

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

6:00 p.m.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT CENTER/BOARD ROOM

904 Hester Avenue

Donna, Texas

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Mr. Efren Cenicerros called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following board members in attendance:

Mr. Efren Cenicerros, President
Mr. Valentin Guerrero, Vice President
Mr. Eloy Avila, Trustee
Mr. John Billman, Trustee
Dr. Donna Mery, Trustee
Mrs. Eva C. Watts, Trustee

The following board member was absent:

Mrs. Alicia Reyna, Secretary

The following administrators were in attendance:

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Velma Rangel, Chief Special Programs Officer
Ms. Ludivina Cansino, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Lazaro Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Mrs. Alyssa Romero, Attorney
Mrs. Linda Romeros, TEA Conservator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Efren Cenicerros led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The order of these agenda items may be changed. Consideration of items may include deliberation and/or action.

II. OPEN FORUM

Mrs. Raquel Martinez addressed the Open Forum on stipends.

III. The Board Convened into 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. (6:07 p.m.)

- A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**
 - Recommendation for Professionals, Paraprofessionals and Auxiliary Personnel
 - Recommendations for Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract
 - Recommendations for Proposed Termination of Probationary Contract
 - Recommendation to Issue Letters of Assurance for the 2018-2019 School Year

- B. Discussion/Update of District Personnel**
 - Conduct Level III Hearing Grace Gonzales

- C. 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 the School Attorney**
 - Consultation with JG Consultant Regarding Superintendent Search

The board reconvened back into open session at 8:18 p.m.

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

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**

- **Approval of Recommendation for Professionals, Paraprofessionals and Auxiliary Personnel**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve recommendations for professionals, paraprofessionals and auxiliary personnel as discussed in Executive Session.

Trustee Mery made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Billman, Cenicerros, Avila and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- **Approval of Recommendations for Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve the proposed nonrenewal of term contract as discussed in Executive Session.

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Billman, Cenicerros and Mery voted in favor. Trustee Avila voted against. The motioned carried.

- **Approval of Recommendations for Proposed Termination of Probationary Contract**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve the proposed termination of probationary contract as discussed in Executive Session.

Trustee Mery made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Billman, Cenicerros, Guerrero and Avila voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- **Approval of Recommendation for Letters of Assurance for the 2018-2019 School Year**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve to issue letters of assurance for the 2018-2019 school Year to be issued to employees as discussed in Executive Session.

Trustee Mery made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Billman. Trustees Avila, Cenicerros and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve District Personnel**
- **Discussion and Possible Action on Grace Gonzales, Level III Hearing**

Trustee Mery made a motion to approve to grant in full. The remedy was to prevent any future retaliation and also that some action be taken to prevent this behavior from happening in the future. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Billman, Cenicerros, Guerrero and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Matters, and/or Matters Where the Professional Duty Under State Board Requires Private Consultation with the School Attorney**

No action on this item.

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to go into Executive Session. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Billman, Watts and Mery voted in favor. The motioned carried.

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- D. 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 the School Attorney**
- **Consultation with JG Consultant Regarding Superintendent Search**

The board reconvened back into open session at 10:54 p.m.

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

- D. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Matters, and/or**

**Matters Where the Professional Duty Under State Board
Requires Private Consultation with the School Attorney**

No action on this item.

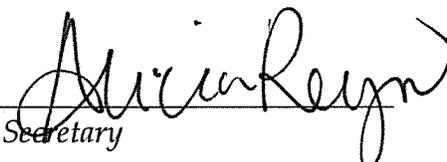
V. ADJOURN

Trustee Avila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Billman, Mery and Guerrero voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m.



President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

or



Secretary

Date Approved: June 12, 2018