

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 7, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Dr. Steve Brown
Carol Gregg
Tammy Hawkins
Dr. Donna Smith
Christopher Stanley

Absent:

Delma Abalos
Nelson Minyard

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

Others: Mike Atkins, Annette Macias, Jason Osborne, Erin Bueno, Lisa Wills, Jaime Miller, Robert Cedillo, Dr. Corey Seymour, Chad Crowson, Dr. Aaron Hawley, Dottie Chavez, Cindy Retana, Shannon Davidson, Kathleen Halford, Candi Sikes, Nancy Flores, Rakea Musa, Leslie Wilson, V. Tisa Hawkins, Julia Willett-Weekly, Irene Perez, Ruth Campbell, Albert Anchondo, Mary Franco

25724 **Meeting Called to Order:** Tammy Hawkins, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

25725 **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 Tammy Hawkins, verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

25726 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In Dr. Muri's opening remarks he reminded Trustees of the next school board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 14 and the upcoming two-week holiday break beginning on Friday, December 17. (District will be closed from 12/17/2021 – 01/02/2022.)

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Board Policy

25727 **Discussion of Revisions to Policy CFB(LOCAL): Accounting Inventories:** Associate Superintendent of Athletics, Human Capital and Operations Dr. Anthony Sorola presented this item. The proposed changes are minor revisions that removes a reference to a regulation that has been deleted, and an additional sentence recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards. This was first-reading only and no action was taken. The policy will be brought back to Trustees next week for a vote.

No action required.

Report/Discussion Items

25728 **Discussion of Innovation Partnership Applicant:** Alicia Syverson, Assistant Superintendent of Student & School Support presented this item for discussion. A team from the University of Texas Permian Basin spoke with the Trustees about UTPB's history and the potential of a partnership. UTPB STEM opened in 2014-15 with 308 students, and 14 teachers, in grades K-6. Currently the school has 770 students, and 39 teachers, grades K-12. The Charter is delegated to the President of UTPB, and is approved for an enrollment of up to 3,900 students. The UTPB STEM calendar is 180 days of instruction, from 7:50 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday; on Fridays the school dismisses at 12:00 p.m. The early dismissals allow students to continue learning online, work with tutors and interventions, and allow professional development for staff. The school utilizes Project-based Learning and STEM-based Learning. A future partnership with ECISD would benefit students at UTPB by giving them access to ECISD's Athletics and Fine Arts programs, plus ECISD could help with facilities, counseling services, transportation, and food services. ECISD would benefit by having an additional Choice School option for families, a future middle school option, a collaborative partnership with shared resources between the two entities, and the continued building of the college-going culture for ECISD students.

No action required.

25729 **Presentation of Early Childhood:** Executive Director of Instruction Jaime Miller presented this item for discussion. Kindergarten Readiness is one of ECISD's strategic priorities that can be measured in several ways: Physical (gross and fine motor skills); Literacy (reading and writing); Mathematical (concepts and thinking); Language and Communication; and Health and Wellness. In an effort to improve Kindergarten Readiness in Ector County, ECISD added a 3-year-old PK program, opening PK-3 classrooms at Carver EEC, Lamar EEC, and through an Innovative Partnership with the Odessa Family YMCA. Those schools combined with the PK-3 program at Austin Montessori, 396 students are now enrolled. Another avenue to improve Kindergarten Readiness began one year ago when ECISD expanded PK-4 to a full day of instruction. This year, PK-4 is available at 18 campuses across the District with an enrollment of 1,331. Student progress is tracked through the use of the Circle Assessment, and personalized professional learning for PK teachers.

No action required.

25730 **Presentation of Special Services:** Executive Director of Special Services Leslie Wilson presented this item for discussion. The primary disability categories are Autism, Intellectual Disability, Specific Learning Disability, and Speech/Language Impairment. More students (3,156) are receiving Special Education services this year than one year ago (3,040). More than 1,400 students receive speech therapy, and one method is Speech Teletherapy. It is

offered at 10 elementary schools and one middle school for 485 kids who were part of more than 14,685 sessions. The Transition Learning Center/18 Plus is located near Odessa High School and trains students for the workplace and life after high school. ECISD hosts the Regional Day School for the Deaf serving 21 area school districts. Results Driven Accountability shows the program to be at Performance Level 3 for Academic Data, and Performance Level 2 for Graduation Rate, Dropout Rate and Disciplinary Removal Rate. The best rating is Level 1. A Texas Education Agency Desk Review of student files found ECISD compliant in all 15 of the 15 reviews.

No action required.

25731 **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 hiring of Executive Director of Operation.) 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.

25732 **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

25733 **Adjournment:** Tammy Hawkins, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Board President
Tammy Hawkins

Board Secretary
Carol Gregg