

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - 6:00 PM

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 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*
- *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

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent, presented the following district highlights:

- *Thanked the Donna ISD Community for passing the \$120 Million Bond.*
- *Thanked the Administration, Public Relations Department, Goal 3 Committee and everyone that made sure that our Stakeholders were well informed on the Bond.*
- *She presented the proposed projects that will be done with the passing of the Bond (additional wings, new cafeteria, additional classrooms, outdoor learning spaces, upgrade of gymnasiums and library relocations, etc.)*
- *Board and Community will have full transparency with keeping everyone updated with monthly updates on progress of projects and an up-to-date Bond Progress website that is already up and operational.*

B. School Safety Center Intruder audit report

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent, presented 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. The Texas School Safety Center recently conducted intruder detection audits at one or more of our campuses. This has been going on all year long at every school district across the state of Texas. Results from this past school safety and security audits will be shared with the Board in Executive Session.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation on Goal 1: Focus on Student Success Year-to-date Progress

Mrs. Stephanie Powelson-Garza presented on the Lone Star Governance Goal 1 (Math goal). She presented the reinforcements and refinements including year-to-date progress of Goal 1. She also reviewed the data relevant to Superintendent's Constraint 1 CPM 1.1.

Motion to accept the Presentation on Goal 1 as presented was made by Trustee Eloy Avila and seconded by Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez. Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Ida Garcia, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, Trustee Eva C. Watts, and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. Lone Star Governance Board Self-Evaluation

Motion to approve the Lone Star Governance Quarterly Board Self-Evaluation with a total of 99 out of 100 points 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.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- a. Approve Accounts Payable for March 2023.
- b. Approve Financial Statements for March 2023.
- c. Approve/renew General Counsel Counsel Services Agreement.
- d. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for March 2023.
- e. Approve Audit Engagement Letter with Cascos & Associates for 2023-2024.
- f. Approve the Master Interlocal Agreement between Region One Education Service Center ("Region One") and Donna Independent School District.
- g. Approve to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to Auction.
- h. Approve the purchase of a Three (3) Balcony Marching Band Tower from Melhart for Donna High School in the amount of \$130,200.00 including options. BuyBoard 619-20.
- i. Approve to award vendors MLG Protection Services as a Primary Vendor and L4 Security as a Secondary Vendor for CSP 040523-381 Security Contracted Services for Armed and Non Armed Guards.
- j. Approve the purchase of supplies to create teacher kits for the school year 2023-2024 from School Specialty LLC in the amount of \$705,441.62. BuyBoard 653-21 ESSER/Federal funds.
- k. Approve to award vendors D&R Commercial Glass, LLC and Donna Glass for RFP 03102-733 Windows & Glass Repair Services.
- l. Approve to award vendors by category (Exhibit A) for the Request for Catalog and Discount Bids for the 2023-2024 School Year. With the option to extend up to two (2) additional years in on (1) year increments if all parties are in agreement.
- m. Approve the purchase school supplies district wide from Gateway Printing and Office Supply Inc. in the amount of \$454,420.98 for the school year 2023-2024.

B. **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

- a. Approve local policy update EIE — Academic Achievement: Retention and Promotion
- b. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The County of Hidalgo, Texas by and through its Hidalgo county Juvenile Board and Donna Independent School for the 2023-2024 school year for a fee outlined in the MOU for the use of the Juvenile Justice Alternative Program.
- c. Approve out-of-state travel to Atlanta, Georgia for Skills USA National Leadership and Skills Conference on June 19-23, 2023.

- d. Approve the purchase of 1,221 laptop units from vendor Dell Technologies using ESSER funds for Teachers.
- e. Approve the purchase of 1,200 docking station units with monitors from vendor Dell Technologies using ESSER funds for Teachers.
- f. Approve the purchase of 260 Laptop units and 9 carts from vendor Dell Technologies using LASO/ESSER funds.
- g. Approve the purchase of Laptops from Platinum Consultant Services for the CTE department through the TRPN Grant Cohort 4.

C. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve the minutes for Regular Board Meeting, April 11, 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. School Safety Center Intruder audit 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 a multiple-year contract renewal for Non-Chapter 21 Athletic Director
- D. Discussion and Consideration of the proposed Non-Renewal of term contract Professional/Administrator L.Y. at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- E. Discussion and Consideration of the proposed Non-Renewal of term contract Professional/Teacher G.G. at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- F. Discussion and consideration of C-3958-20-D; Guerra v. DISD
- G. 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 7:10 pm. The Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 7:59 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 of recommendations was made by Trustee Ida Garcia and seconded by Trustee Eva C. Watts. Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, Trustee Eloy Avila, Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding C-3958-20-D; Guerra v. DISD

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

C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a multiple-year contract renewal for Non-Chapter 21 Athletic Director.

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

D. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve proposed Non-Renewal of term contract Professional/Administrator L.Y. at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

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

- E. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve proposed Non-Renewal of term contract Professional/Teacher G.G. at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

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


- ~~F. Discussion and Possible Action of C 3958 20 D; Guerra v. DISD~~

(Duplicate agenda item [VII – B])

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Eloy Avila and 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 Special Board meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.



Jose L. Valdez, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and



Jose R. Reyna, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Secretary