

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., MARCH 19, 2024, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Tammy Hawkins
Wayne Woodall

Virtual:

Dawn Miller
Christopher Stanley

Absent:

Robert Thayer

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

Others: Tatiana Dennis, Jessica Gore, Aaron Hawley, Virginia Hunt, Berta Saldivar, Betsabe Salcido, Jaime Miller, Lisa Wills, Mitchel Davis, Tracey Borchardt, Frances Franco, Nory Leachon, Mark Gabrylczyk, Matthew Spivey, Sam Magallan, Ryan Merritt, Melissa Skinner, Ruth Campbell, Rita Lopez, Mary Franco

26640 **Meeting Called to Order:** Christopher Stanley, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

26641 **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.

26642 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no opening comments.

26643 **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 were no public comments.

Report/Discussion Items

26644 **Results Driven Accountability Presentation:** Dr. Jessica Gore, Executive Director of Research, Evaluation, and Accountability alongside Mark Gabrylczyk, Executive Director of Special Education and Leticia Bernal, Lead Social Worker presented the Results Driven Accountability report, including the strategic support plans developed to address areas of focus identified in the 2023 Results Driven Accountability report from the Texas Education Agency.

Results-Driven Accountability (RDA) monitors three groups of students – Emergent Bilingual, Other Special Populations (such as homeless, foster and military), and Special Education. Under RDA, a lower score is better, and the goal for each *performance level* is to earn a 0 and *determination level* is a 1 (meets requirements). The performance levels equate to the final determination level. The Other Special Populations earned a determination level of 3 (needs intervention), in part due to low performance on STAAR Social Studies assessments. Special Education earned a determination level of 2 (needs assistance), in part due to low performance on STAAR Social Studies and Science. Bilingual earned a determination level of 1 (meets requirements). Data show growth across the board for the three student groups when compared to 2022. Before the pandemic, results tracked toward 3s and 4s and now the numbers are moving toward 1s and 2s. This means Emergent Bilingual, Other Special Populations and Special Education students are performing more like their peers across this state in the metrics measured on RDA.

After the RDA presentation, Trustees received an update from Special Education. Referrals are a primary focus, as more than 700 of them carried over from last year into this year, and another 700 have been requested this year. The District is working overtime to catch up on those referrals investing more than \$2 million to contract for diagnosticians and licensed specialists in school psychology services to help staff members evaluate students. District leaders are meeting with the Texas Education Agency regularly to monitor the progress.

No action required.

26645 **Winter 2024 MAP Assessment Presentation:** Dr. Lilia Nanez, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction presented this item for discussion. ECISD students engaged in the second round (Middle of Year) Winter MAP assessment during the month of January, 2024. The data received measures the amount of growth our students made between Fall 2023 and Winter 2024. The Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment is given to ECISD students in grades 3-12 three times each year to measure each child's individual growth from the beginning of the year to the spring semester. This presentation highlighted Middle of Year data from January 2024 compared to the January 2023 tests. Key points:

1. Kindergarten students continue to show improvement year over year in the Math section.
2. 2nd grade students took a more rigorous 2-5 grade MAP Reading test in 2024 compared to the K-2 MAP Reading test they took in 2023. Despite the increased difficulty, the 2nd grade students showed higher growth rates in January 2024 compared to January 2023.

3. Data for Algebra 2 and Geometry was shared for the first time, indicating a broader scope of assessment or curriculum coverage.
4. The new NWEA Instructional Report is being utilized to target specific skills that require adjustments to instruction, suggesting a data-driven approach to improve teaching strategies and student learning outcomes.

No action required.

26646 **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.

26647 **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

26648 **Adjournment:** Christopher Stanley Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Board President
Christopher Stanley

Board Secretary
Tammy Hawkins