

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, August 22, 2023 - Immediately following Public Hearing

The Board of Trustees will meet in the Staff Development Center/Board Room located at the Donna ISD Administration Building at 904 Hester Avenue, Donna, Texas 78537 to deliberate the matters noted below.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Jose L. Valdez called the Public Hearing to order at 5:45 pm.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

- *Mr. Jose L. Valdez, President*
- *Mr. Fernando Castillo, Vice-President*
- *Mr. Jose Rogelio Reyna, Secretary*
- *Mr. Eloy Avila, Trustee*
- *Ida Garcia, Trustee (via Microsoft Teams)*
- *Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee*
- *Mrs. Eva C. Watts, Trustee*

The following Administrators/Individuals were also in attendance:

- *Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent*
- *Mrs. Rebecca Castañeda, Deputy Superintendent*
- *Mr. Alfonso Perez, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance*
- *Mr. Tony Torres, School Attorney*

II. OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak during Open Forum.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. District Highlights

Superintendent, Dr. Angela Dominguez presented the following District Highlights:

- *Back to School Expo was held at A.P. Solis Middle School and Veterans Middle School – Gave away free backpacks, school supplies, free haircuts, etc. (Video)*
- *2nd Annual Convocation 2023-2024 at the McAllen Convention Center (Video)*
- *Classroom Libraries implemented in all of the Elementary Classrooms and Reading Classrooms at the Middle School level (Video)*

- *Swearing in of Donna ISD Chief of Police, Domingo Aguirre, Jr.*
- *Bennie LaPrade Stadium Renovations*
- *Donna HS Locker Room Refresh*
- *Lone Star Governance Advocacy & Student Engagement (Will be out at the various campuses talking to groups of kids at every campus in the District.)*

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. LSG Progress and Accountability Presentation Goal 1: GPMs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3

Mr. Javier Villanueva and Mrs. Stephanie Powelson-Garza presented on LSG Progress and Accountability, Board Goal 1, Math. They reviewed LSG Board Goal 1 Data for Math at EOY; reviewed reinforcements and refinements including year-to-date progress of Goal 1; and Examine Superintendent's Evaluation.

Motion to accept Superintendent's Evaluation of Model was made by Board Vice President Fernando Castillo and seconded by Dr. Maricela Valdez. Trustee Eloy Avila, Trustee Ida Garcia, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, Trustee Eva C. Watts and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve letter J under Business and Finance prior to consent agenda was made by Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez and seconded by Trustee Eva C. Watts. Trustee Eloy Avila, Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Ida Garcia, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Ida Garcia, seconded by Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna. Trustee Eloy Avila, Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee Eva C. Watts and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- Approve Accounts Payable for June 2023.*
- Approve Accounts Payable for July 2023.*
- Approve Financial Statements for June, 2023.*
- Approve Final Budget Amendments for School Year 2022-2023.*
- Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for June, 2023.*
- Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for July, 2023.*
- Approval to Adopt Official Budget for 2023-2024.*

- h. Approve a Resolution Setting Maintenance and Debt Services Tax Rate for 2023-2024.
- i. Approve Certified Appraisal Rolls for 2023.
- j. Approve a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Donna Independent School District providing for the defeasance of certain currently outstanding obligations; authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement; delegating to certain district officials and staff the authority to effectuate matters herein resolved.
- k. Approve renewal Excess Workers Compensation policy for School Year 2023-2024.
- l. Approve renewal of Property and Casualty Insurance with Carlisle Insurance for School Year 2023-2024.
- m. Approve renewal to award vendor for RFP 053123-736 Large Equipment for Child Nutrition Services.
- n. Approve renewal to award CAS-Claim Administrative Services to RFP 061223-738 District Workers Compensation Third Party Administrator (TPA).
- o. Approve renewal Artcom Communications for RFP 061422-683 Fire & Security Alarm Monitoring Inspection & Repair for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- p. Approve renewal to award to Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas for RFP 061523-739 Stop Loss Option 2 of 300K Individual Stop Loss.
- q. Approve renewal of Patina Fire & Safety for RFP 062421-618 Fire Extinguishers Inspection and Repair Services for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- r. Approve renewal to award Solis Contractors Inc. RFP 071723-741 Installation of Security Film District-Wide for 8mm Film for the amount of \$228,054.46.
- s. Approve renewal of Western States Fire Protection for RFP 072721-622 Riser Inspection & Repair Services for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- t. Approve renewal of BridgeNet Communications for RFP 080921-626 Access Control Systems for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- u. Approve renewal of BridgeNet Communications for RFP 080921-627 Network Security Cameras for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- v. Approve renewal Artcom Communications for RFP 080921-628 Intercom System Services for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- w. Approve renewal to award Noble Texas Builders quote for Kitchen Floor Renovation at Donna North High School in the amount of \$221,140.00.
- x. Approve Utility Services for the 2023-2024 school year.
- y. Approve to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to auction.
- z. Approve to declare three (3) portable buildings as obsolete.
- aa. Approve the authorization for the administration to dispose of obsolete portables pursuant to administrative discretion.
- bb. Approve Architect Agreements.

