

AT A REGULAR 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., FEBRUARY 23, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

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

Absent:

School Officials: Dr. Scott Muri, Mike Adkins, Staci Ashley, Dr. Stephanie Howard, Dr. Lilia Náñez, Jason Osborne, Deborah Ottmers, Alicia Syverson

Others: Mike Atkins, Dr. Stacy Johnson, Carla Byrne, Lisa Wills, Annette Macias, Alicia Press, Alicia Syverson, Robert Cedillo, Dr. Corey Seymour, Mareka Austin, Danny Barrera, Marcos Montes, Fred Stormer, Chris Grammer, Wesley Burnett, Richard Schwope, Albert Anchondo, Mary Franco

25377 **Meeting Called to Order:** Delma Abalos, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

25378 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Delma Abalos, 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.

25379 **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Dr. Donna Smith, Board Member.

25380 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Dr. Steve Brown, Board Secretary.

25381 **Special Presentations:**

Recognition of Academic All-State Athletes: The Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State honors student-athletes who are a graduating student who is a varsity participant in good standing and of good moral character with a grade point average of 94 or above. The following group of students earned this honor:

Odessa HS
Odalís Lujan

Permian HS Volleyball
Natalia Abila
Bethani Fierro
Monica Hinojos

Honorable Mention Academic All-State

Odessa HS Football

Timothy Avila

Permian HS Football

Timothy Avila

Austin Jacobo

Bobby Lopez

2nd Team Academic All-State

Odessa HS Football

Clifford Gordan

TMEA All State Musicians: Recognition of seven students who earned All-State Musicians Honors from the Texas Music Educators Association.

All-State Band

Alex Lozano, PHS Senior | Bass Trombone

Dillon Martin, PHS Senior | Alto Saxophone

Aidan Caballero, PHS Junior | Percussion

Shaun Price, PHS Freshman | French Horn

All-State Choir

Paige Byford, OHS Sophomore | Soprano 1

Caitlin Fitzgerald, OHS Sophomore | Soprano 2

Justus Davis, OHS Freshman | Tenor 1

25382 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In Dr. Muri's opening comments, he presented student data from the most recent MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) assessment. He reminded Trustees, the MAP assessment is given three times each year (September, January and April) to show students' growth. This data is one of the ways we monitor the progress of our strategic plan initiatives. Dr. Muri called it a good compliment to STAAR and End of Course exams. The data show students in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade grew but did not reach projected growth marks in math, while students in grades 3-8 met or exceeded those projections. In reading, students in kindergarten through 6th grade grew but did not reach projected growth marks, while 7th and 8th graders met it. Dr. Muri also presented a brief summary of MAP scores in Opportunity Culture classrooms compared to non-O.C. classrooms. O.C. classrooms scored higher in reading and math at many grade levels (K-8).

25383 **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

- 25384** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of TASB Local Policy Update 116:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Brown to approve TASB Local Policy Update 116 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved

Action Items

- 25385** **Discussion and Possible Action to Accept for Consideration an Application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property from Nacero TX 1 LLC, assess a Large Project Application Fee, authorize the Superintendent to review the Application for completeness, submit such Application to the Comptroller and Take Other Action Incident Thereto:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Smith that the Board accept for consideration Nacero TX 1 LLC's Application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, assess a Large Project Application Fee of \$125,000, and authorize the Superintendent to review the Application and upon a determination that such Application is complete, that it be submitted to the Comptroller as set out in Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 25386** **Discussion and Possible Action to Accept for Consideration an Application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property from 1PointFive P1 LLC, assess a Large Project Application Fee, authorize the Superintendent to review the Application for completeness, submit such Application to the Comptroller and Take Other Action Incident Thereto:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Stanley that the Board accept for consideration 1PointFive P1 LLC's Application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, assess a Large Project Application Fee of \$100,000, and authorize the Superintendent to review the Application and upon a determination that such Application is complete, that it be submitted to the Comptroller as set out in Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 25387** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Brown to approve Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 25388** **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Stanley to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25389 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Contract with Ector County Elections Office to Conduct May 1, 2021 Joint Election:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Minyard to approve the Contract with Ector County Elections Office to Conduct May 1, 2021 Joint Election as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25390 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Teaching Academy Dual Credit Matrix Crosswalk:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Brown to approve the Teaching Academy Dual Credit Matrix Crosswalk as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25391 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Early Childhood Pre-K 4 and Pre-K 3 Textbook Adoption:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Stanley to approve the Early Childhood Pre-K 4 and Pre-K 3 Textbook Adoption as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25392 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of 2021-2022 Academic Calendars:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Brown to approve the 2021-2022 Academic Calendars as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25393 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Middle School Turnaround Partner:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Stanley to approve the Middle School Turnaround Partner as presented. Third Future Schools was approved as the new charter partner for Ector Middle School.

