

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - Immediately following Board Workshop

The Board of Trustees met 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

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Jose L. Valdez at 5:47 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*
- *Mrs. 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*
- *Mr. Rashad Rana, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services*
- *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. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. District Highlights

- *Over 900 students graduated from Donna ISD on June 2, 2023.*

- *Technology Infrastructure Upgrades for Elementary and Secondary – Project Starts June 5, 2023 (All updates will be completed by the start of the school year)*
- *Remove carpets from libraries & replace with tile (DHS finished today) – Almost Complete*
- *One Touch boards for all pending classrooms throughout the district (377 boards)*
- *Laptops for every 3rd-8th grade students – 6, 300 laptops (have arrived and are being prepared for distribution)*
- *Laptop carts – 210 carts*
- *New Teacher laptops and docking stations.*
- *Provide classroom libraries for every PreK-5th classroom and 6th-8th ELA classroom by purchasing set of books (Books on the way to Donna ISD; Scholastic had to rent a warehouse for the books and furniture.)*
- *Update furniture in all Life Skills classrooms and provide sensory support for our children (started arriving yesterday).*
- *Update special education facilities; update the paint (Completed)*
- *All teachers will start the next school year with a Goal 1 implementation kit.*
- *Update Donna High School Girls and Boys Locker Rooms.*
- *Extending Communities in Schools Support to Secondary Campuses. (MOU in Progress)*

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. LSG Progress and Accountability Presentation

Goal 2: GPM 2.1,2.2, 2.3 and Superintendent Constraint 2: CPM 2.1

Mr. Javier Villanueva, Executive Director for Data Evaluation and Performance Outcomes and Mrs. Stephanie Powelson- Garza, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction, presented on LSG Goal 2. He reviewed LSG Board Goal 2 Reading Data for each goal progress measure at EOY; reviewed Reinforcements and Refinements; reviewed data pertaining to Superintendent Constraint 2.1; examined Superintendent's Evaluation.

Motion to accept LSG Progress and Accountability Goal 2: GPM 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and Superintendent Constraint 2: CPM 2.1 was made by Board Vice President Fernando Castillo and seconded by Trustee Eloy Avila. Trustee Ida Garcia, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee Eva Castillo Watts and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. Presentation of a Plan of Finance by Estrada Hinojosa.

Mr. Angel Magallanes with Estrada Hinojosa, Financial Advisors for the Bond that just passed. What comes next? Selling of Bonds. Bond will be broken up

into two parts... 60 million this summer and 60 million next summer. This is to temper the tax rate. The main dates to focus on is July 18, 2023. Bonds will be priced throughout the day and that evening present the interest rate of the sale of the bonds for Board approval. Next date is August 16, 2023 funds will be wired to the district.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Remove under Business and Finance, letter K “Approval to utilize the listing of approved Coop Vendors for the conversion of 3D Academy building for CTE Annex.” Will be brought back at a later date.

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

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable.
- b. Approval of Financial Statements for April, 2023.
- c. Approval of Budget Amendments.
- d. Approval of Monthly Tax Collections Report for April, 2023.
- e. Consideration and Approval of a resolution declaring intention to reimburse certain expenditures.
- f. Approval to award vendors ROFA Architects, EGV Architects Inc, Alvarado Architects & Associates, Inc. for RFQ 051123-333 Architectural Services.
- g. Approval to declare DISD Child Nutrition Program surplus to be taken to auction.
- h. Approval to renew Student/Athletic Accident Insurance for the 2023-2024 school year.
- i. Approval to declare Transportation Department surplus Items to be taken for auction.
- j. Approval to award ACP CreativIT to install vape detectors for the 2023-2024 school year.
- k. Approval to utilize the listing of approved Coop Vendors for the conversion of 3D Academy building for CTE Annex.
- l. Approval to Purchase - Vanguard Level 3 Ballistic Shield with View-port and Light

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Approval of the Frontline Education Program Management System for Donna ISD Programs including Section 504, RTI, Bilingual/ESL, and Special Education and SIS integration services for the 2023-2024 school year.

- b. Approval of the McAllen ISD Regional Day School Program for the Deaf Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.
- c. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the University of Texas at Austin and Donna ISD for the 2023-2024 OnRamps Program.
- d. Approval of the purchase of STEMscopes Mathematics and Science Instructional Materials for Gap Year 2023-2024
- e. Approval of Kingsville Council of the Navy League (KCNL) of the United States adoption to serve, support and stand with the MCJROTC unit at Donna High School.
- f. Approval the purchase of Ti-Nspire CXII Calculators and Ti-Nspire CX Navigator 30 User Software from Intech Southwest Services, LLC BuyBoard # 661-22.
- g. Approval to award vendor for RFP 041223-734 Server Consolidation (Turnkey).
- h. Approval to award vendor for RFP 041223-735 Network Switches (Turnkey).
- i. Approval of Purchase of Teacher Toolkit Classroom resources from School Specialty for Early Childhood Classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year.
- j. Approval of contract with TNTP Phase 3 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- k. Approval of Out of State Travel for the 2023 NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square in San Francisco, California from Sunday, July 16 through Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Request Approval of Policy DEC (Local) Update
- b. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Behavioral Health Solutions (BHSST), Monarch program which will remain in effect from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 and reviewed annually.
- c. The purchase of Cardonex master schedule builder and staffing tool for the 2023-2024 school year.
- d. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Communities in Schools of Hidalgo County Inc. (CISH) which will remain in effect from August 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 unless otherwise terminated by either party.
- e. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Behavioral Health Solutions (BHSST), Youth Prevention Indicated PA (Positive Action), Youth Prevention Selective PA (Positive Action), Youth Prevention Selective TND (Towards No Drugs), Youth Prevention Selective SFP (Strengthening Families Program), Youth Prevention Indicated SFP (Strengthening Families Program) and/or Youth Prevention Universal PA (Positive Action) programs which will remain in effect from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2024.
- f. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Buckner Children and Family Services, Inc.-Family and Youth Services Program (FAYS) which will remain in effect from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 unless otherwise terminated by either party.

- g. Approve the Agreement with Palms Behavioral Health Hospital which will remain in effect until August 16, 2023 to August 16, 2024.
- h. Approve the contractor Agreement with Mesquite Treatment Center which will remain in effect from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 unless otherwise terminated by either party.

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, May 9, 2023.
- b. Approve minutes for Special Board Meeting and Board Workshop May 12, 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.

- A. Safety and Security Audit Report - District summary Executive Report.
- B. 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
- C. Discussion and Consideration of the term contract non renewal of L.Y. at the end of the 2022-2023 school year
- 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.

The Board of Trustees went into Executive Session at 6:24 pm. The Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 7:33 pm.

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

- 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 approve the recommendations for professionals to include contract renewal, hiring, termination, and rescission recommendations as discussed in Executive Session was made by Trustee Eva Castillo Watts and seconded by Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez. Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Trustee Eloy Avila had not come out from Executive Session and therefore did

not vote on this item. Trustee Ida Garcia abstained from this item. Motion carried.


- B. Discussion and possible action of the term contract non renewal of L.Y. at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion to approve the recommendation of the term contract non renewal of L.Y. at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, as discussed in Executive Session was made by Trustee Ida Garcia and seconded by Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna. Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Trustee Eloy Avila had not come out from Executive Session and therefore did not vote on this item. Motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Eva Castillo 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.

Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.



*Jose L. Valdez, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*

and



*Jose R. Reyna, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Secretary*

Approved: July 18, 2023