas Tax Code as presented.

For:  
Dr. Steve Brown  
Carol Gregg  
Tammy Hawkins  
Dennis Jones  
Dr. Donna Smith  
Christopher Stanley

Abstained:  
Delma Abalos

Motion passed.

**Action Items**

**26006** **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.

- 26007** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2022-2023 Budget Amendment #1**: Moved by Smith, seconded by Gregg to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Amendment #1 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26008** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Appointment of TASB Delegate and Alternate**: Moved by Jones, seconded by Gregg to approve the Appointment of Christopher Stanley as TASB Delegate and Tammy Hawkins as TASB Alternate as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26009** **Discussion of and Request for Approval for Data Sharing Agreement between Air Tutors and ECISD**: Moved by Abalos, seconded by Hawkins to approve Data Sharing Agreement between Air Tutors and ECISD as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26010** **Discussion of and Request for Approval for Data Sharing Agreement between Brown University, ECISD and FEV Tutoring**: Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Stanley to approve Data Sharing Agreement between Brown University, ECISD and FEV Tutoring as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26011** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Updated Agreement between ECISD and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards**: Moved by Stanley, seconded by Gregg to approve the updated Agreement between ECISD and National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26012** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Resolution Regarding Extended Sick Leave During COVID-19**: Moved by Gregg, seconded by Hawkins to approve the Resolution Regarding Extended Sick Leave during COVID-19 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 26013** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Raise Your Hand Texas (RYHT) Advocacy Plan**: Moved by Gregg, seconded by Smith to approve the Raise Your Hand Texas (RYHT) Advocacy Plan as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26014** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Agreement between ECISD and UTPB – Diagnostician Pipeline:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Stanley to approve Agreement between ECISD and UTPB – Diagnostician Pipeline as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26015** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Application to Renew Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP):** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Jones to approve Application to Renew Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26016** **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 Annual Investment Report
- E. Request for Approval of Sale of Surplus Property
- F. Request for Approval of Permian High School Choir Student Out-of-State Travel to Nashville, TN
- G. Request for Approval of Permian High School Orchestra Student Out-of-State Travel to Germany & Austria
- H. Request for Approval of Board T-TESS and T-PESS Appraisers for 2022-2023
- I. Request for Approval of Board T-TESS and T-PESS Appraisal Calendar for 2022-2023
- J. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between ECISD and Education Foundation of Odessa, Inc.
- K. Request for Approval of Data Sharing Agreement between ECISD and NWEA

Motion unanimously approved.

#### **Report/Discussion Items**

**26017** **Opening of Schools Update:** In his Opening of Schools update, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri shared a few key statistics: Enrollment sits at 32,712 (as of today) and expected to increase; 58 Teacher Vacancies down from 70 one year ago; 27,905 Meals served; 2,436 Help Desk calls; and 5,326 kids on buses, and that is expected to rise. To get a sense of how the first day of school went, Trustees watched a video created by the ECISD Communications Department on the first day of school.

No action required.

**26018** **2021-2022 Accountability Ratings Summary:** Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri presented Trustees with a summary of the 2021-22 Accountability Ratings which were released publicly on Monday. For the first time, ECISD earned a “B” from the Texas Education Agency a result of the significant academic growth shown by students. The number of schools now rated “A” more than doubled from 3 to 7; the number of schools now rated “B” doubled from 6 to 12; and 5 schools grew from an “F” to a “B”. For perspective on this remarkable growth, in 2019 half of ECISD’s schools were rated D or F, and today half of ECISD’s schools are rated A of B.

No action required.

**26019** **Presentation and Discussion of Spring 2022 Panorama Data:** Assistant Superintendent of Student & School Support Alicia Syverson presented Trustees with the Panorama survey data from Spring 2022. The board specifically looked at students’ responses about school connectedness. Defined, School Connectedness is the belief held by students that adults and peers in the school care about their learning as well as about them as individuals. In Spring 2022, 18,421 students from 37 schools, grades 3-12, completed the survey in class. The results show 59% of those students feel connected to their school, up 2% from the previous spring, however 2% below our school district’s goal. The national figures dropped from 61% to 56% during the same time. In reviewing results, the district’s focus will be on increasing students’ sense of belonging to their school.

No action required.

**26020** **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 retroactive hiring of principals at Buice Elementary, Travis Elementary, and Executive Director of Career and Technology Education) and (The Board of Trustees will deliberate the hiring of the principal at Bowie Middle School).**  
**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 8:09 p.m.

Board President Dr. Steve Brown reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 8:29 p.m.

**26021** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Retroactive Personnel Recommendation to Hire Buice Elementary Principal:** Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Stanley to approve the retroactive recommendation to hire Jim Workman as Buice Elementary Principal as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26022** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Retroactive Personnel Recommendation to Hire Travis Elementary Principal:** Moved by Jones, seconded by Hawkins to approve the retroactive recommendation to hire Alejandra Garcia as Travis Elementary Principal as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26023** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Retroactive Personnel Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of Career and Technology Education:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Hawkins to approve the retroactive recommendation to hire Ryan Merritt as Executive Director of Career and Technology Education as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26024** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Personnel Recommendation to Hire Bowie Middle School Principal:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Hawkins to approve the recommendation to hire Amy Russell as Bowie Middle School Principal as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

**26025** **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Acknowledgement of Donations, Financials, Purchasing Report and the Routine Personnel Report.

**26026** **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

**26027** **Adjournment:** Board President Dr. Steve Brown adjourned the Board meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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**Board President**  
*Dr. Steve Brown*

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**Board Secretary**  
*Christopher Stanley*