

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Immediately after the Public Hearing

STAFF DEVELOPMENT CENTER/BOARD ROOM
904 Hester Avenue
Donna, Texas

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Dr. Maricela Valdez called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. with the following Board of Trustees were in attendance:

Dr. Maricela Valdez, President
Mr. Jose L. Valdez, Secretary
Mr. Fernando Castillo, Trustee
Col Roberto Perez, Trustee *(late 5:54 p.m.)*
Mr. Jose Rogelio Reyna Jr., Trustee
Mrs. Eva Castillo Watts, Trustee

The following Board of Trustee was absent:

Mr. David De Los Rios, Vice President

The following administrators were in attendance:

Ms. Rebecca Castañeda, Acting Superintendent
Dr. Debra Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Leadership
Mr. Alfonso Perez, Jr. Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance

Mr. Tony Torres, Attorney
Mrs. Linda Romeros, TEA Conservator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Dr. Maricela Valdez led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The order of these agenda items may be changed. Consideration of items may include deliberation and/or action.

II. OPEN FORUM

Trustee, Dr. Maricela Valdez welcomed a very special guest Angela Dominguez the new Superintendent of School who official starts October 13, 2021.

Trustee, Dr. Maricela Valdez stated the next item on the agenda is public comment. Before we begin, I will remind our audience members of the Board's procedures for handling public comment. The public comment portion of our meeting is available to members of the public who wish to address an agenda item to be considered by the Board on tonight's agenda.

Anyone who wants to speak during public comment must sign in prior to the start of the meeting and list agenda item or topic they want to discuss. Each public comment speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes which will be maintained by our Legal Counsel to address the Board for each designated agenda item. However, any public testimony speaker who requires a translator, will receive up to 6 minutes to address the Board.

The public comment portion of the meeting will allow all speakers who have signed up before the start of the meeting to address the Board regarding an item on tonight's agenda. Please keep your comments or criticisms civil and courteous. Please also avoid using profanity and refrain from making personal attacks on others during your opportunity to speak. Last, we ask that you do not discuss students who are not your own child.

If a speaker is seeking Board resolution of a specific complaint, that concern should be addressed through the District's grievance process. District policy DGBA has been established for addressing employee complaints, policy FNG is the avenue for filing parent complaints, and policy GF addresses community member complaints. Grievance forms can be obtained at any campus administration office, or in the central administration offices. Thank you, our first speaker is Vera De Vino. Ms. De Vino addressed the Open Forum on agenda item: Approve Donna ISD Resolution for Local Remote Learning Program. Our second speaker is Ms. Juanita Amiel Townsend addressed the Open Forum on agenda item: Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel •Recommendations for Professionals to Include Hiring and Termination Recommendations •Update of

District Personnel. Third speaker is Mr. Michael Palafox addressed the Open Forum on agenda item: 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 the School Attorney. Fourth speaker is Mr. Juan Rodriguez addressed the Open Forum on agenda item: Approve Donna ISD Resolution for Local Remote Learning Program. Fifth speaker is Ms. Laura Gutierrez addressed the Open Forum on agenda item: 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 the School Attorney. Sixth speaker is Mr. Art Flores addressed the Open Forum on agenda item: Approve Donna ISD Resolution for Local Remote Learning Program. And seventh speaker is Mr. Miguel Escobar addressed the Open Forum on agenda item: Approve Donna ISD Resolution for Local Remote Learning Program.

Trustee Perez arrived to the meeting at 5:54 pm.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. District Highlights

Ms. Rebecca Castañeda presented the district highlights.

- 2. August LSG Monitoring Report**
 - Goal 2**
 - GPM 2.1**
 - GPM 2.2**
 - GPM 2.3**
 - Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 2 and Next Steps**
 - Superintendent Constraint 2**
 - CPM 2.1**
 - Board Accept/Reject Report**

Mr. Javier Villanueva and Mrs. Stephanie Powelson-Garza presented the August LSG Monitoring Report A. Goal 2, GPM 2.1, GPM 2.2, GPM 2.3, B. Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 2 and next steps, C. Superintendent Constraint 2, CPM 2.1 and D. Board accept/reject report.

