

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON MARCH 28, 2023, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM, 802 NORTH SAM HOUSTON, ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Dr. Steve Brown
Carol Gregg
Dennis Jones
Dr. Donna Smith
Christopher Stanley

Absent:

Delma Abalos
Tammy Hawkins

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

Others: Tatiana Dennis, Michael Hawley, Chelsea Reyes, Dorothy Ortiz, Crystal Day, Heather Lovett, Jessica Gore, Brandon Reyes, Leslie Wilson, Julia Willett-Weekly, Mayra Leyva, Mindy Rogers, Angela Romano, Emily Roberts, Mary Franco

26243 **Meeting Called to Order:** Dr. Steve Brown, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

26244 **Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Dr. Steve Brown, 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.

26245 **Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas Flags:** The United States and Texas flag pledges were led by Milam Elementary School Pre-K Students Penelope Franco and Liam Granados.

26246 **Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Reverend Don Caywood, Odessa Christian Faith Center.

26247 **Special Presentations:**

Introduction of the UIL State Qualifier Odessa High School Mariachi Broncho: the Odessa High School Mariachi Broncho was recognized for earning First Division Ratings at the Regional Contest in El Paso, and qualified for the UIL State Mariachi Contest. This is the 7th time Mariachi Broncho has qualified for state. The troupe is 18 students strong and under the direction of Jerimie Hernandez.

Presentation of Odessa Collegiate Academy Academic Decathlon State Qualifier: The Academic Decathlon team from Odessa Collegiate Academy, was recognized for qualifying for and then finishing in the top 5 of the 2023 Thomas E. Mosely State Championships held the weekend of February 24-26 in San Antonio, TX. This was the *first time in school history* the Academic Decathlon team won its region and advanced to this state meet. Five students won a total of 19 individual medals at state including Cielbi Clark's perfect score in winning the gold in Essay. The team also won the Super Quiz.

Odessa Collegiate Academy Coaches:

- Head Coach Mikal Crowder
- Assistant Coach Lydia Roundtree
- Assistant Coach Brandon Cook
- Assistant Coach Anneliese Espinoza
- Assistant Coach Cindy McCord
- Assistant Coach Chris Golden

Student/Team Members:

- Cielbi (Shelby) Clark
- Bernadette Barragan
- Rayce Wright
- Nadine Marcelo
- Skylee Ybarra
- Carlos Vasquez
- Josh Derayunanv
- Sophia Khan
- Priscilla Carlile
- Esmeralda Martinez

Team Alternate / Student Coaches:

- Zoe Kraemer
- Maryam Akram
- Cortney Rodgers
- Baden Siegman
- Brittany Ortiz

Announcement of Regional Spelling Bee Winner: Ajay Gundlapalli, Nimitz Middle School 7th Grade Student was recognized as this year's Regional Spelling Bee Champion. He will represent ECISD, Odessa and West Texas at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, May 30 through June 1.

26248 **Opening Remarks by Superintendent:** In his opening remarks, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri talked about the start of prekindergarten registration this weekend, on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Pre-K in ECISD is a half-day program for 3-year-olds and a full-day program for 4-year-olds. He told the crowd about yesterday's announcement of a \$6.1 million-dollar investment by the Permian Strategic Partnership and the Scharbauer Foundation, to bring Holdsworth Center Leadership training for principals and district leaders across the Permian Basin.

26249 **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.

Public Hearing

26250 **Public Hearing on Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value between the District and Nacero TX 1 LLC, Texas Comptroller Application Number 1568, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code:** Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers presented this item for discussion. Due to current market factors and economic conditions, Nacero requests that the Agreement be further amended to delay the start of the Limitation Period to January 1, 2027 and Commercial Operations to begin December 30, 2026. This delay creates three gap years following the end of the Qualifying Time Period (i.e., 2024, 2025, and 2026). The intent is that the minimum Qualified Investment amounts in tax years 2021 and 2022 will be made in tax year 2023 to keep the Agreement from terminating due to lack of investment, and the remaining investment will be made in tax years 2025 and 2026.

No action required.

