

AT A SPECIAL 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., August 17, 2017, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Carol Gregg
Nelson Minyard
Dr. Donna Smith
Doyle Woodall

Absent:

Ray Beaty, D.C.

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

Others: Marlane Burns, Christopher Bartlett, Elaine Smith, Gene Collins, Nat Armendarez, Andrew Marshall, Mauricio Marquez, Genoveva Barajas, Karen Howard-Winters, Chris Stanley, Mike Atkins, Rudy Segura, Adrian Vega, Cynthia McNabb, Elaine Sparks, Mary Franco

23823 Meeting Called to Order: Carol Gregg, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

23824 Request for Approval of 2017 Certified Appraisal Roll: Moved by Minyard, seconded by Brown to approve 2017 Certified Appraisal Roll as presented.

The total appraised value increased from \$15,127,817,859 in 2016 to \$15,607,528,526 in 2017, an increase of 3.171%.

The total taxable value increased from \$11,855,872,243 in 2016 to \$12,190,897,339 in 2017, a 2.826% increase.

Motion unanimously approved.

Appearing before the Board – Citizens may address the Board on any agenda item by presenting their name, address, and agenda item to be discussed to the President of the Board on the form provided prior to the opening of the meeting. BED(Local)

ECISD Teacher and TSTA President Christopher Bartlett complimented the District on this year's professional development sessions and thanked the Bond Committee for working through the summer and added that the local chapter of the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) was in support of the bond proposal.

23825 Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #2: Dependent Upon Successful Tax Rate Election: Moved by Woodall, seconded by Brown to Approve Budget Amendment #2: Dependent upon Successful Tax Rate Election as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 23826** **Request for Approval of 2017 Tax Rate:** Moved by Brown, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.28, which is effectively a 10.19% increase in the tax rate. Minyard seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 23827** **Request for Adoption of an Order Calling Election for November 7, 2017 to Ratify School District Taxes Pursuant to Section 26.08 Property Tax Code:** Moved by Minyard, seconded by Smith to Adopt an Order Calling Election for November 7, 2017 to Ratify School District Taxes Pursuant to Section 26.08 Property Tax Code as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 23828** **Request for Adoption of an Order Calling a Bond Election for November 7, 2017:** Moved by Brown to increase the Bond from \$286,672,291 to \$291,172,291 to include the cost to renovate the Permian High School girls' locker rooms, upgrade to the weight room at Odessa High School, and the renovation of all the bathrooms at Ratliff Stadium and to Adopt an Order Calling a Bond election for November 7, 2017 as presented. Minyard seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously approved.

The proposed bond package came as a recommendation from a Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) of 40 Ector County citizens. The BAC identified 7 aspects for the bond package:

- Life cycle improvements - such as roofing, HVAC, plumbing, window replacements at every campus;
- Secure front entry vestibules at every school;
- Fire & life safety upgrades at every campus;
- A district-wide fiber network;
- A new comprehensive high school for 2,500 students;
- Conversion of Ector MS to a high school for 1,500 students;
- A new middle school to replace Ector MS

The total bond package recommended by the BAC was for \$286,672,291. Board of Trustee Dr. Steve Brown advised the other school board members he had heard of concerns about needs at the existing high schools. He asked District officials to provide the cost to renovate the Permian High School girls' locker rooms, upgrade to the weight room at Odessa High School, and the renovation of all the bathrooms at Ratliff Stadium.

The cost of those additions would add \$4.5 million more to the bond – creating a new total bond package of \$291,172,291. The tax impact for the average home in Odessa (a taxable value of \$104,244) will be \$14.23 per month or \$170.75 per year.

Board of Trustee Delma Abalos asked that the Early Voting locations be modified to include Cameron Elementary.

23829 **Adjournment:** Carol Gregg, Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Board President
Carol Gregg

Board Secretary
Dr. Donna C. Smith