Trustees Valdez, J. Valdez, Perez, Reyna, Watts and Castillo accepted the August LSG Monitoring Report A. Goal 2, GPM 2.1, GPM 2.2, GPM 2.3, B. Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 2 and next steps and C. Superintendent Constraint 2 CPM 2.1. report.

Ms. Rebecca Castaneda stated the following items to be removed and no action will be taken on these Consent Agenda items: A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE - 3. Approve Resolution of Annual Review of Donna ISD Investment Policy and Strategies (policy needs to be address first), 13. Approve Payment to WIFIRUS Regarding Tower Project (will be discussed in Executive Session) and D. HUMAN RESOURCES - 1. Approve to Submit Request to TEA for Teaching Permit for Real Estate Course and Approval to Proceed upon TEA Approval (no need for item) under Consent Agenda.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- 1. Approve Accounts Payable**
- 2. Approve Financial Statements for the Month of August, 2021**
- 3. Approve Resolution of Annual Review of Donna ISD Investment Policy and Strategies**
- 4. Approve Investment Report**
- 5. Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of August, 2021**
- 6. Approve to Purchase 92 OneScreen 75" Touch Interactive Boards from Clary Business Machines in the Amount of \$229,540 and 92 Adjustable Mobile Carts in the Amount of \$36,708 for a Total of \$266, 248**
- 7. Approve to Initiate Payment to Nobel Texas Builders for DISD Portable Classroom Maintenance**
- 8. Approve Payment Application No. 3 for the Donna North High School Kitchen Floor Repairs**
- 9. Approve Payment Application No. 4 for the Donna North High School Kitchen Floor Repairs**
- 10. Approve to Dispose Surplus Items and Auction of Non-Operable Buses**
- 11. Approve to Award XRX Business Solutions a 4-Year Contract for RFP #072921-624 Lease for Multi-Function Copiers, Maintenance and Supplies**

12. Approve to Purchase Classroom Furniture from JR Inc. for Donna North High School in the Amount of \$103,756.25
13. Approve Payment to WIFIRUS Regarding Tower Project
14. Approve Annual Tax Collection Report from Pablo "Paul" Villarreal Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

1. Approve to Cancel RFP #072921-625 for Wireless Infrastructure Upgrade District Wide
2. Approve Wireless Infrastructure Upgrade District Wide Using part of ERate Substitution Plan and ESSR Funds and Award Insight as the Vendor
3. Approve to Cancel the Purchase of Chromebooks from Intech Southwest
4. Approve to Purchase Chromebooks from Awarded Vendor CDW-G
5. Approve the 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan and All Campus Improvement Plans
6. Approve Donna ISD Resolution for Local Remote Learning Program

C. SUPPORT SERVICES

1. Approve Minutes for Regular Board Meeting September 14, 2021 and Special Board Meeting, September 7, 2021

D. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approve to Submit Request to TEA for Teaching Permit for Real Estate Course and Approval to Proceed upon TEA Approval
2. Approve to Designate Jose Rivera as Donna ISD Member Representative for PCAT Property/Casualty Matters

Trustee Castillo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as noted (A. Business and Finance - 1. Approve Accounts Payable, 2. Approve Financial Statements for the Month of August, 2021, 4. Approve Investment Report, 5. Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of August, 2021, 6. Approve to Purchase 92 OneScreen 75" Touch Interactive Boards from Clary Business Machines in the

