

**Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes**

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 - Immediately after Public Hearing

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 6:03 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 (Left meeting at 6:25 pm)*
- *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. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation of 2022-2023 A.C.E.S. Maroon and Gold 1st through 3rd place winners.

Ms. San Juanita Franco, Advanced Academics Director announced the winners of the 2022-2023 A.C.E.S. Campus Champions. The competition took place on December 6th & December 8th with over 1000 students from Kinder through 5th grade competing.

CAMPUS CHAMPIONS:

Gold Group:

- 1st Place: E.G. Salazar Elementary with 611 points
2nd Place: P.S. Garza Elementary with 518 points
3rd Place: C. Stainke Elementary with 360 points*

Maroon Group:

- 1st Place: J.S. Adame Elementary with 649 points
2nd Place: Capt. D. Salinas II Elementary with 515 points
3rd Place: M.A.P. Muñoz Elementary with 360 points*

- B. Presentation of 2022-2023 Spelling Bee 1st through 3rd place student winners.

Ms. San Juanita Franco, Advanced Academics Director announced the winners of the Elementary and Middle School District Spelling Bee which was held on February 3, 2023.

Spelling Bee Winners:

- 1st Place: Camila Gamboa, A.P. Solis Middle
2nd Place: Jonathan Davila, Capt. D. Salinas II Elementary
3rd Place: Nataly Perez, J.W. Caceres Elementary*

Camila Gamboa and Jonathan Davila will be advancing to Regional Spelling Bee Competition on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at the Edinburg Regional Conference Center.

- C. Presentation of the 2022-2023 Battle of the Books Champions.

Mrs. Velma Rangel, Executive Director for Special Projects announced the winners of the Battle of the Books for Elementary and Secondary Campuses which was held on February 9th & 10th.

WINNERS:

Donna North High School

Coach - Adriana Hernandez, Librarian

Students - Yaritza Gonzales, Ingrid Alvarez, Yarumy Vera-Gonzalez, Valentino Medina

A. P. Solis Middle School

Coach - Concepcion Gonzalez, Librarian

Students - Mauro Tijerina, Marco A. Solis, Alexa Olvera, Amanda Rodriguez

M. A. P. Muñoz Elementary

Coach - Sandra Rosales, Librarian

Students - Alexis Sanchez, Matthew Gonzalez, Kayla Cervantes, Jonathan Ramos

These students will be representing Donna ISD on February 22-24, 2023 at Region One.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. 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. These audits are conducted as part of Governor Abbott's school safety initiatives after the tragedy in Uvalde.

B. Consideration and possible approval of an order calling a bond election for the Donna Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of the election, and resolving other matters incident and related to such election.

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent, presented on Goal 3 - Focus on Operational Excellence (the facilities and structural needs across the district) and Goal 5 – Focus on Financial Stewardship (connects tightly back to our budget and fiscal responsibilities). She presented on what Bond money, if Bond passes, would be utilized for at the respective campuses.

Motion to approve to call a bond election for Donna ISD was made by Trustee Ida M. Garcia and seconded by Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez. Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, Trustee Eloy Avila, Trustee Eva Castillo Watts, Board Vice President Fernando Castillo and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- a. Resolution regarding approval of administrative efforts to withdraw from South Texas ISD to avoid duplication of taxation.
- b. Approve Accounts Payable
- c. Approve Financial Statements for December 2022.
- d. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for December 2022.
See Exhibits: Monthly Tax Collections on Current and Delinquent Taxes.
- e. Approve to declare DISD surplus to be taken to auction.
- f. Approval to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to auction.
- g. Approval to award D&R Commercial Glass, LLC for RFP 010523-690 Windows & Glass Repair Services.
- h. Approval to award vendor ADP Lemco for RFP 010623-691 Library Carpet Removal and Flooring Replacement District-Wide (Turnkey).
- i. Approval to award vendor SAS General Building Services, Inc. for RFP 011223-692 Preventative Maintenance, Equipment & Repair Services District Wide Athletics.
- j. Request for Approval of Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement

B. **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

- a. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Valley Association for Independent Living, Inc. (VAIL) and Donna ISD for student transition services.
- b. Request for approval of Region One ESC GEAR UP Ivy League Quest Midwest College Tours: Ohio State University, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the University of Norte Dame, Northwestern University, and the University of Chicago.
- c. Approval for purchase of TI NSPIRE CXII EX SPOT Calculator and Docking Stations from M&A Technology BuyBoard #661-22.
- d. Request for approval of MOU between Donna ISD and RGV CDL regarding the Commercial Driver's License program through the CTE Department for 18 (total) 12th grade students from DHS and DNHS for 2nd cohort of school year 2022-2023.
- e. Request for Approval of Qty. 6510 Laptop units from vendor Dell Technologies.
- f. Request for approval of Qty. 221 IJ 36 Charging Carts from vendor Dell Technologies.

- g. Request for approval of Qty. 377 Onescreen Interactive Flat Panel Display units from vendor Glary Business Machines.
- h. Approval of Renewal of TEAMS Support Maintenance Cloud Hosting, Disaster Recovery and student Information Systems (on Premise) unlimited usage for internal employees and Backup/Agreement for 2023-2024.
- i. 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. Ms. Melissa Cortez (D. Singleterry Elementary, Secretary) was Nominated to represent 2022-2023 Donna Local Educational Support Staff of the Year and Ms. Norma Guevara (Parent and Family Engagement Secretary), Local Officer for Donna TSTA, attending the various Pre-Conference and Conference sessions on March 22-24, 2023.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Request for approval of MOU between City of Donna and DISD for the use of DISD district facilities for recreation sports league.
- b. Request for approval for District employees to travel to Grand Canyon University in Arizona on Feb. 24-26 to tour campus to pursue post-secondary education.
- c. Request for Approval of the Agreement with Tropical Texas Behavioral Health which will remain in effect until August 31, 2023 and will automatically renew for one additional year ending August 31, 2024 unless terminated pursuant to the terms of the agreement
- d. Request for Approval of Revision(s) to Compensation Plan - CNP Rate for Evening Cafeteria Worker

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, January 10, 2023.
- b. Approve minutes for Board Workshop, January 27, 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 C-36130-20-F; Smith v. DISD
- 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 6:25 pm and reconvened into Open Session at 7:09 pm. (Note: Mr. Jose R. Reyna left the Board meeting at 6:25 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 Eva Castillo Watts and seconded by Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez Trustee Eloy Avila, Board Vice President Fernando Castillo, Trustee Ida M. Garcia, and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

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 M. Garcia and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.



Jose L. Valdez, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and



Jose R. Reyna, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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Date Approved: March 7, 2023