

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 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*
- *Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee (Left at 7:50 pm)*
- *Mrs. Eva C. Watts, Trustee*

The following Board Member was absent:

- *Mr. Jose Rogelio Reyna, Secretary*

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. Rashad Rana, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services*
- *Ms. Adela Troncoso, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources*
- *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. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. District Highlights

Goal Updates:

- *Goal 1:*
 - *P-TECH Advisory Council Meetings*
 - *CCMR Transition Fair*
 - *Started our 3rd 6 Weeks*
 - *Dual Language Program*
- *Goal 2*
 - *2nd Annual Alumni Celebration*
 - *Veterans' Day Celebrations*
 - *Lunch and Learn Events*
 - *Capturing Kids Hearts Surveys*
 - *DISD Police Department Trunk or Treat*
- *Goal 3*
 - *Bond Projects Update as of October 2023*
- *Goal 4*
 - *READY Program*
 - *ARTES Program*
 - *3rd Annual Wellness 5K & Elementary 1 Mile Walk/Run*
 - *Different Department presenting at various State Conferences*
- *Goal 5*
 - *Budget Audit in progress*
 - *Budget Planning for 2024-2025*

B. LSG Progress and Accountability Presentation Goal 2: Reading GPM 2.1, 2.2, 2.3.

Mrs. Stephanie Powelson-Garza, Executive Director presented on the following:

- *Reviewed LSG Board Goal 2 Reading Data at BOY*
- *Reviewed LSG Board Goal 2 Reading Progress Measures at BOY*
- *Reviewed LSG Board Goal 2 Reading by Special Population*
- *Reviewed Reinforcements and Refinements*
- *Examined Superintendent's Evaluation*

Motion to accept monitor level was made by Trustee Ida Garcia and seconded by Trustee Eva Castillo Watts. Trustee Eloy Avila, Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Trustee Maricela Valdez stepped out and did not vote. Motion carried.

C. Texas State - Texas School Safety Center Intruder Audit Reports.

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent, presented on the Texas School Safety Center Intruder Audit Report. Top priority of Donna ISD and the State of Texas is keeping students and staff safe every day. Every month we have our School Safety Intruder Audit reports. This is part of ongoing safety protocols across the state of Texas.

Results from this past school safety and security audits will be shared with the Board in Executive Session.

- D. Discussion and possible action on ballot selection of Appraisal District Board of Directors 2024-2025.

Motion to award all 105 votes to Joe D. Olivarez was made by Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez and seconded by Trustee Eva Castillo Watts. Trustee Eloy Avila, Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Ida Garcia and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- a. Approve Accounts Payable.
- b. Approve Financial Statements for September, 2023.
- c. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for September 2023.
- d. Approval of 2023 Tax Roll Totals for the Donna Independent School District.
- e. Approval to purchase 4 pick-up trucks for the Maintenance Department and 2 box trucks for the Central Warehouse in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00
- f. Approval to award vendor D. Wilson construction Co. for the RFQ Request for Quotes 101923-133 Donna North High School Welding Shop.
- g. Approval to convey and sell 2 (two) portable buildings to Santa Rosa ISD.
- h. Approval to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program to award Edu-Source on the purchase Graphics, Art & Decor in the amount of \$157,223.88
- i. Approval to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to auction.
- j. Approval to Declare Surplus from Transportation which includes bus tires, office chairs, and office desks.

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Request approval for Capturing Kids Hearts Training for Donna High School and Donna North High School for the 2024-2025 school year.
- b. Request approval of out of state travel for Speech Pathologist Sandra Barrera Flores for ASHA Convention Boston, MA.
- c. Request approval of Learning.com renewal for final year of contractual agreement.
- d. Approval of Seidlitz 7 Steps to a Language-Rich, Interactive Classroom Coaching Agreement for Dual Language teachers at Singleterry, Garza, Saucedo and Donna North High School in the amount of \$172,800.00

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Approve revisions to the District Policy DEC (LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits Leaves and Absences.

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve the minutes for the Public Hearing, October 10, 2023.
b. Approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting, October 10, 2023.

V. 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 7:03 pm.

- A. Texas State - Texas School Safety Center Intruder Audit Reports.
B. 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
- C. Discussion and Consideration of C-4269-22-J; DISD v. Certain Underwriters at LLOYD's, London et al
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 School Attorney.

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

The Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 7:51 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

Motion to approve the Superintendent's Recommendation as discussed in Executive Session for Professionals to include Contract Renewal, Hiring, Termination, and Rescission Recommendations was made by Trustee Eloy Avila, seconded by Trustee Eva C. Watts. Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Ida Garcia, and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding C-4269-22-J; DISD v. Certain Underwriters at LLOYD's London, et al

Motion to approve the Superintendent's Recommendation as discussed in Executive Session in DISD v Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's London, et al was made by Trustee Eloy Avila, seconded by Trustee Ida Garcia. Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Ida Garcia, Trustee Eva C. Watts, and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

VII. ADJOURN

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

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm



*Fernando Castillo, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*

and



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

Board approved: December 19, 2023