Amount of \$229,540 and 92 Adjustable Mobile Carts in the Amount of \$36,708 for a Total of \$266, 248, 7. Approve to Initiate Payment to Nobel Texas Builders for DISD Portable Classroom Maintenance, 8. Approve Payment Application No. 3 for the Donna North High School Kitchen Floor Repairs, 9. Approve Payment Application No. 4 for the Donna North High School Kitchen Floor Repairs, 10. Approve to Dispose Surplus Items and Auction of Non-Operable Buses, 11. Approve to Award XRX Business Solutions a 4-Year Contract for RFP #072921-624 Lease for Multi-Function Copiers, Maintenance and Supplies, 12. Approve to Purchase Classroom Furniture from JR Inc. for Donna North High School in the Amount of \$103,756.25, 14. Approve Annual Tax Collection Report from Pablo "Paul" Villarreal Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, B. Academic Services - 1. Approve to Cancel RFP #072921-625 for Wireless Infrastructure Upgrade District Wide, 2. Approve Wireless Infrastructure Upgrade District Wide Using part of ERate Substitution Plan and ESSR Funds and Award Insight as the Vendor, 3. Approve to Cancel the Purchase of Chromebooks from Intech Southwest, 4. Approve to Purchase Chromebooks from Awarded Vendor CDW-G, 5. Approve the 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan and All Campus Improvement Plans, 6. Approve Donna ISD Resolution for Local Remote Learning Program, C. Support Services - 1. Approve Minutes for Regular Board Meeting September 14, 2021 and Special Board Meeting, September 7, 2021 and D. Human Resources - 2. Approve to Designate Jose Rivera as Donna ISD Member Representative for PCAT Property/Casualty Matters). It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees J. Valdez, Valdez, Perez and Reyna voted in favor. The motioned carried.

V. GOVERNANCE

1. Conservator Monthly Report for August 2021

Mrs. Romeros presented the Conservator Monthly Report for August 2021.

VI. The Board Convened into 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. (7:07 p.m.)

A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel

- **Recommendations for Professionals to Include Hiring and Termination Recommendations**
- **Update of District Personnel**

- B. Discussion and Consideration to Employ Advance Academic Director**
- C. Discussion and Consideration to Employ Athletic Director**
- D. Discussion and Consideration of Guerrero, et al v. DISD**
- E. Discussion and Deliberation of the Appointment and Employment of a New Superintendent for the District to Include a Discussion of New Superintendent Contact**
- F. 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 the School Attorney**

The board reconvened back into open session at 8:15 p.m.

VII. OPEN SESSION - Take possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**
 - **Approval of Recommendation for Professionals to Include Hiring and Termination Recommendations**

Trustee Castillo made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel, * Approval of Recommendation for Professionals to Include Hiring and Termination Recommendations. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Valdez, Reyna, J. Valdez and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Employ Advance Academics Director**

Rebecca Castañeda recommended the board to approve to Employ San Juanita Franco for Advance Academics Director.

Trustee Reyna made a motion to approve the recommendation of Rebecca Castañeda. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Perez, Valdez, J. Valdez and Castillo voted in favor. The motioned carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Action to Employ Athletic Director

Rebecca Castañeda recommended the board to approve to Employ Ramiro Leal for Athletic Director.

Trustee Watts made a motion to approve the recommendation of Rebecca Castañeda. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees Castillo, Valdez, Reyna and J. Valdez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Guerrero, et al v. DISD

No action on this item.

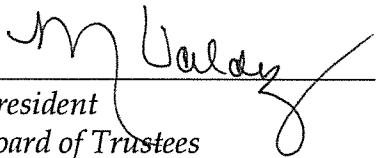
E. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Offer to Employ New Superintendent and Confer Authority to Board President to Execute Contract

Trustee Watts made a motion to approve the offer to employ New Superintendent and Confer Authority to Board President to Execute Contract. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees Castillo, Valdez, Reyna and J. Valdez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

Trustee Castillo thanked Ms. Rebecca Castañeda from the bottom of his heart for taking care of the district. Ms. Rebecca Castañeda said a few words thanking the Board of Trustees.

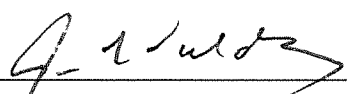
VIII. ADJOURN

Trustee Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Reyna, J. Valdez, Perez and Valdez voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and



Secretary

Date Approved: November 9, 2021