

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, November 17, 2022 - 5:30 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 Vice President Jose L. Valdez at 5:30 pm.

The following were in attendance:

- Mr. Jose L. Valdez, Vice President
- Mr. Fernando Castillo, Secretary
- Mr. Jose Rogelio Reyna, Jr., Trustee
- Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee
- Mrs. Eva Castillo Watts, Trustee

The following were absent:

- Mr. David DeLosRios, President
- Col. Roberto Perez, Trustee

The following were present:

- Mr. Eloy Avila
- Mrs. Ida M. Garcia

The following Administrators/Individuals were also in attendance:

- Mrs. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent
- Mrs. Rebecca Castañeda, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Leadership
- Mr. Alfonso Perez, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance
- Mr. Rasad Rana, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services
- 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. **BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

- A. Receive and Canvass Election Returns for the November 8, 2022 General Trustee Election Places 5, 6, and 7.

Mr. Alfonso Perez, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance, read the final official counts for the School Board Trustee election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

- B. Declare Candidates Elected to Trustee Places and Issue Certificate of Election for Each Elected Candidate.

Mr. Alfonso Perez, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance, Eloy Avila elected for Place 5, Ida M. Garcia elected for Place 6 and Maricela Valdez, Place 7.

- C. Administer Statement of Officer to Newly Elected Trustees.

Eloy Avila, Ida M. Garcia and Dr. Maricela Valdez signed the statement of officer to the newly elected Trustees.

- D. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Trustees.

Erica Sandoval administered the Oath of Office to Eloy Avila. Honorable Sergio Valdez administered the Oath of Office to Ida M. Garcia and Dr. Maricela Valdez.

- E. Re-Organization of Board of Trustees/Election of Officers.

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

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

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

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. District Highlights

Ms. Dominguez presented on the various things happening throughout the district.

B. School Safety Center Intruder Audit Report

Ms. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent, presented the School Safety Center Intruder Audit Report. Audits are conducted as part of Governor Abbott's school safety initiatives after the tragedy in Uvalde. Donna ISD does do their own internal audits.

C. LSG Reading Update

Mr. Javier Villanueva presented the LSG Reading update and Mrs. Stephanie Powelson Garza presented the reinforcements and refinements being provided by staff to all students.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

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. Approve Accounts Payable.
- b. Approve Financial Statements for September, 2022.
- c. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for September, 2022.
- d. Approve to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to auction.
- e. Approval of vendor(s) for the purchase of library furniture for all middle schools.
- f. Approval to award Demco for Request for Quotes (RFQ) #110722-132 M. Rivas Elementary Library Furniture Turn-Key Project in the amount of \$161,933.01, which includes freight and installation.

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Approval of Local Innovation Plan
- b. Approval to purchase welding equipment from Airgas USD, LLC in the amount of \$152,802.95. Amount paid through the TRPN Grant that was awarded to the Donna ISD CTE department.
- c. Approval of affiliation agreement between Donna ISD and Donna Pediatric Clinic regarding the Clinical Externship rotation initiative through the CTE Department for DHS Health and Science teachers and students.
- d. Approval of affiliation between Donna ISD and New Life Assisted Living regarding the clinical externship rotation initiative through the CTE department for DHS Health Science Teachers and students.

- e. Approval of Apple for 1 year renewal of JAMF PRO.
- f. Approval of Capturing Kids' Hearts for the 2023-2024 school year. Campuses that will undergo this training are: J. W. Caceres, M. Rivas, E. G. Salazar and J. S. Adame Elementary. Continuing with CKH will be Guzman, Price, Ochoa, Stainke, Salinas, Garza, Munoz, LeNoir, Singleterry, Todd and Saucedo.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Approve the agreement with Palms Behavioral Health Hospital which will remain in effect until August 17, 2023 and/or until terminated by either party.
- b. Approve the purchase of Cardonex master schedule builder and staffing tool.
- c. Approve the Agreement with UTRGV and DISD to implement provisions of affiliation agreement to provide students enrolled in University's programs within the School of Social Work with educational experience utilizing the personnel, equipment, and facilities of DISD which will remain in effect until the end on March 31, 2027.

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Public Hearing - F.I.R.S.T. Rating, October 11, 2022.
- b. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, October 11, 2022.

VI. GOVERNANCE

- A. Conservator Monthly Report for September 2022.

Ms. Linda Romeros, TEA Conservator presented her monthly report for September 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. School Safety Center Intruder Audit Report
- B. Discussion and Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel
 - Recommendations for Professionals to Include Hiring, Termination, and Rescission Recommendations
 - Update of District Personnel
- C. 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 6:59 pm and reconvened into Open Session at 7:24 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 Hiring, Termination, and Rescission Recommendations

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 7:25 pm.



Jose L. Valdez, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and



Jose R. Reyna, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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Date Approved: December 13, 2022