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Approve renewal of the MicroShare Annual Subscription of CrowdStrike for the School Year 2023-2024.
- b. Approve the renewal of Eduphoria: Premium Suite Edition with TEKSBank for the 2023-2024 school year.
- c. Approve the Renewal of Renaissance Accelerated Reader Software for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- d. Approve contract extension with Ed Direction for Goal 1 Instructional Coaching
- e. Approve 115 Onescreen Interactive Flat Panel Display units from vendor Clary Business Machines
- f. Approve of the purchase of i-Ready for Math K-8th grade for intervention and LSG Goal 1 progress monitoring for the 2023-2024 school year.
- g. Approve the purchase of Istation Reading for PreK-8th grade for Reading intervention, dual language reading level monitoring and Dyslexia screening.
- h. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Donna ISD and RGV CDL regarding the Commercial Drivers License program through the CTE Department for 18 students in grade 12 from DHS and DNHS for 1st semester of School Year 2023-2024.
- i. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Region One Educational Service Center Adult Education and Donna ISD.
- j. Approve the Membership to Region One eLibrary Services and Instructional Services for 2023-2024.
- k. Approve Optional Flexible School Day Program, allows districts to provide flexible hours and days of attendance for students who meet at least one of the requirements in the Texas Education Code 29.0822(a).

C. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve the minutes for Regular Board Meeting, July 18, 2023.
- b. Approve minutes for Special Board Meeting, August 8, 2023.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES

- A. Approve TASB Policy Update 121

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION as Authorized by Texas Government

Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083 and 551.084.

The Board of Trustees went into Executive Session at 6:44 pm.

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve Superintendent's recommendation of personnel
 - Approve the recommendation for Professionals to include Contract Renewal, Hiring, Termination, and Rescission Recommendations

- B. Discussion and consideration of the Superintendent's recommendation of CTE Director.
- C. Discussion and consideration of the Superintendent's recommendation of Grant Writer.
- D. Conduct and Discuss Level III Grievance of Anna Mata.
- E. Discussion and Private Consultation with Attorney regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Matters, and/or Matters Where the Professional Duty Under State Board Requires Private Consultation with School Attorney.

VIII. OPEN SESSION - Take possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

The Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 7:23 pm.

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel
 - Approve the Recommendation for Professionals to Include Contract Renewal, Hiring, Termination, and Rescission Recommendations

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for Professionals to include contract renewal, hiring, termination and rescission recommendations was made by Trustee Ida Garza and seconded by Trustee Eloy Avila. Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee Eva C. Watts and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion and possible action to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of a CTE Director.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Juan Leal as the CTE Director was made by Trustee Eloy Avila and seconded by Trustee Eva C. Watts. Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Ida Garcia, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez, and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

- C. Discussion and possible action to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of a Grant Director.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Dr. Ruben Castro as the Grant Director was made by Trustee Eva C. Watts and seconded by Trustee Eloy Avila. Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Ida Garcia, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez abstained. Motion carried.


D. Discussion and Possible Action on Level III Grievance of Anna Mata.

No action taken on the Level III Grievance of Anna Mata.

IX. **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting was made by Trustee Eva C. Watts and seconded by Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez Trustee Eloy Avila, Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Ida Garcia, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm



Jose L. Valdez, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and



Jose R. Reyna, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Secretary

Board approved: September 12, 2023