

The Ector County ISD Board of Trustees held its January Board Meeting on the 17th. A recap of the agenda is below.

1. Roll Call.
2. Verification of compliance with open meetings requirements.
3. Acyen Garcia and Charlie Slaton from Wilson & Young Medal of Honor Middle School led the pledges of allegiance.



4. Pastor Joe Weeks from Connection Christian Church gave the invocation.
5. Special presentations included a [School Board Month proclamation](#) from Odessa Mayor Javier Joven, the presentation of a TASB Buyboard rebate check, recognition of Odessa High School senior Priyanka Nagalla for qualifying for State UIL Congress (debate), and the introduction of the Academic All-State student-athletes from the fall semester. You can see pictures of these presentations on our [Ector County ISD Facebook page](#).
6. In his opening comments, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri talked about the Trustees' visit to Austin during the first week of the legislative session. School Board members Dr. Steve Brown, Dr. Donna Smith and Tammy Hawkins visited the offices of the Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, Senator Brandon Creighton Chair of the Senate Public Education Committee and Higher Education Committee, Senator Kevin Sparks and Representative Brooks Landgraf and discussed [ECISD's legislative priorities](#) for this

year session. He thanked the board for taking the time to strongly advocate for ECISD students and staff members.

7. In public comment, Sheena Salcido, Vice President of the local TSTA chapter, said thank you to the Board of Trustees for the work they are doing, the way they prioritize salaries and pay for employees, and safety and learning for students. She lauded them for making decisions that are purely for the benefit of the greater good, and for challenging all staff to be leaders.
8. Action Items
 - A. Trustees voted 7-0 to approve purchases over \$50,000. Items on this list included 3 police vehicles, and 33 sets of soft and hard body armor for school district police officers. A contract for virtual instructional coaching to support teachers, using federal ESSER-3 (COVID relief funds) was pulled for consideration later.
 - B. Trustees voted 7-0 to approve the Election Order and Notice for May 6, 2023 Board of Trustees Election. Position 1 (Carol Gregg); Position 3 (Dr. Donna C. Smith); Position 6 (Tammy Hawkins); and Position 7 (Dennis Jones) are being contested this spring.
 - C. Trustees voted 7-0 to submit a grant to the Office of Governor for the Rifle Resistant Body Armor grant program FY (fiscal year) 2024. On December 12, 2022 Governor Abbott announced the FY 2024 Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program for the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor. The opportunity to apply for this grant under the Governor's office will enable ECISD to purchase bullet resistant vests, ballistic plates and plate carriers which the Police Department cannot currently afford.
 - D. Trustees voted 7-0 to submit a grant to the Office of Governor for Project Safe Neighborhoods grant program FY 2024. The grant opportunity was also announced on December 12, and the opportunity to apply will enable ECISD to develop evidence-based activities to prevent violent crimes in targeted geographic areas in order to reduce violence, crime and incarceration rates.
 - E. Trustees voted 7-0 to submit a grant to the Office of Governor for Bullet-Resistant Shields for ECISD frontline police officers. Also announced On December 12, the opportunity to apply for this grant under the Governor's office will enable ECISD to purchase additional equipment (shields) critical to school security, which the Police Department cannot currently afford. This grant will enable the district to equip new and additional officers with this type of equipment.
9. Trustees voted 7-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. This month's Consent Agenda included minutes of previous meetings; bills for payment; acceptance of donations over \$10,000*.
 - A. Trustees held a public hearing on the annual district performance report. This also served as the public hearing for the District Continuous Improvement Team (DCIT). School districts are required to hold a public hearing to discuss this annual report which includes academic performance data, accreditation status, campus performance objectives, and information on violent or criminal incidents. The information in this report is for the 2020-21 school year. This presentation can be found at the link in Item #11 below. You will find the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) [on the ECISD website](#).

10. There was no closed session.

11. Information items. You can find these items, as well as the descriptions of previous items, here – <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/1406?meeting=560566>

12. There were no closing remarks.

13. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

*\$110,000 from the FMH Foundation through the Education Foundation of Odessa for Permian High School auditorium sound booth and equipment.

\$12,500 from the Education Foundation for a portion of the grant writer salary.

\$10,000 from the Dan and Hermine Hemphill Charitable Foundation for items for the Community Outreach Center to support students in need.