

**Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 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*
- *Mrs. Ida M. Garcia, Trustee*
- *Mr. Jose Rogelio Reyna, Jr., Secretary*
- *Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee*
- *Mrs. Eva Castillo 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:

- *Donna High School D'Ettes swept the State Awards at the State Competition and crowned State Champions*
- *Donna North High School One Act play advanced to Regional Competition*
- *Pay attention to Social Media as we are highlighted everyone that is participating and advancing to the next level of competition*
- *Updates on the 5 Goals of the Strategic Plan*
 - *Goal 1: Bilingual Teacher Certification Prep, Ongoing emphasis in every classroom every day, DLPAC Calendar feedback and District of Innovation work, National Presentation on Dual Language Program, campus visits by administration, training for school leaders, instructional strategists and Lead teachers; Administration must be in the field to provide targeted support to our teachers.*
 - *Goal 2: Arise Community Group Presentation, Migrant Education PAC Event, National Public Schools Week – Open House*
 - *Goal 3: Muñoz Playground, Library Flooring (removed carpets, better air quality), Secondary Library make over, promoting information sessions for bond election*
 - *Goal 4: Recognition of the following: Social Workers, Diagnosticians, Maintenance and Bus Driver Appreciation; Continuing education for paraprofessionals with Grand Canyon University, Bus Road-E-O and Employee Emergency Foundation hosted a 5K event; Public Relations won 17 gold, six silver and five bronze awards at the State level (TSPRA Star Awards Celebration) – first time that they have submitted, they won “Best in Category” in two areas (Newsletter and best sports photo)*
 - *Goal 5: 2023-2024 Budget process has begun, Comprehensive Needs Assessment for the District Improvement Plan which will “drive” the budget process.*

B. School Safety Center Intruder Audit Report

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent, presented the 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 had been going on all year long at every school district across the state of Texas. Updates will be given to the Board in Executive Session.

- C. Discussion and possible action to Vote for one Candidate in Place 2 and Place 5 Board of Directors of Region One Education Service Center 2023.

Motion by Board Vice President Fernando Castillo and seconded by Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez to vote for Ricardo Gutierrez for Place 2 of the Board of Directors of Region One ESC. Trustee Eloy Avila, Trustee Eva Castillo Watts, Trustee Ida M. Garcia, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Vice President Fernando Castillo and seconded by Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna to vote for Ruben Cortez for Place 5 of the Board of Directors of Region One ESC. Trustee Eloy Avila, Trustee Eva Castillo Watts, Trustee Ida M. Garcia, Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. LSG Presentation Goal 1 and 2 MOY

Mr. Javier Villanueva, Executive Director for Data Analysis & Performance Outcomes, and Mrs. Stephanie Powelson-Garza, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction presented the LSG Goal 1 and 2, review 3rd grade and covered the progress measures for Kinder through 2nd grade in Math and Reading. Reinforcement: Increased use of physical manipulatives for Reading and Math in K-2nd grade (PreK 3 & 4); Teacher assistants have been receiving training consistently to support their role in instruction; System in place to identify teachers in need of additional support and intervention; progress monitoring every two weeks for students, weekly for teachers. Refinement: Address instructional gaps indentified during classroom visits. Current focus is ensuring student mastery through TEKS-focused exit tickets; Continue to develop our district Lead teachers with monthly trainings; Continue to develop our district instructional leades (campus administrators and strategists) on the "See It, Name It, Do It" Instructional Coaching model. On January 2, 2023 the state released new "cutpoints" for CCMR rating for last years graduates. (Cutpoints were raised.)

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

A. **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- a. Approve Accounts Payable for January 2023.
- b. Approve Financial Statements for January, 2023.
- c. Approve Budget Amendments.
- d. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for January, 2023.
- e. Approval to award C&M Contractors for RFP 011323-693. Painting of Life Skills Classrooms District-Wide.
- f. Approval to award a pool of state cooperative purchasing program vendors for Job Order Contracts.
- g. Request for Approval of MOU with City of Donna

B. **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

- a. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for attendance to the NSBA 2023 Annual Conference in Orlando, FL.
- b. Approval to award vendor (CDW) for a 3 year District wide Microsoft Education Enterprise Subscription.
- c. Approval of Travel out-of-state for Staff Development for District Educational Support Staff - to attend the National Education Association Educational Support Staff National Conference in Seattle, Washington.
- d. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Hidalgo County Head Start Program and Donna Independent School District for a three (3) year initial term
- e. Approval of school calendar for 2023-2024.

C. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- a. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Behavioral Health Solutions (BHSST) program which will remain in effect until terminated by either party to provide access to the Community and Counseling Wellness (CCW) program.
- b. Approval of Teach for America District Educational Professional Service Agreement for School Year 2023-2024.
- c. Approval to revisions to EIC (Local)
- d. Approval of a trip to Grand Canyon University in Arizona on March 23-24.

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Public Hearing, February 14, 2023.
- b. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, February 14, 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 Contract Renewals for Probationary, Term Chapter 21 Contracts and Non-Chapter 21 Contracts for district employees for the 2023-2024 school year.
- C. School Safety Center Intruder Audit Report
- 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 7:05 pm and reconvened into Open Session at 8:10 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 recommendations discussed in Executive Session was made by Trustee Eloy Avila and seconded by Trustee Ida M. Garcia. Trustee Eva Castillo Watts, Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Contract renewals for Probationary, Term Chapter 21 Contracts and Non-Chapter 21 Contracts for district employees for 2023-2024.

Motion to approve contract renewals for Probationary, Term Chapter 21 Contracts and Non-Chapter 21 Contracts was made by Trustee Ida M. Garcia and seconded by Trustee Eloy Avila. 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.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Eva Castillo Watts and seconded by Trustee Eloy Avila. Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Ida M. 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 8:12 pm.



Jose L. Valdez, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and 

Jose R. Reyna, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

Date Approved: April 11, 2023