

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, July 18, 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 Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 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 (via Microsoft Teams)*
- *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

Mrs. Alma DeLaGarza, Donna TSTA President, signed up to speak on the Compensation Plan for 2023-2024 (Item under Human Resources - B.a)

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. District Highlights

- *We had some students compete at the national level and placed at the National Level. Alexandra "Alex" Herebia from Donna High School was the National Champion in the Nail Care and Kate Montiel, Katherine Alejandro, Abraham Vásquez, from Donna North High School were the National Silver Medalists in Career Pathways-Natural Resources-Agriculture-Food*

- *Summer Programs*
 - *Paid Internships*
 - *Summer Sports*
 - *Academic Supports*
- *Head Start Partnership*
 - *400 students enrolled as of July 17, 2023*
- *DISD Board & Administration presents at Summer Leadership Institute State Conference*
 - *Presented on Bond and Lone Star Governance*
- *Professional Development for Teachers and Staff*
- *Hiring of Teachers and TA's*
 - *Successful Job Fair in the District*
- *Summer Facillities Projects*
 - *Planning with Architects for Bond Projects*
 - *Stadium Renovations, expected to be completed by August 11, 2023*
 - *Locker Rooms DHS, expected to be completed by August 14, 2023 (pending lockers)*
- *Technology Department has been working non-stop all summer*
 - *Laptops for K-8 delivered to campuses*
 - *Teacher Laptops and Docking Stations (all teachers in the district will received; will be distributed the first two weeks of school)*
 - *One Touch Screens (delivered and set up)*
 - *Tech Infrastructure Updates (as technology is being added, infrastructure also needs to updated...bandwidth, wifi, etc.)*
- *Teacher Resources*
 - *Teacher Toolkits (all teachers will receive a bundle based on whether they are primary or secondary teachers)*
 - *Classroom Libraries*
 - *Life Skills Furniiture and Sensory Rooms*

IV. MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY (LSG)

A. LSG Progress and Accountability Presentation

Goal 3: GPM 3.1, 3.2

Mr. Javier Villanueva and Mrs. Stephanie Powelson-Garza presented on LSG Board Goal 3, relevant data, as well as reinforcement and refinements.

Motion to accept the LSG presentation at the model level was made by Trustee Eloy Avila, 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.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Under Business and Finance, pull Item K (fencing) from the agenda.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Eva C. Watts, 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.

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- a. Approve Accounts Payable.
- b. Approve Financial Statements for May, 2023.
- c. Approve Investment Report: 3rd Quarter (March, 2023, April, 2023, May, 2023)
- d. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for May, 2023.
- e. Approve to set August 22, 2023, as the date for Public Hearing on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for 2023-2024.
- f. Approve an order authorizing the issuance of Donna Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023;
- g. Approve Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to auction.
- h. Approve DISD Child Nutrition Program to award Edu-Source on the purchase of cafeteria furniture in the amount of \$145,654.07.
- i. Approve to dispose of surplus and outdated band equipment and uniforms from DHS.
- j. Approve taking excess (unusable) air filters in maintenance department to auction.
- k. Approve a vendor for RFP 060123-737 Fencing Upgrades/Extensions District Wide.

B. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Approve Compensation Plan for 2023-2024.

C. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve the minutes for Board Workshop, June 6, 2023.
- b. Approve the minutes for Regular Board Meeting, June 6, 2023.
- c. Approve minutes for Special Board Meeting, June 20, 2023.

VI. 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 Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel
 - Recommendations for Professionals to Include Contract Renewal, Hiring, Termination, and Rescission of Offer of Employment Recommendation pertaining to Teacher Contract for 2023-2024 school year
 - Update of District Personnel

- B. 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.

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

The Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 7:06 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 accept the Superintendent's recommendations 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, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Eloy Avila, 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.

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:07 am.



Jose L. Valdez, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and



Jose R. Reyna, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Secretary

Board approved: August 22, 2023