

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 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, to deliberate on the following matters:

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 were in attendance:

- *Mr. Jose L. Valdez, President*
- *Mr. Fernando Castillo, Vice- President*
- *Mr. Jose Rogelio Reyna, Jr., Secretary*
- *Mr. Eloy Avila, Trustee*
- *Mrs. Ida M. Garcia, Trustee*
- *Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee*
- *Mrs. Eva Castillo Watts, Trustee*

The following Administrators/Individuals were also in attendance:

- *Mrs. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent*
- *Mr. Alfonso Perez, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance*
- *Mrs. Adela Troncoso, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources*

- *Mr. Tony Torres, School Attorney*
- *Mrs. Linda Romeros, TEA Conservator*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

II. OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak during Open Forum.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Angela Dominguez, recognized the Christmas Card Contest winners for this year. Students who won their respective category for the Christmas Card Contest were presented with a fruit basket and 10 Christmas cards to distribute/share with their families.

- *Elementary Winner: Darleene Tamez, 3rd grade student from Muñoz Elementary*

- *Middle School Winner: Mary Solis, 6th grade student at Veterans Middle School*
- *High School Winner: Leslie Cruz-Carr, 11th grade student at Donna North High School (Not present)*

A. Strategic Plan Update - Goal 3: Focus on Operational Excellence to Include Discussion of District Wide Facility Projects.

Dr. Angela Dominguez presented the latest updates on the five-year plan for Goal 3. She presented on Goal 3, Donna ISD Facilities Projects that have been completed, currently taking place and a general overview of Goal 3.

B. Approval of the Annual Financial Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending August 31, 2022.

Financial Audit for Fiscal Year ending on August 31, 2022 was presented by Alfred Vela with Cascos & Associates, PC, Certified Public Accountants.

Motion to approve the Financial Audit as presented 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, Jr., Trustee Dr. Maricela Valdez and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. District Highlights

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent presented the following board updates:

- *Theme: “What is Your Legacy?”*
- *Strategic Plan*
 - *Focus on Student Success: Administrative Team has visited campus and their Instructional Leadership Team meetings*
 - *ACES Program: UIL Elementary Competition*
 - *Lone Star Governance Meeting at Donna North High School (# board members present)*
 - *Christmas Card competition: Submissions from all across the district.*
 - *State testing is currently taking place at both High Schools*
 - *2nd Annual 5K Wellness Run*
 - *Goal 3 – Focus on Operational Excellence*
 - *School Safety Standards*
 - *Goal 5 – Focus on Financial Stewardship*
 - *ESSER Retention Stipends*
 - *Perfect Attendance Stipends to Teachers and Bus Drivers*
 - *Budgeting Process for 2023-2024 has started*
 - *Increase in ADA*

B. LSG CCMR Update

Mr. Javier Villanueva, Executive Director for Data Analysis & Performance Outcomes, Ms. San Juanita Franco, Director for Advanced Academics & Mr. David Moreno, Director for CTE presented the LSG Goal 3 - CCMR update.

C. School Safety Center Intruder Audit Report

Donna ISD along with all schools across the state of Texas have been visited by the Texas Center for School Safety and we have been receiving School Safety Center Intruder Audit Reports. They have been visiting schools across Texas attempting to access buildings. They check for security systems in place, they check to see if we have our weekly door sweeps. District is notified of outcome of visits.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Item "c" under Human Resources was removed from the agenda as it belongs in Executive Session.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee 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, Jr. and Board President Jose L. Valdez, voted in favor. Motion carried.

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- a. Approval of Delinquent Tax Collection Report.
- b. Approve Accounts Payable.
- c. Approve Financial Statements for October, 2022.
- d. Approve Budget Amendments.
- e. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for October, 2022.
- f. Approval of 2022 Tax Roll Totals for the Donna Independent School District.
- g. Approval to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to auction.
- h. Approval to award vendor, as recommended by Administration, regarding Request for Qualifications RFQ#111722-332 Electrical Engineer Services.
- i. Approval to award vendor, as recommended by Administration, for Request for Proposals RFP#111722-686 Customized Libraries for PK-8th English and Spanish Titles.

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Approval for the renewal of Learning A-Z online reading program.
- b. Approval for out of state travel for Donna North High School Spearettes to participate in a dance competition in Orlando, Florida.

- c. Approval of iReady from Curriculum Associates for the 2022-2023 school year for the following campuses that will undergo this training will be: B. G. Guzman, T. Price, A. M. Ochoa, C. Stainke, Capt. D. Salinas, P. S. Garza, M.A.P. Munoz, J.P. LeNoir, D. Singleterry, E. Salazar, and J. S. Adame Elementary. Veterans, Solis, Saucedo and Todd Middle Schools.
- d. Approval of instructional coaching support for district/campus leaders by EdDirection using Paul Bambrick-Santoyo's Get Better Faster coaching model providing individualized professional learning for school and district leaders as well as feedback cycles on the implementation of the coaching model and conversations.
- e. Approval revisions to the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar.
- f. Approval of out of state travel for 2023 NABE (National Association of Bilingual Education) Conference.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Approve the Agreement with UTRGV and DISD to provide students enrolled in the University's Master's Degree in Counseling within the Department of Counseling, with educational experience utilizing personnel, equipment, and the facilities of Donna ISD.
Approve the Agreement with UTRGV and DISD to implement provisions of affiliation agreement to provide students enrolled in University's programs within the Department of counseling with educational experience utilizing the personnel, equipment, and facilities of DISD which will remain in effect from November 28, 2022 and end on November 28, 2025. Either party may terminate the program agreement effective with the end of a program giving thirty days written notice to the other party; otherwise this agreement will terminate upon the termination of the agreement between the parties.
- b. Approval of updates, additions, and revisions to Donna ISD Local Policy as recommended by TASB Policy Services for the policy updates 118 & 119.
- c. Approval multiple year contract renewal for Chapter 21 Head Football Coaches.

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, November 17, 2022.

VI. GOVERNANCE

- A. Conservator Monthly Report for October 2022.

Ms. Linda Romeros, TEA Conservator presented her monthly report for October 2022.

VII. **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. School Safety Center Intruder Audit Report
- C. Conduct and Discuss Level III Grievance of Araceli Guerra
- 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 7:10 pm and reconvened into Open Session at 7:40 pm.

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

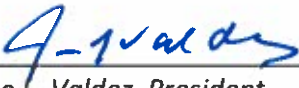
- B. Discussion and Possible Action of Level III Grievance of Araceli Guerra

No action.


IX. 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, Board Secretary Jose R. Reyna, Jr. and Board President Jose L. Valdez voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.



Jose L. Valdez, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and 

Jose R. Reyna, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

Date Approved: January 10, 2023