

To all ECISD team members,

The Ector County ISD Board of Trustees held its March Board Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. A recap of the agenda is below.

1. Roll Call. Tammy Hawkins and Delma Abalos were absent.
2. Verification of compliance with open meetings requirements.
3. Penelope Franco and Liam Granados from Milam Elementary led the pledges of allegiance.



4. Reverend Don Caywood from Odessa Christian Faith Center gave the invocation.
5. Special presentations included recognition of the State Qualifying Odessa High School Mariachi Broncho, introduction of the State Qualifying Academic Decathlon team from Odessa Collegiate Academy, and the announcement of the Regional Spelling Bee winner (above, right).
6. In his opening comments, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Muri talked about the start of prekindergarten registration this weekend, on Saturday, April 1. PreK 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 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.

7. There was no public comment.
8. Public Hearing
  - A. Trustees held a public hearing on Amendment #2 to the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value with Nacero TXI LLC.
  - B. Trustees voted 5-0 to approve Amendment #2 to the agreement.
9. Action Items
  - A. There were no purchases over \$50,000 to approve this month.
  - B. Trustees voted 5-0 to cancel the May 6, 2023 elections for Position 1 and Position 6 and certify the candidates, Dawn Miller and Tammy Hawkins, respectively, as “elected” because both races are unopposed.**
  - C. Trustees voted 5-0 to approve a contract with the Ector County Elections Office to conduct May 6, 2023 Joint Election for ECISD Positions 3 and 7.
  - D. Trustees voted 5-0 to approve a revision to the 2023-24 Academic Calendars. Monday, October 9 (Columbus Day) has been added to the calendar as a holiday.** To align with the Odessa College calendar, OCA and OCTECHS will observe this holiday on Friday, October 13. Calendars can be found at [www.ectorcountysd.org](http://www.ectorcountysd.org), under the Calendars tab on the homepage.
10. Trustees voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. This month’s Consent Agenda included minutes of previous meetings; bills for payment; acceptance of donations over \$10,000\*, out-of-state travel for Odessa High School and Permian High School students to attend the Business Professionals of American (BPA) National Contest and Leadership Conference in April; and submission of low attendance waiver for particular dates.
11. 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.
12. Trustees moved to closed session to discuss personnel matters. Upon returning to the open meeting:
  - A. Trustees voted 5-0 to approve Dr. Matthew Spivy as the Executive Director of Human Resources. He comes to ECISD with 18 years’ experience in public education. Dr. Spivy has spent the last 11 years in Greenville (Texas) ISD serving as the Executive Director of Administration, Compliance, and Operations for two years and Director of Human Resources for two years. He served as Dean of Instruction at Greenville High School for two years, three years as the Principal at Travis Elementary and another two years as an Assistant Principal at Carver Elementary. Dr. Spivy began his**

**education career in the classroom, teaching math and science to secondary students for seven years in Quinlan and Royse City ISDs.**

Also announced, **the appointment of Jaime Miller as the Executive Director of Talent Development.** Jaime is a graduate of ECISD and has served in various roles during her 21 years with ECISD. Mrs. Miller has worked as a teacher, dyslexia therapist, curriculum facilitator, and principal. Most recently she was Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction. She oversaw implementation of several educational programs and initiatives within English Language Arts and Reading, Advanced Academic Services, and created the Early Childhood Department from the ground up.

Also, **the appointment of Noe Ortiz as the new principal at Crockett Middle School. He will oversee the implementation of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) in the 2024-25 school year.** Mr. Ortiz was the principal of Ireland Elementary for the past two years and before that served as an assistant principal two years at Crockett. Mr. Ortiz will take over for **Maribel Aranda who was hired as Director of Administrative Services.** Both Ortiz and Aranda will finish this school year at their current schools.

And, **the appointment of Kamy Smith as the new principal at Bonham Middle School.** She has been the principal at Blanton Elementary for the past two-and-a-half years, and before that the principal at Pease Elementary for two years. She has also served as an assistant principal at Blanton, West, and Burseson Elementary schools. Smith will finish this school year at Blanton.

13. Information items. You can find these items, as well as the descriptions of previous items, here – <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/1406?meeting=570831>.

14. There were no closing remarks.

15. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

\*\$71,135 from GAF Materials Company for Discovery Ed complimentary access to science K-5 online curriculum.

\$67,750 from Dell Foundation for National Summer School Institute complimentary access to math K-5 online curriculum and professional development.