Motion unanimously approved.

25394 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Resolution of the Board of Trustees of ECISD: Remote Learning and Pay of Employees Plan:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Brown to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of ECISD: Remote Learning and Pay of Employees Pay Plan as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25395 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of TEA Waiver for Remote Learning and School Closure:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Minyard to approve the TEA Waiver for Remote Learning and School Closure as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

25396 **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Brown to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes
- B. Request for Approval of Bills for Payment
- C. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Donations Over \$10,000

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

25397 **Presentation and Discussion of School Action Fund School Restart:** Executive Director of Leadership Alicia Press presented this item for discussion. Ms. Press discussed the School Action Fund Restart plan for Burnet Elementary School and Bowie Middle School. The plan is a bold step forward in our District's continuing effort to provide an excellent educational experience for every student, every day. Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, Burnet Elementary and Bowie Middle School will be transformed into RISE program schools; RISE standing for *Rapidly Improving School Effectiveness*. Burnet and Bowie were identified for immediate intervention due to multiple years of low ratings and declining academic performance. RISE is similar to a program called ACE that has been implemented with impressive success at high-needs campuses across Texas. This model creates an environment for students that completely provides for their academic, social/emotional, nutritional and support needs. The school day will be modified to accommodate additional learning time for reading and math instruction, tutoring and personalized academic support, and meals including an end-of-day super snack. Staff members at the school will be able to reapply for positions for the two schools. The RISE model staffs strategically, focusing on high-achieving educators with a demonstrated track record of student success. RISE teachers will have unique scheduling and significant financial incentives.

No action required.

25398 **Presentation and Discussion of Bonham Middle School Update:** Executive Directors of Leadership Robert Cedillo and Bonham Middle School Principal Mareka Austin presented an update on Bonham Middle School turnaround effort. In October, the District announced plans to seek a turnaround partner for Bonham because of the school currently being in its fifth year with an "F" rating. However, because of COVID, the state has paused accountability ratings for the second year in a row. The pause gives Bonham an opportunity to turnaround its academic achievement without a charter partner. The school is going to take on a rigorous turnaround process that will include strategic staffing, expanded recruiting that targets experience educators with a track record of success, additional days of professional development, extended instructional days, high dosage tutoring for students and summer learning. Staff members selected to be part of the Bonham MS team will receive additional financial incentives. If Bonham maintains its F status for another year (when accountability ratings resume), the District faces state intervention in the form of school closure or a board of managers for the school district.

No action required.

- 25399** **Legislative Update:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Muri provided Trustees with a brief legislative update on discussions taking place among the House and Senate Finance Committees and talk of the Average Daily Attendance “hold harmless” provision that was put in place for the fall semester, but is still under discussion for the spring semester.

No action required.

- 25400** **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.] (Discussion of 2021-2022 Contract Renewals for Administrators Pay Grade 6-12.) 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.]: (The Board of Trustees will discuss an economic development issue.)**

Board President Delma Abalos convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 8:59 p.m.

Board President Delma Abalos reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 9:25 p.m.

- 25401** **Request for Approval of 2021-2022 Contract Renewals for Administrators Pay Grade 6-12:** Moved by Brown, seconded by Stanley to approve the 2021-2022 Contract Renewals for Administrators Pay Grade 6-12 as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 25402** **Information Items:** The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Financials, Information Report for February 2021, Purchasing Report and the Routine Personnel Report.

- 25403** **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

- 25404** **Adjournment:** Board President Delma Abalos adjourned the Board meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Board President
Delma Abalos

Board Secretary
Dr. Steve Brown