

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, April 11, 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

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. Eloy Avila, Trustee*
- *Mr. Jose Rogelio Reyna, Jr., Secretary*
- *Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee*
- *Mrs. Eva Castillo Watts, Trustee*

The following Board Member was absent:

- *Mrs. Ida M. Garcia, Trustee*

The following Administrators/Individuals were also in attendance:

- *Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent*
- *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. Recognition of 2022-2023 Texas Boys State Delegates representing Donna High School.

- *Mr. Luciano Garza, spoke a little about Boys State before the presentation of the delegates. He helped create the RGV Boys State Alumni Group who will be sponsoring the following delegates:*
 - *Julian Alvarado*
 - *Gabriel Enriquez*
 - *Damian Martinez*
 - *Jacob Rebolgar*
- *Skylar Howell a 2022 Boys State Delegate was present at the meeting and said a few words about his experience. Skylar was recommended and selected for Junior Counselor and will represent the valley at the 2023 Boys State Delegation this summer.*

B. District Highlights

- *Dr. Angela Dominguez presented on the following:*
 - *Teacher of the Year recognition banquet hosted by the Human Resources Department. The following are the Donna ISD teacher of the year winners:*
 - *Secondary Teacher of the Year: Jessica Lawrence, Donna HS*
 - *Elementary Teacher of the Year: Yvette Martinez, Adame Elem.*
 - *These two teachers will now advance to the Regional level.*
 - *Dual Language Summit on April 1st put on by the Bilingual Department*
 - *State Champions:*
 - *Powerlifting Champions in their respective divisions:*
 - *Deondre Moody, Donna North HS*
 - *Rhonda Valdez, Donna HS*
 - *Skills USA (Advancing to Nationals in June 2023)*
 - *Donna North HS: Kate Montiel, Abraham Vasquez and Katherine Alejandro – Career Pathways Showcase – Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources*
 - *Donna HS:*
 - *Jesse Cuellar – Customer Service*
 - *Eleazar Lucio – Medical Math*
 - *Alexandra Herebia – Nail Care*
 - *Jesus Bazaldua – TPSA State Champion in Law Enforcement Agility Course*
 - *Donna North Boys and Girls Soccer teams both advanced to the Regional level and represented the district*
 - *Life-Skills students participated and represented at the Special Olympics event*
 - *Donna High School golf team also represented at the Regional Level*

- *Goal 1: Focus on Student Success*
 - *Principals have been going to visit other campuses to visit classroom and collaborate and discuss what we are looking for in high quality classroom instruction.*
- *Goal 2: Focus on Community & Family Engagement*
 - *Headstart and Donna ISD partnership is official at all levels. Donna One will be coming back to Donna ISD. Increase of over 200 students in the district for next year.*
 - *First Alumni Association Meeting was held and well attended.*
 - *A lot going on with Adult Education. We are the Region One central valley area for Adult Education.*
 - *CDL classes, CNA classes (Cohort 4), ESL classes and GED classes are taking place and are full on a routine basis.*
- *Goal 3: Focus on Operational Excellence*
 - *New flooring at Donna North HS Library*
 - *Refresh in all Life-Skills classrooms*
 - *Donna HS Library was pressure washed and new window clings*
- *Goal 4: Focus on Employees and Organizational Excellence*
 - *Norma Guevara, Family Engagement Secretary was the Texas 2023 NEA/ESP of the Year*
 - *Sergio Morales who placed 2nd in the traditional category in the South Texas Association of Pupil Transportation's Bus Rod-E-O. Will be competing at the State level.*
 - *Marlene Chavez, LVN LeNoir Health Advocate of the Month for Goodside Health*
 - *Honoring Indio, Retired K-9 Officer who passed away*
 - *Assistant Principal Appreciation*
 - *Employee Wellness Health Fair*
 - *Paraprofessional Appreciation*
 - *GT Awareness Month*
- *Goal 5: Focus on Financial Stewardship*
 - *Continue to work on budget process. Meetings are being held to get ready for the 2023-2024 school.*

- C. Approval by Board Resolution for the Texas Legislature to reject any diversion of public dollars to private entities that reduces public education funding.

