

The Ector County ISD Board of Trustees held its November board meeting on the 14th. A recap of the agenda is below.

1. Roll Call. Dr. Delma Abalos, Dr. Steve Brown and Bob Thayer were absent.
2. Verification of compliance with open meetings requirements.
3. Abel Flynn and Aysel Leyva from Pease Elementary led the pledges of allegiance.



4. Reverend Clydel Chapman from Northside Baptist Church gave the invocation.
5. Special presentations included the announcement of the top fundraising schools and departments in ECISD's annual United Way of Odessa campaign, and the presentation of the Aetna Workplace Well-being Silver Award to the ECISD Benefits Department.
6. **In his opening comments, Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri walked through a few quick results from last year's SAT School Day scores showing improvements for ECISD students – English/Reading/Writing increased from 476 to 479, which is seven points higher than the state score (472); Math increased from 447 to 458, which is six points higher than the state score (452); and the Mean score rose from 923 to 936, which is twelve points higher than the state score (924).**

7. There was no public comment.
8. Trustees held a public hearing on Amendment No. 3 to the previously approved agreement for limitation on appraised value with Nacero TX I LLC, Texas Comptroller Application 1568. Nacero is seeking an extension of the timeline and to list a reduced number of qualifying jobs on the application to align with the legal minimum, per guidelines from the state comptroller.
 - B. Following the public hearing, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve reduced number of qualifying jobs on the application to align with the legal minimum.
 - C. Trustees voted 4-0 to approve an extension for the project.
9. Action items
 - A. This item, the order canvassing Bond 2023 election returns, was moved to a special meeting on Thursday morning due to the election results not yet being available from the Ector County Elections office. **A special board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 16, for this item.**
 - B. Trustees voted 4-0 to approve purchases over \$50,000. Included on this list are roofing services, additional paper and food items for School Nutrition, and mariachi uniforms for the program at Crocket Middle School.
 - C. Trustees voted 4-0 to approve budget amendment #4.
 - D. Trustees voted 4-0 to approve the annual financial report. Every school district is required to prepare annual financial statements, have them audited by an external public accounting 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 the financial report and no findings related to compliance. In short, a very good report on the District's finances. The financial report shows the largest areas of school district expenditures by function in the general fund are Instruction (59%) and Plant Maintenance & Operations (10%). This report follows last month's announcement of a perfect score of 100 on the state's [FIRST report for financial integrity](#).**
 - E. Trustees voted 4-0 to approve a resolution allowing the district to use money from the general fund to make payments on bond projects, then reimburse the district's general fund once bonds are sold and funds are received. This will allow the district to begin work on voter-approved bond projects sooner, without having to wait until bond are sold.
 - F. Trustees voted 4-0 to approve Ector County Appraisal District Board Members. ECISD is responsible for appointing 5 people to the ECAD Board. The 5 approved by Trustees this year are Mari Willis, Dr. Dorothy Jackson, Robert Chavez, Austin Keith, and Feliz Abalos.
 - G. Trustees voted 4-0 to approve submission of a grant to the Office of the Governor for ALERRT Training for ECISD Peace Officers. This grant will help pay overtime and travel expenses related to the required ALERRT training. ALERRT stands for Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training. All police officers must be receive a minimum of Level One of this training.
 - H. Trustees voted 4-0 to approve a resolution designating November 20, 21 and 22, as well as December 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29 as nonbusiness days under the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA). This is a change in the law that went into effect after the legislative session ended. Except for specified national

and state holidays and other identified days, government entities now must designate up to 10 days as “nonbusiness” days for calculating deadlines for TPIA request. These are days the entity expects to be closed or operating with reduced staff. This must be done for each calendar year.

10. Trustees voted 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. The consent agenda is a group of routine or previously discussed items presented together for a single approval vote. This month’s Consent Agenda included minutes of meetings; bills for payment; the quarterly investment report; out-of-state travel for Odessa High School performing arts students to go to New York City; renewal of the special education legal services retainer agreement; and the medical director services agreement with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

11. Report/Discussion items

A. Trustees received an update on Bond 2023. Last week, voters approved Proposition A by a 57% - 43% margin, for school projects totaling more than \$424 million. Superintendent Dr. Muri reminded board members this the largest school bond in ECISD’s history, and comes 11 years after the last successful bond (\$129.75 million). He thanked the bond committee that worked for five months to create the proposal, he thanked the action committee that campaigned on behalf of the propositions, he thanked employees for taking on the role of spokespeople for it, and he thanked the community for taking the time to cast a vote and support the district in this manner. He said the timeline will be for five years, and work is starting now to prioritize projects, work out a schedule for buying bonds, and finalize contracts for property (S. Tripp for the new middle school and E. Murphy for the new CTE Center). He talked about forming a Bond Oversight Committee; by December 5 each Trustees will nominate a list of community members to serve in this role, then Trustees will vote to select 10 people to make up that oversight committee for the next five years as the bond projects are begun and completed. In addition, a webpage will be set up to allow all of our community to keep track of the progress of the work.

12. There was no closed session.

13. Information Items – <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/1406?meeting=606576>.

14. There were no closing remarks.

15. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.