

The Ector County ISD Board of Trustees held its January Board Meeting on the 18th. A recap of the agenda is below.

1. Roll Call. Carol Gregg and Dr. Steve Brown were absent.
2. Verification of compliance with open meetings requirements.
3. Pledges of allegiance.
4. Invocation.
5. Special presentations included the recognition of Odessa High School senior [Matthew Thompson as a state qualifier in UIL Congress](#) (debate; below left), the introduction of 14 students who earned [Academic All-State](#) honors in the fall semester, a proclamation from the City of Odessa and Mayor Javier Joven of January being [ECISD School Board Recognition Month](#), and the presentation of the “Extra Mile Award” to Nelson Minyard for his service on the Board of Trustees (he is resigning his position, effective this week; below right).



6. In his opening comments, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri congratulated the Trustees on this being School Board Recognition Month. He applauded their commitment to the children and teachers of ECISD and said it is a pleasure to be the superintendent of schools here. Second, he told the school board ECISD will receive a visit from the Commissioner of Education tomorrow. The commissioner is interested in seeing the talent development work being done in the District, and will visit classrooms and teachers at Ross Elementary to see Opportunity Culture in action.

7. There was no public comment.
8. Action items.
 - A. Trustees voted 5-0 to approve purchases over \$50,000. The one item is for job-embedded coaching for teachers, focused on foundational literacy skills, vocabulary, reading workshop, writing workshop, guided reading, literacy centers, and whole-group Tier 1 instruction, all within the District's Literacy Framework. This work will begin with a focus on the District's F-rated schools and is a three-year contract that will be expanded to include all schools.
 - B. Trustees voted 5-0 to approve an amendment to the academic calendar for summer learning dates. The Texas Education Agency and the Texas COVID Acceleration Learning Support (TCLAS) program grant now requires the Additional Days School Year (ADSY; ECISD's Summer Learning Experience) to include a minimum of 25 days. Last year with ADSY, the Texas Education Agency funded school districts with 180 academic days during the regular school year and up to 30 additional school days for summer learning. There was no minimum. With the TCLAS program grant funds, ECISD learned last month the requirement now is a minimum of 25 days for summer learning, for PK-5th grade students, and the day be extended from 3 hours to 6 hours each day. The calendar previously approved had 22 days of additional days for summer learning. This amendment includes 3 additional days to the summer learning calendar for a total of 25 days.
 - C. Trustees voted 5-0 to approve Tommy Ervin for the Ector County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Mr. Ervin replaces Nelson Minyard, who is resigning from the ECISD school board and the ECAD Board.
 - D. Trustees voted 5-0 to appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy for board position #7, Nelson Minyard's position. State law governs the way a vacant board position can be filled. If there is more than one year left on the vacant term (Mr. Minyard's term expires in May 2025), then the board must fill this position within 180 days. The board can use one of two means: to call a special election or to appoint a replacement. In either case, the replacement will serve until the next election cycle, which for ECISD is May 2023. At that time a general election will be held for the remainder of that term through 2025. Having chosen to appoint a replacement for Mr. Minyard rather than call for a special election, Trustees will now develop and publicize the process they will use for an appointment.**
9. Trustees voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. This month's Consent Agenda included minutes of previous meetings; bills for payments; acceptance of donations over \$10,000*; and a memorandum of understanding with the University of the Southwest to provide counselor interns for ECISD schools.
10. Reports/Discussion items
 - A. Trustees heard the annual district performance report. School districts are required to hold a public hearing to discuss their annual report which includes academic performance data, accreditation status, campus performance objectives, information on violent or criminal incidents and performance of the previous year's graduates in their first year of college as reported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The information in this report is for the 2019-20 school year.

This presentation will be available on the [ECISD Accountability Department website](#) the day after this meeting.

B. The board discussed the bond recommendations presented last week by the Community Bond Committee. All of the Trustees agreed with: building of a state-of-the-art Career & Technical Education center to accommodate fast-growing CTE programs; building a new, comprehensive high school because there is no room to expand or add portables at Odessa High School and Permian High School, though they worry a community argument over the issue could potentially hurt the passage of the other items; updating technology and lifecycle repairs and maintenance at all schools which are critical needs for a school district with 31 schools over 60 years of age. The Bond Committee also recommended the District keep the cost of any potential bond package under \$400 million, and Trustees said they would work very hard to honor that. School board members also felt a May 2022 election is their preference. The Board began looking closer at the projected costs of the technology items and the life-cycle repair/maintenance items to see where money could be saved or removed from the bond. Their discussions will continue at the February workshop, and they will plan to add another meeting before a final decision is made.

11. There was no closed session.

12. Information items. You can find these items, as well as the descriptions of previous items, here – <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/1406?meeting=508905>.

13. There were no closing remarks.

14. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*\$12,000 from the Education Foundation of Odessa for a portion of the ECISD grant writer salary.

\$10,000 from the Dan and Hermine Hemphill Charitable Foundation to the ECISD Community Outreach Center for school supplies, uniforms and various items for student needs.