
The Ector County ISD Board of Trustees held its November Board Meeting on the 16th. A recap of the agenda is below.

1. Roll Call.
2. Verification of compliance with open meetings requirements.
3. Pledges of allegiance.
4. Invocation.
1. Special presentations included the announcement of ECISD’s top fundraisers for the 2021 United Way campaign; the recognition of Kay Crow, Burleson Elementary volunteer, as the W.D. Noel Adult Volunteer of the Year; recognition of four ECISD nurses selected to the Permian Basin Great 25 Nurses; and introduction of the winners of the National Fossil Day Art Contest. You can find [an album of pictures](#) from all of these presentations and the one for Gloria Phillips (item below) on our Facebook page.
2. In his opening comments, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri and Luz Melendez from ECISD’s Bilingual Department took a couple of minutes to recognize retiring Bilingual Specialist Gloria Phillips. Gloria is known to those in the Bilingual Department is “Momma G” and has served our school district for 47 years, in a variety of roles and responsibilities. As she prepares to retire, we took this special opportunity to honor her and her work on behalf of our student, families and staff for a remarkable 47 years! If you would like [to listen to this presentation](#), you can view it here; click on the Board Meetings tab above the video box. After honoring Mrs. Phillips, Dr. Muri told Trustees he started his day in Houston where was invited to talk about Ector County’s efforts to bring high-speed broadband Internet to the entire community (through a partnership called the ConnEctor Task Force). He said Ector County is very close to making that a reality, and Houston is working on a plan to do the same thing and officials there asked Ector leaders to talk about the collaborations between government entities and local businesses to achieve the goal. Ector’s work is gaining a lot of attention and is being held up as an exemplar by the state.
3. There was no public comment.
4. Board Policy
 - A. Trustees voted 6-0-1 to approve TASB Local Policy Update 118. These recommendations are to bring local policies in line with legislative changes. Delma Abalos abstained from the vote.

- B. Trustees voted 7-0 to approve a Resolution of the Board Delegating Authority to Accept a Contract Employee's Resignation Effective Before the End of the School Year. This resolution and the one in Item C (below) designate which administrators may accept a letter of resignation.
 - C. Trustees voted 7-0 to approve a Resolution of the Board Delegating Authority to Accept a Contract Employee's Resignation Effective at the End of the School Year or Submitted Before Penalty-Free Resignation Date.
5. Action items.
- A. Trustees voted 7-0 to approve the Quarterly Investment Report. The report represents investments for the months of July 2021 through September 2021. The District's investments are governed by state law and local policies.
 - B. Trustees voted 7-0 to approve the Annual Financial Report. Every school district is required to prepare annual financial statements, have them audited by an external firm, and submit them to the state. The auditor, Whitley Penn, issued an Unmodified Opinion meaning a clean report with no internal control findings related to financial report and no findings related to compliance. In short, a good report on the District's finances.**
 - C. Trustees voted to approve four new members to the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). Those four are Sandra Mendoza and Katy Ochoa as Parent Members; and Sara Kinshaw and Christina Acosta as Community Members.
 - D. Trustees voted 7-0 to approve Austin Keith, Robert Chavez, Tommy Ervin, Nelson Minyard, Dorothy Jackson, and Tom Sprawls as members of the Ector County Appraisal District Board.
 - E. Trustees voted 7-0 to approve a Resolution regarding Local Remote Learning (Virtual Academy). This Resolution approves a Remote Learning Program as allowed under SB 15 (Senate Bill 15 which allows districts to receive full funding for local remote learning for grades K-12) with the following provisions: a combination of remote synchronous and asynchronous instruction, with daily attendance for synchronous instruction taken at 9:30am and/or attendance for asynchronous instruction determined through a daily attendance measure as described in the District's asynchronous instructional plan.
6. Trustees voted 7-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. This month's Consent Agenda included minutes of previous meetings; bills for payments; acceptance of donations over \$10,000*; additional T-TESS appraisers; a waiver for remote homebound instruction for Special Education student; approval of National School Board Association annual conference session presented by Trustee Chris Stanley and ECISD Chief Innovation Officer Jason Osborne; and renewal of Special Education Legal Services Retainer agreement with Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Russo & Kyle P.C.
7. There was no closed session.
8. Information items. You can find these items, as well as the descriptions of previous items, here – <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/1406?meeting=501544>.

9. In his closing remarks.

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

*\$12,000 from New Tech Network to support students' access to college.