



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 05/05/2026

Item Title: Naming of Hanna Early College High School Facilities Action Information Discussion

BACKGROUND:

On March 13, 2026, Hanna Early College High School conducted a Facility Naming Consultation Meeting to consider and develop formal recommendations for the naming of three campus facilities: the Band Hall, the Tennis Courts, and the New Gymnasium.

The process involved the formation of separate committees composed of stakeholders, including current staff, former students, and parent representatives. Each committee carefully reviewed the qualifications and legacy of the proposed honorees. Following discussion and presentations, each committee reached a unanimous decision. A final collective vote was then conducted with all committee members present, during which the recommendations for all three facilities were unanimously affirmed.

Band Hall – Proposed Name: Arcadio “Art” Guajardo Band Hall

Tennis Courts – Proposed Name: Terry Hoover Tennis Courts

New Gymnasium – Proposed Name: Don Denson Gymnasium

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of naming the following facilities at Hanna Early College High School, Band Hall to Arcadio “Art” Guajardo Band Hall, Tennis Courts to Terry Hoover Tennis Courts and the New Gymnasium to Don Denson Gymnasium.

Blanca Lambarri
Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Beatriz Hernandez
Recommended by: Chief Officer

Miguel Salinas
Approved by: Staff Attorney

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Alda T. Benavides
Dr. Alda T. Benavides, Interim Superintendent



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Principal

April 13, 2026

Dear Mr. Salinas and Decision-Making Committee,

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As Principal of Hanna Early College High School, I fully support and affirm these recommendations.

Band Hall – Proposed Name: Arcadio “Art” Guajardo Band Hall

Mr. Arcadio “Art” Guajardo served as director of the Hanna Golden Eagle Band for approximately forty years. Under his leadership, the program consistently earned sweepstakes awards, produced numerous All-State musicians, and achieved recognition at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble competitions.

The band also performed at national and international events during his tenure. Mr. Guajardo has been inducted into both the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame and the Rio Grande Valley Bandmasters Hall of Fame.

Band Hall Committee Members:

- Mr. Dennis Ewing, Current Band Director
- Mrs. Nereida Villarreal, SBDM Parent Representative
- Ms. Cecilia Noriega, Parent
- Mr. Juan C. Chavez, Instructional Coach and former student
- Mr. John Bannert, Teacher and former student
- Mr. Ricardo Jimenez, Teacher and former student

Committee Decision: Unanimous approval

Juan Carlos Chavez Instructional Coach	Lourdes de la Fuente Assistant Principal	Laura Mendoza Assistant Principal	Antonio Ordaz Jr. Assistant Principal	Norma Ponce Assistant Principal	Azael Ruvalcaba Assistant Principal
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Tennis Courts – Proposed Name: Terry Hoover Tennis Courts

Mr. Terry Hoover has dedicated more than 50 years of service to Hanna, including 43 years as Head Tennis Coach and 8 years as Assistant Coach following retirement. He remains actively involved in the program and continues to positively influence students.

He is the longest-serving tennis coach in Brownsville ISD history and has mentored both student-athletes and fellow coaches across the district. His commitment, leadership, and personal connection with students have impacted thousands over the course of his career.

Tennis Courts Committee Members:

- Mr. Jesus Ontiveros, Current Head Tennis Coach
- Ms. Cecilia Noriega, Parent
- Mrs. Nereida Villarreal, SBDM Parent Representative
- Ms. Denise Bohler, Teacher and former tennis player
- Ms. Stephanie Medrano, Teacher and former tennis player
- Ms. Elizabeth Hernandez, Teacher and former tennis player

Committee Decision: Unanimous approval

New Gymnasium – Proposed Name: Don Denson Gymnasium

Mr. Don Denson served Hanna for 35 years, including 33 years as Head Basketball Coach and 2 years as Assistant Principal. Widely regarded as one of the most accomplished basketball coaches in the Rio Grande Valley, he built a legacy defined by excellence, leadership, and mentorship.

His career achievements include:

- 711 wins
- 15 district championships
- 25 playoff appearances

He is a member of the Rio Grande Valley Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Many of his former players have gone on to become coaches, reflecting his lasting influence. He is remembered as a patient teacher and an exceptional role model.

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Gymnasium Committee Members:

- Mr. Shawn Osowski, Athletic Trainer
- Mr. Mark Guess, Athletics Coordinator
- Mr. Fermin Lucio, Boys Basketball Coach
- Mr. Luis Gonzalez, Girls Basketball Coach

Committee Decision: Unanimous approval

Final Recommendation

After individual committee deliberations and presentations, a final vote was conducted including all committee members across the three groups. The outcome was unanimous in support of all proposed facility names.

These recommendations reflect the collective voice of stakeholders and honor individuals whose service, achievements, and character have made a lasting and meaningful impact on the Hanna community.

We respectfully submit these recommendations for your consideration and approval.

Sincerely,
Blanca Lambarri, Principal
Hanna Early College High School

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