

AT A BOARD WORK STUDY 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., August 8, 2017, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Ray Beaty, D.C.
Dr. Steve Brown
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna C. Smith
Doyle Woodall

Absent:

Carol Gregg

School Officials: Mike Adkins, Tom Crowe, Carolyn Gonzalez, David Harwell, Ann McClarty, Brian Moersch, David Morris, Todd Vesely, Kellie Wilks

Others: Mike Atkins, Hortencia Del Bosque, Omega Loera, Lisa Wills, Nancy Vanley, Elaine Smith, Olga Garza, Marlane Burns, Elaine Sparks, Mary Franco

23792 **Meeting Called to Order:** Doyle Woodall, Board Vice-President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

23793 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Interlocal Agreement between ECISD and Communities in Schools:** Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Roy Garcia presented this item for discussion. The purpose of this agreement is for Communities in Schools (CIS) to provide assistance to ECISD students who are at risk of not obtaining a high school diploma and who meet the TEA At-Risk criteria according to Texas Education Code 29.081 (d) 1 through 13 (g). CIS will provide one full-time Campus Coordinator who will assist and case manage 100 students at each of the following campuses: OHS, PHS, Crockett Middle School, Ector Middle School, Wilson & Young Medal of Honor Middle School and Alternative Education Center.

This agreement is renewed annually with an annual cost to ECISD of \$105,000.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

No action required.

23794 **Discussion of Request for Approval of Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook for 2017-2018:** Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Roy Garcia presented this item for discussion. Our District uses the Texas Association of School Boards model which keeps in line with legal requirements and changes. Mr. Garcia noted that there was very little change this year.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

No action required.

- 23795** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding and Articulation Agreement between Ector County ISD and UTPB for Dual Credit Courses:** Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Roy Garcia presented this item for discussion. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the cooperation between the University and the School District in the provision of Dual Credit Courses for qualified 9th through 12th grade students. An on-line Engineering course is being added this year.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 16, 2016 meeting.)

No action required.

- 23796** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding and Articulation Agreement between Ector County ISD and Odessa College for Dual Credit Courses:** Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Roy Garcia presented this item for discussion.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 16, 2016 meeting.)

No action required.

- 23797** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Tech University and Odessa College for the 2 + 1 Program:** Chief of Staff Brian Moersch presented this item for discussion. Last year ECISD teamed up with Texas Tech University and Odessa College on this fast-track teacher education program. The program began with five students last year, three of which are now working in ECISD while the two others are expected to complete the program this fall. This year there are nine OC students with an Associate's Degree who will spend an intensive year taking online education courses from Texas Tech. Students are assigned to an ECISD campus with a master teacher, they will work in the classroom while taking courses from Texas Tech, and will continually meet with a Texas Tech site coordinator for professional development and coaching. After one year, they can complete their education coursework and Bachelor's degree, and be ready to test for their certification. The 2+1Teacher Prep Program is designed to create a homegrown pool of highly qualified teachers for ECISD.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

No action required.

- 23798** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Region 18 ESC and Ector County ISD for School District Employee Stipend Payments:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. The purpose of this memorandum of understanding is to solicit an agreement for ESC 18 to provide funds to the District to pay for extra-duty stipends. The participant must fulfill all the requirements of his/her performance agreement within the designated timeline to qualify for the stipend payment.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

No action required.

- 23799** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Proposed Tax Rate to Publish and Public Meeting Date for Tax Rate Adoption:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. The Board of Trustees are proposing a tax rate increase that will require voter approval this fall through a Tax Ratification Election (TRE). The proposed tax rates to be published and public meeting date are as follows:

M & O Tax Rate: \$1.17

I & S Tax Rate: \$.11

Public Meeting Date: August 17, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 17, 2017 Special Board meeting.)

- 23800** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Annual Investment Report:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item. This report will consolidate the investment requirements mandated by the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code (Chapter 2256). Included are reports on investment balances and investment income, along with required investment policy review, approval of training sessions from independent sources, and selection of broker/dealers and investment officers for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

- 23801** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #1:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. This budget amendment reflects a net decrease in General Fund balance of \$705,000 to cover the recent increase in property insurance.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

- 23802** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. These purchases include Student Accident Insurance and three Region 18 agreements.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

- 23803** **Discussion of Request for Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Education Service Center, Region 10, (COOP) and Ector County ISD to Participate in Education Service Center, Region 10 Cooperative Purchasing Program:** Chief Financial Officer David Harwell presented this item for discussion. Joining this Cooperative will enable ECISD to participate in 3121 FICA Alternative Plan.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

- 23804** **Discussion of Superintendent Appraisal Instrument:** Superintendent Tom Crowe presented this item for discussion. The instrument will be modified after Trustees attend the Lone Star Training on August 18-19, 2017, which will include training on the Superintendent's Appraisal Instrument.

No action required.

- 23805** **Discussion of Board Self-Appraisal:** Superintendent Tom Crowe presented this item for discussion. The Board Self-Appraisal will also be revisited after Trustees attend the Lone Star Training on August 18-19, 2017.

No action required.

- 23806** **Discussion of Request for Approval of the 2017-2018 Professional Support Providers (PSP):** Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Carolyn Gonzalez presented this item for discussion. The District will be contracting with Region 18 Education Service Center, Dr. Donnie Norwood, and Mr. Wayne Byrd to provide PSP services for the 2017-2018 school year. These individuals will provide state-mandated school improvement support.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

- 23807** **Discussion of Request for Approval of the ECISD Gifted and Talented Plan:** Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Carolyn Gonzalez along with Advanced Academic Director Omega Loera presented this item for discussion. According to TEA, in 2017, they will begin monitoring Foundation School Program (FSP) Supplemental State Allotment Programs due to: TEA Restructuring, Legislature Priority, and State Statutory Mandated Requirements. This includes the Gifted and Talented Program.

Pursuant to Section 29.123 of the Texas Education Code (TEC), the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students forms the basis of G/T services and accountability. Section 1.1C, written policies on student identification for gifted/talented services are approved by the District Board of Trustees and

disseminated to all parents (1.1.1E) Board-approved policies are reviewed at least once every three years and modified as needed.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

23808 **Discussion of Request for Approval of 2017-2018 UIL Eligibility Courses:**
Executive Director of Guidance & Counseling Nancy Vanley presented this item for discussion. The updated Advance Courses for the 2017-2018 UIL eligibility as allowed in 19 TAC.74.30 (b) are presented to the Board for approval annually.

The advance core area courses do not impact a student's eligibility for UIL contests/competitions even if the students have a failing grade.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

23809 **Discussion of Request for Approval of 2017-2018 T-TESS Appraisers:**
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Carolyn Gonzalez presented this item for discussion. T-TESS focuses on providing continuous, timely and formative feedback to educators so they can improve their practice. By state rule, appraisers must be approved by the local Board of Trustees. A list representing individuals who have completed the necessary training and are now certified "Texas Teacher Evaluation & Support System Appraisers" was provided to Trustees for review. Appraisers are required to be re-certified each year.

No action required.

(This item will be presented for Board approval at the August 15, 2017 meeting.)

23810 **Request for Approval of Closed Meeting – Personnel Matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Discussion of Routine Personnel Report) [Board will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employees of the District]:**

No session held.

23811 **Information Items:** The Purchasing and Routine Personnel Reports were provided to the Board of Trustees.

No action required.

23812 **Adjournment:** Board Vice-President Doyle Woodall adjourned the Board meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Board Vice-President
Doyle Woodall

Board Secretary
Dr. Donna C. Smith