

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., SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Present:

Delma Abalos
Dr. Steve Brown
Tammy Hawkins
Dawn Miller
Christopher Stanley
Robert Thayer

Absent:

Wayne Woodall

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

Others: Tatiana Dennis, Mauricio Marquez, Anthony Garcia, Tracey Borchardt, Robert Trejo, Scott Rudes, Micah Arrott, Amanda Sierra, Nora Gonzalez, Betsabe Salcido, Angelia Hilton, Karl Miller, Claudia Lopez, Aaron Hawley, Elisha Sessions, Dora Flores, Regina Lee, Teresa Willison, Christan Ouch, Zenovia Crier, Jennie Chavez, Taylor Roy, Crystal Marquez, Stephanie Moran, Adonica Galindo, Tanya Galindo, Paula Dannheim, Jennifer Bizzell, Christina Salinas, Kamy Smith, Maggie Aguilar, William Iker, Amy Russell, Mary Jane Hutchins, Valerie Rivera, Sam Martinez, Mitchel Davis, Mollie Jones, Mercedes Shirley, Margarita Acosta, Rebecca Ramirez, Priscilla Aguilar, Hector Limon, Amanda Warber, Abel Avila, Ruth Campbell, Rita Lopez, Mary Franco

26839 Meeting Called to Order: Christopher Stanley, Board President, called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

26840 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 Christopher Stanley, verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.

26841 Opening Remarks by Superintendent: In her opening remarks, Interim Superintendent Dr. Keeley Boyer informed the Trustees that student enrollment remains strong, with a current total of 33,948 students – approximately 1,100 more than last year and nearly 500 above this year's projections.

26842 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.

Board Policy

- 26843** **Discussion of TASB Board Policy Update 123:** Dr. Anthony Sorola provided the Trustees with the first reading of TASB Board Policy Update 123. The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) recommends updates to existing policies to ensure they are in alignment with changes in the state's legal policy. These policies will be brought back for a second reading and vote on September 17, 2024.

Report/Discussion Items

- 26844** **Report and Discussion of STAAR and End of Course Exam Data:** Associate Superintendent of Student & School Support Alicia Syverson along with Executive Director of Accountability Robert Trejo and Associate Superintendent of C&I Dr. Lilia Náñez presented this item for discussion. Due to a pending lawsuit, the issuance of 2024 A-F ratings are pending and subject to change based on judicial rulings. Reports and downloads from the state currently do not include A-F ratings or scale scores. Trustees were reminded the STAAR test and accountability system has undergone significant redesigns the last two years with new question types, testing format, and scoring methodology. State averages dropped in many tested areas and ECISD's performance tracked along with the state's declines. However, ECISD was able to close gaps with the state in areas of 3rd grade Reading Language Arts (RLA), 7th grade RLA, 3rd grade Math, 7th grade Math, 8th grade Math, Biology, and U.S. History. Fifth grade and 8th grade Science are areas of concern, along with 8th grade Social Studies, and English I. The presentation closed with a look at College, Career and Military Readiness – which is 40% of the accountability rating for high schools – where the percentage of graduates meeting that standard has increased each year since 2020 from 58% to 63% to 65% to 73% last year. The 2024 figure will be released soon and is expected to show further improvement.

No action required.

- 26845** **Discussion of 2024-2025 ECISD Campus Improvement Plans:** Executive Director of Leadership Mauricio Marquez presented this item for discussion. The process for creating a Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) begins with a Needs Assessment, followed by the creation of Problem Statements for areas of concern, Alignment of those Needs with existing Board Goals and the Strategic Plan, establishment of Performance Objectives, and the development of Strategies to achieve the Performance Objectives. Four Principals shared their campus plans with Trustees - Burnet Elementary, Ross Elementary, Crockett Middle School, and Permian High School. All campus plans can also be found at the link in item 5-A.

No action required.

26846 **Possible Request for Approval to Move to Closed Meeting - 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 on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the requirement for open meetings.] (Discussion of an individual Board member’s authority and role in dealing with community inquiries and/or complaints.):**

Board President Christopher Stanley convened the Board of Trustees to closed session at 7:32 p.m.

Board President Christopher Stanley reconvened the Board of Trustees to open session at 8:08 p.m.

26847 **Closing Remarks by Superintendent:** There were no closing remarks.

26848 **Adjournment:** Christopher Stanley Board President, adjourned the Board meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Board President
Christopher Stanley

Board Secretary
Dr. Steve Brown