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

- D. Acknowledgment by the Board of Trustees of receipt of Statement of Impact from Vanguard Academy Charter School.

Motion to acknowledge the receipt of Statement of Impact from Vanguard Charter School was made by Board Vice President Fernando Castillo and seconded by Trustee Eloy Avila. Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, Trustee Eva Castillo Watts, Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. LSG Goal 3 MOY Presentation

Mr. Javier Villanueva presented the CCMR for the District. He presented the target for 2023 is 67%. He also presented on the Progress Measures. Target for students meeting Texas Success Initiative (TSI) criteria in both reading and math for 2023 is 15%. The percent of graduates demonstrating career readiness will increase from 25% to 55% by 2026. Target for 2023 is 37%. He showed the current BOY and MOY and last years EOY and what the goals are for the future.

Mrs. San Juanita Franco, Advanced Academic Services Director, presented on the various reinforcements being offered:

- *College Readiness Programs*
- *Dual Enrollment Opportunities*
- *Test-Prep & Testing & Opportunities*

Refinement:

- *TSI Complete by Senior Year by providing various camps and testing opportunities through out their High School years.*

Reinforcement for CATE:

- *Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) programs*
- *Number of Industry-Based certifications and licenses will increase over the next few months*
- *Quantity and quality of CTE programs available for our students*

Refinement for CATE:

- *Work-based learning opportunities – Summer Bridge Program Grant*
- *Recognition of business partners*
- *Increase professional development opportunities for teachers*

Motion to accept the Goal 3 presentation was made by Trustee Eloy Avila and seconded by Trustee Eva Castillo Watts. 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.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- Approve Accounts Payable for February 2023.
- Approve Financial Statements for February 2023.
- Approve Budget Amendments.
- Approve Investment Report: 2nd Quarter (December 2022, January 2023, and February 2023).
- Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for February 2023.
- Approve Resolution to extend Depository Contract for Funds between Donna Independent School District and Plains Capital Bank.
- Approve action to declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to auction.
- Approve action to declare Donna ISD's surplus to be taken to auction.
- Approve of upgrades/repairs for Bennie La Prade Stadium.
- Approval of additional work and equipment regarding awarded RFQ#110221-327 Design Build Services for ESSER Facility Improvement Program.

B. **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

- Approve to amend the approved Capturing Kids Heart training for the 2023-2024 school year to include Veterans Middle School.
- Approve the Annual TEKS Certification 2023-2024 required form.
- Approve Out-of-State Travel for Donna North High School Band-Spearettes - to attend the Disney and Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida on June 11-17, 2023 for End-of-the Year incentive trip.
- Approve of Affiliation Agreement between Donna ISD and Mi Hacienda Adult Day Care regarding the clinical externship rotation initiative through the CTE department for DHS health science students.

C. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Approval of Compensation Plan Update
- Approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Donna ISD and Region 18 Education Service Center for the 2023-2024 school year for TIA Data.

D. **SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, March 7, 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. Discussion and Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel
- Recommendations for Professionals to Include Contract Renewal, Hiring, Termination, and Rescission Recommendations
 - Update of District Personnel
- B. Discussion and Consideration of 2023-2024 employment continuation of Non-Professional Auxiliary and Support staff.
- C. Discussion and Consideration of C-36130-20-F; Smith v. DISD
- 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.

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

No recommendations for new hires.

- B. Discussion and possible action to approve 2023-2024 Employment Continuation of Non-Professional Auxiliary and Support Staff.

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Employment Continuation of Non-Professional Auxiliary and Support Staff was made by Trustee Eva Castillo Watts and seconded by 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.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding C-36130-20-F; Smith v. DISD.

No action.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Eva Castillo Watts and seconded by 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.

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.



Jose L. Valdez, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and 

Jose R. Reyna, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

