



EDCOUCH-ELSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 127 / 920 West Santa Rosa Ave., Edcouch, Tx. 78538

Agenda of School District Special Board Meeting Edcouch-Elsa ISD Board of Trustees

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Edcouch-Elsa ISD will be held on

Thursday, July 15, 2021 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room

920 W. Santa Rosa Avenue

Edcouch, Texas 78538 in Edcouch, Texas.

AGENDA

At least a quorum of the board will be participating in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.125 or 551.127 of the Texas Government Code that have not been suspended by order of the Governor. The subject(s) to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown in this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call meeting to order, roll call, establishment of a quorum and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Morales, Board President

2. Invocation.

3. **OPEN FORUM: Comments from the public. Citizen Communications:** (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker/group) Public Audience: Public comments for this meeting will be held as follows: Members of the public, if you wish to comment before the Board you must email comments@eeisd.org by 6:00 p.m. on July 15, 2021 to give your name and topic you wish to comment on. Individuals must send in their comments or question in the body of the email.

Ben Castillo, Attorney for EEISD

4. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

a. **Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Funds and Request for Public Comment**

Dr. Greg Rodríguez

The Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District (ISD) is applying for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Federal grant for funding. These federal funds were appropriated to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for public education purposes under the ARP Act through the ESSER III Fund.

ARP ESER III Overview: The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, was enacted on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Education portion of ARP is known

as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III or ARP ESSER) Fund.

General grant specifics are as follows:

Grant Timeframe: Grant expires September 30, 2023. If needed, districts can carry over unused funds and be allowed to continue spending until September 30, 2024.

Districts will be required to follow all federal, state, and local regulations and requirements for federal grant administration and fiscal spending of funds.

ARP ESSER III Purpose: The purpose of the ARP ESSER III fund is to address learning loss and support the safe reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. ARP ESSER III grant funds were issued for one-time or short-term types of expenditures to address the identified needs caused by the pandemic.

Edcouch-Elsa ISD Tentative Plan For ARP ESSER III Funding:

Over the next four summers and three full fiscal years, the District will use the ESSER III federal funds to address student learning recovery and the ongoing impact of the pandemic using four major strategies:

- Teacher support
- Rigorous instructional materials
- Creating more time for learning
- Empowering parents

Public Notification and Comments:

Your input and comments are requested to help Edcouch-Elsa ISD determine how to prioritize spending of the ARP ESSER III funds. A survey was made available to all stakeholders from June 15-July 12, 2021. Edcouch-Elsa ISD's final plan will reflect student and staff needs and incorporate public input and comments.

5. **CLOSED SESSION:** The superintendent requests that the Board of Trustees convene in closed meeting as authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. This executive session is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section:

- a. **551.074** for the purpose of discussing personnel, considering appointment, employment, resignation, retirement, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
- b. Consultation with legal counsel regarding a.) pending or contemplated litigation b.) settlement offer; or c.) matter in which the duty of the attorney to Edcouch-Elsa

Independent School District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code **(TX.Gov't. Code 551.071)**

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6. **ACTION ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:**

a. **551.074** Discussion and action regarding personnel, considering appointment, employment, resignation, retirement, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

b. Discussion and action regarding consultation with legal counsel regarding **a.)** pending or contemplated litigation **b.)** settlement offer; or **c.)** matter in which the duty of the attorney to Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code **(TX.Gov't. Code 551.071)**

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7. **ADJOURNMENT:**