

# Agenda of Special Meeting

## The Board of Trustees El Campo Independent School District

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of El Campo Independent School District will be held June 4, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Seminar Room at ECHS, 600 West Norris, El Campo, Texas 77437.

The subjects to be discussed are as listed below.

1. Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
  2. Public Comment
  3. Consider and Possible Action on Technology Purchase
  4. Discuss and Consider Revising the 2020-21 School Year Calendar
  5. Discuss Graduation Ceremony
  6. Adjournment
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*If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.*

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on Friday, May 29, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

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Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Meeting Date: June 4, 2020**

**Submitted by: Dolores A. Treviño, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction**

**Action Item**

**Consent Agenda: Adjusting School Calendar 2020-2021 for COVID-19 Response**

**Summary** 2020-2021 is likely to include short-term disruptions to instruction and high student absenteeism, with some students consistently physical absent; therefore TEA is asking we look at revising our 2020-21 calendar: \*Building a calendar that plans for and anticipates these scenarios will help minimize disruption – short term disruptions in instruction are likely and need to be planned into the calendar \*Calendars must also consider how to adjust for learning loss as a result of current instructional interruptions \*Calendar revisions require substantial change management including school board adoption that requires immediate action The administrative team is discussing and developing several options to share at the board meeting.

**ECISD Board Policy** None.

**Effective Date** 2020-2021 School Year.

**Previous Board Action** The Board has continued to monitor issues due to COVID-19.

**Future Action Expected** The Board has continued to monitor issues due to COVID-19.

**Background Information and Significant Issues** COVID-19 Pandemic and associated issues.

At the May 19, 2020 board meeting the administration presented trustees with several proposed calendar ideas focused on:

- 1) Increased instructional time to help recover from the COVID-19 Slide.
- 2) Plan for the possibility of a 20-21 outbreak that could result in lost instructional time.

Board members requested the administration look at making Fridays a full day versus our current early release day, adding minutes to the instructional day, and adding in flex day options.

After reviewing all board recommendations and discussions with transportation and business office, the principals and administration are recommending calendar C1 for board approval.

**Fiscal Impact** Varies per calendar option. There is the potential for added employee paid days in the event of an outbreak that results in lost instructional time.

**Student and Public Benefit** An adjusted 20-21 calendar allows for the possibility of a COVID-19 outbreak.

**Procedural and Reporting Implications** None.

**Public Comments** None.

**Alternatives** None.

**Other Comments and Related Issues**

None

**Attachments**

Summary of COVID-19 Calendars; ECISD 20-21 C1; ECISD 20-21 C1 with additional flex days

**Contact Person(s)**

Dolores Trevino, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

**Action Required**

Motion, second, and majority vote to approve the 2020-2021 Adjusted School Calendar for COVID-19 Response.

**Superintendent's Recommendation**

I recommend you approve the 2020-2021 Adjusted School Calendar for COVID-19 Response.

**Kelly Waters, Superintendent of Schools**

## 2020 Graduation Ceremony

El Campo High School Graduation for the Class of 2020 will be on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 8:00 PM in Ricebird Stadium. Stadium entrances will open at 6:30 PM. If there is inclement weather, the alternate date will be Friday, June 5, 2020. The graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on the El Campo ISD Facebook page.

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order, we are allowed to host an outdoor graduation ceremony; however, we must abide by certain guidelines and constraints from both the executive order and the Texas Education Agency. The graduation ceremony is voluntary and is limited to the graduating senior and 5 patrons per graduate. Tickets may not be traded or swapped. Graduates will pick up their tickets and packet June 4, 2020, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Principal's Office drive through. Student packets will contain: 5 patron tickets, student graduation contract, graduation programs, required COVID screeners for both the graduate and patrons, and photographer order form. All fines/fees must be cleared before a student picks up his/her packet.

We ask all patrons attending graduation to comply with social distancing standards and adhere to the following guidelines:

1. There will be three entrances into the stadium: Home Entrance, Visitor Entrance, and Visitor Entrance by the Field House.
2. Participating students and all patrons must be screened via questioning; therefore, screen surveys (in packet) must be completed and presented with each ticket upon entry. Patrons showing signs or symptoms will be required to leave the facility.
3. One family group (up to 5) at a time will be admitted into the stadium. The entire family group must enter the stadium at the same time. Incomplete groups will not be allowed entry until the entire party is present.
4. All guests, including children, must have a ticket and the screen survey to be admitted into the stadium. No individuals without a ticket will be permitted.
5. Once in the stadium, the family group is required to sit in designated areas in the bleachers and remain at their seats for the entire ceremony. Each family group will sit together in areas designated by tape/markings, but social distancing is to be practiced elsewhere. Social gatherings with other family groups is prohibited while on school property.
6. ECISD staff will be assigned areas to help family groups safely enter and exit the stadium.
7. Patrons will not be allowed on the track or field at any time before, during, or after the ceremony.
8. A professional photographer will be taking pictures of each graduate receiving his/her diploma. Patrons may bring cameras but are not allowed to leave their assigned seats at any time.
9. At the conclusion of the ceremony, graduates will go to their family group in the stands. Please do not stop graduates as they pass you, for their family is excited and waiting to congratulate their graduate. Once all graduates reach their family group, an announcement will be made so that the photographer can take a picture of the stands from the field. After the picture, each family group and graduate will then be dismissed by school personnel one at a time to allow for social distancing between groups.
10. Upon dismissal from the stands, all graduates are to report to the Ricebird Gym to pick-up their diploma and return cords/collars, etc., and all family groups are to go straight to their vehicles and leave school property immediately.
11. School personnel will be limited to the minimum number required to logistically support the ceremony.
12. All guests are to practice social distancing and avoid congregating at entrances and common areas.
13. Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances and in common areas.
14. Anyone who is sick or vulnerable should stay at home.
15. Balloons and other large objects that will obstruct the view of graduates are prohibited.
16. Any patron needing handicapped accessibility needs to contact Anne Rivera at 543-6341 before June 3rd.

**These guidelines are subject to change as underlying public health conditions change as determined by Governor Abbott and TEA.**