

Donna Independent School District
Special Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 - 12:00 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 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Jose L. Valdez called the Special Board Meeting to order at 12:00 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*
- *Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee*
- *Mrs. Eva C. Watts, Trustee*

The following Administrators/Individuals were also in attendance:

- *Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent*
- *Mr. Alfonso Perez, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance*
- *Mrs. Rebecca Castañeda, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Leadership*
- *Ms. Adela Troncoso, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources*
- *Mr. Tony Torres, School Attorney*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

II. OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak during Open Forum.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2023-2024 Proposed Budget Updates

Alfonso H. Perez, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance and Gerardo “Jerry” Cavazos, Finance Director presented on the Budget Workshop II. Before beginning his presentation, Mr. Perez announced that Donna ISD Business Office got their First Rating and once again they received

a Superior Rating with a perfect score. He gave us updates on the 88th Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2 (88-2), funding parameters (Enrollment History, Presumed Enrollment & ADA, Certified Property Values, First Indicator 20). Jerry Cavazos presented the Budget Summary for FY 2023-2024 (Personnel Appropriations, General Operating Fund, Capital Improvements Fund, General Operating Fund). Recommendations: Continue implementing staff formulas and continue to attrition personnel; retention stipends are gone when ESSER III grant expires; compensation plan needs to be sustainable once ESSER funds expire; ESSER salaries will return to General Fund after grant end; continue investing in facility upgrades. Tentative Calendar: Notice of Public Hearing goes out on Friday, August 11, 2023 and a Public Hearing to set the tax rate, approve budget and approve certified tax roll will take place on August 22, 2023.

IV. ACADEMIC SERVICES

Consent Approval for Items A & B.

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

- A. Request for approval of Donna I.S.D. Student Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year.
- B. Request for approval of the Student Code of Conduct for 2023-2024.

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 12:22 pm.

- A. Discussion and consideration of the Superintendent's recommendation of personnel
 - Recommendations for Professionals to Include Contract Renewal, Hiring, Termination, and Rescission of Offer of Employment Recommendation
 - Update of District Personnel
- B. Discussion and Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation of Campus Principal for E. G. Salazar Elementary School.
- 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.

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


The Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 1:26 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 possible action to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of campus principal for E. G. Salazar Elementary School.

VII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 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 Special Board meeting was adjourned at 1:28 pm.



Jose L. Valdez, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and



Jose R. Reyna, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Secretary

Approved: August 22, 2023