26251 **Discussion and Possible Action on an Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value between the District and Nacero TX 1, LLC, Texas Comptroller Application Number 1568, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code:** Moved by Stanley, seconded by Gregg to approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value between the District and Nacero TX 1, LLC, Texas Comptroller Application Number 1568, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

Action Items

26252 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Purchases over \$50,000:** There were no Purchases over \$50,000.

No action required.

26253 **Discussion of and Request for Approval to Cancel May 6, 2023 Single Member District Position 1 and Position 6 Elections and Certify the Unopposed Candidates "Elected" (Discusión y solicitud de aprobación para cancelar las elecciones del distrito de un solo miembro puesto 1 y puesto 6 del Distrito sin oposición del 6 de mayo de 2023 y certificar los candidatos electos sin oposición):** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Smith to approve to Cancel May 6, 2023 Single Member District Position 1 and Position 6 Elections and Certify the Unopposed Candidates "Elected" (Discusión y solicitud de aprobación para cancelar las elecciones del distrito de un solo miembro puesto 1 y puesto 6 del Distrito sin oposición del 6 de mayo de 2023 y certificar los candidatos electos sin oposición) as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26254 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of Contract with Ector County Elections Office to Conduct May 6, 2023 Joint Election:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Stanley to approve the Contract with Ector County Elections Office to Conduct May 6, 2023 Joint Election as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26255 **Discussion of and Request for Approval of the 2023-2024 Academic Calendars Revision 1:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Jones to approve the 2023-2024 Academic Calendars Revision 1 as presented. Monday, October 9 (Columbus Day) has been added to the calendar as a holiday.

Motion unanimously approved.

26256 **Consent Agenda:** Moved by Gregg, seconded by Stanley to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of Meetings
- B. Request for Approval of Bills for Payment
- C. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Donations Over \$10,000
- D. Request for Approval of Permian HS and Odessa HS Business Professionals of America Students Out-of-State Travel to Anaheim, California
- E. Request for Approval of Low Attendance Waiver

Motion unanimously approved.

Report/Discussion Items

26257 **Budget Update Discussion:** Chief Financial Officer Deborah Ottmers presented this item. The Board of Trustees continued their discussion on next year's budget. As usual, many bills have been filed in the Texas Legislature concerning public education and specifically school finance. However, little is known at this time what will happen or the full effect new legislation may have on next year's budget. District leaders are going to start with an estimated student enrollment of 33,500 (up about 350 from right now), and slightly higher attendance. This year, lower-than-projected attendance and enrollment created the need to take a little more than \$13 million from the general fund balance for the 2022-23 budget. Trustees talked about continuing to talk with elected officials to advocate for public school funding. Dr. Muri quoted a study by renowned economist Ray Perryman that showed every \$1 the state invests in education yields a social and public return of more than \$56.

No action required.

26258 **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 the Principal at Crockett Middle School,**

Executive Director of Human Resources, and Executive Director of Talent Development) 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.]:

Board President Dr. Steve Brown convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 6:58 p.m.

Board President Dr. Steve Brown reconvened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 7:42 p.m.

26259 Discussion of and Request for Approval of Recommendation for the Executive Director of Human Resources: Moved by Gregg, seconded by Jones to approve the Recommendation to hire Dr. Matthew Spivy as the Executive Director of Human Resources as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

26260 Discussion of and Request for Approval of Recommendation for the Executive Director of Talent Development: No action is required on a lateral move. Dr. Muri announced the appointment of Jaime Miller as the Executive Director of Talent Development.

Dr. Muri also made two other announcements the appointment of 1) Noe Ortiz as the new principal at Crockett Middle School. Mr. Ortiz will oversee the implementation of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) in the 2024-25 school year; 2) The appointment of Kamy Smith as the new principal at Bonham Middle School.

Motion unanimously approved.

26261 Information Items: The Board of Trustees were provided with the following information items: Added Administrative Professional and Stipend/Supplemental Pay Plan, Financials, New Position for Transportation, Purchasing Report, and Routine Personnel Report.

26262 Closing Remarks by the Superintendent: There were no closing remarks.

26263 Adjournment: Board President Dr. Steve Brown adjourned the Board meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Board President
Dr. Steve Brown

Board Secretary
Christopher Stanley