

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, December 19, 2023 - 6:00 PM

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 6:00 pm.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

- *Mr. Jose L. Valdez, President*
- *Mr. Fernando Castillo, Vice-President*
- *Mr. Eloy Avila, Trustee*
- *Ida Garcia, Trustee*
- *Mr. Jose Rogelio Reyna, Secretary (Arrived at 6:10 pm)*
- *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*
- *Dr. Diana Barrera-Ugarte, LSG Coach*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

II. OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak during Open Forum

III. RE-ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. Action on Reorganization of the Board of Trustees.

Current Board President Jose L. Valdez thanked the board for allowing him to serve as Board President the past 13 months.

Motion #1: Motion for Fernando Castillo for Board President made by Ida M. Garcia and seconded by Eva Castillo Watts. Eloy Avila, Fernando Castillo, Dr. Maricela Valdez and Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #2: Motion for Jose R. Reyna, Jr. for Board Vice-President made by Ida M. Garcia and seconded by Dr. Maricela Valdez. Eloy Avila, Fernando Castillo, Eva Castillo Watts and Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #3: Motion for Ida M. Garcia for Board Secretary made by Fernando Castillo and seconded by Eloy Avila. Ida M. Garcia, Dr. Maricela Valdez and Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. District Highlights

Ms. San Juanita Franco, Advanced Academics Director made the trophy presentation for the Elementary ACES competition that was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 and Thursday, December 7, 2023 at Salazar Elementary and Singleterry Elementary.

Results for the Maroon group:

1st Place – M.A.P. Muñoz Elementary – 572 points

2nd Place – J.S. Adame Elementary – 541 points

3rd Place – P.S. Garza Elementary – 463 points

Results for the Gold group:

1st Place – E. Salazar Elementary – 643 points

2nd Place – J.P. LeNoir Elementary – 463 points

3rd Place – C. Stainke Elementary – 439 points

Dr. Angela Dominguez showed a short video on what the district is doing with CCMR (College, Career and Military Readiness) CCMR is being presented not only to students but to parents also at Parent meetings. The District created a phone app that the students can look up information on and self-advocate. The app is launched at the two high schools and will be launched at the middle schools in the Spring. All 6th through 12th grade students are getting CCMR lessons.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Approval of the Annual Financial Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending August 31, 2023.

Mr. Roel Cantu from Cascos and Associates presented the findings on the Annual Comprehensive Audit Report for the Fiscal year ending August 31, 2023. Donna ISD earned an Unmodified Opinion, meaning Financial statements were presented fairly in all material respects. Mr. Cantu stated that each major program was compliant with Federal and State guidelines and that we have a very healthy fund balance. Overall, very clean audit.

Motion to approve the Annual Financial Audit Report was made by Ida M. Garcia and seconded by Eloy Avila. Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, Dr. Maricela Valdez, Eva Castillo Watts and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. LSG Progress and Accountability Presentation Goal 3 (CCMR)

Mr. Juan C. Leal, CTE Director and San Juanita Franco, Advanced Academics Director assisted Dr. Dominguez with presentation on Goal 3 - CCMR updates.

They reviewed LSG Board Goal 3, relevant data, reinforcements and refinements and examined Superintendent's Evaluation of Goal 3.

Motion to accept at Monitoring Level was made by Eloy Avila, seconded by Eva Castillo Watts. Ida M. Garcia, Jose L. Valdez, Jose R. Reyna, Dr. Maricela Valdez and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- a. Approve Accounts Payable.
- b. Approve Financial Statements for October 2023.
- c. Approve Budget Amendments for November 2023.
- d. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for October 2023.
- e. Approval to renew the contract for Chronic Disease Management for Diabetes and Related Medical Supplies with Miracle Medical Equipment and Supplies of South Texas, LLC for one additional year beginning January 2024.
- f. Approval to award BridgeNet Communications for Safety and Security Surveillance Project in the amount of \$95,502.00.
- g. Requesting approval for Proposal #2 from E3 Entegral Solutions, Inc. to purchase additional Air Conditions Units regarding Request for Quotes (RFQ) 110221-327 Design Build Services for ESSER Facility Improvement Program.
- h. Approval for Donna ISD spend over \$50,000 to repair damaged canopies at Caceres and Singleterry Elementary Schools and to utilize the BuyBoard cooperative.
- i. Approval to award vendor Solis Contractors for Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP) 111323-384 2023 Various Elementary/Middle School Track Improvements.
- j. Approve to declare six (6) water fountains as obsolete

- k. Approval to authorize the Administration to dispose of obsolete water fountains pursuant to Administrative discretion
- l. Approve Alvarado Architects & Associates for Schematic Design for the Donna North High School Classroom Wing.
- m. Approve EGV Architects, Inc. for Schematic Design for Donna High School, Solis Middle School, and Todd Middle School Additions.
- n. Approve Rike Ogden Figueroa Alex Architects for the Schematic Design for Elementary and Middle School Additions.

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Approval of Teach of America Ignite Fellowship Spring 2023 MOU.
- b. Approval of Vantage Point Inc. as a recycling vendor for disposal of surplus supplies and equipment deemed useless by the district.
- c. Approval of Rebecca Castaneda to act as Superintendent Alternate for approving staff requests (also referred to as "submitting requests to TEA") for access to one or more TEA web applications accessed through the Texas Education Agency Login (TEAL). The authorization is valid for the calendar year starting December 2023 to December 2024.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Approve policy AE(Exhibit) updates.
- b. Approve revisions to Exhibits to Policy FFH and DIA to update the name of the individual in charge of Title IX for the district.
- c. Approve TASB Policy Update 122

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, November 14, 2023.

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 6:46 pm.

- A. Discussion and Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel Matters
 - Recommendations for Professionals to Include Contract Renewal, Hiring, Adjustments, Termination, and Rescission Recommendation
 - Update of District Personnel
- B. Discussion and consideration of Superintendent's Contract
- 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 School Attorney.

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

The Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 8:23 pm.

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

- Approve the Recommendation for Professionals to Include Contract Renewal, Hiring, Adjustments, Termination, and Rescission Recommendations

No recommendations


B. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's Contract

Motion to approve as discussed in Executive Session was made by Dr. Maricela Valdez, seconded by Eva Castillo Watts. Eloy Avila, Ida M. Garcia, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURN


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

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm



*Fernando Castillo, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*

and



*Ida M. Garcia, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*

Board approved: January 9, 2024