

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

6:00 p.m.

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 6:00 p.m. with the following Board of Trustees were in attendance:

Dr. Maricela Valdez, President
Mr. David De Los Rios, Vice President
Mr. Jose L. Valdez, Secretary
Mr. Fernando Castillo, Trustee
Col Roberto Perez, Trustee
Mr. Jose Rogelio Reyna Jr., Trustee
Mrs. Eva Castillo Watts, Trustee

The following administrators were in attendance:

Ms. Rebecca Castaneda, Acting Superintendent
Dr. Anthony Sorola, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Mr. Rana, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Debra Aceves, 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

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 Ms. Michele E. Castillo. Ms. Michele E. Castillo addressed the Open Forum on agenda item: Approve Request for Approval of COVID-19 Leave Resolution for 2021-2022 School Year.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. District Highlights

Ms. Rebecca Castañeda presented the district highlights.

2. **Presentation of Students for "Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader "Reading Campaign**

Mrs. Velma Rangel presented the video for "Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader "Reading Campaign.

3. **August LSG Monitoring Report**
Goal 1
GPM 1.1
GPM 1.2
GPM 1.3
Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 1 and Next Steps
Superintendent Constraint 1
CPM 1.1
Board Accept/Reject Report

Mr. Rana presented the August LSG Monitoring Report A. Goal 1, GPM 1.1, GPM 1.2, GPM 1.3, B. Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 1 and next steps, C. Superintendent Constraint 1, CPM 1.1 and D. Board accept/reject report.

Trustees Valdez, J. Valdez, Perez, Reyna, Watts, De Los Rios and Castillo accepted the August LSG Monitoring Report A. Goal 1, GPM 1.1, GPM 1.2, GPM 1.3, B. Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 1 and next steps and C. Superintendent Constraint 1 CPM 1.1. report.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

1. **Approve Accounts Payable**
2. **Approve Financial Statements for the Month of July, 2021**
3. **Approve to Initiate Payment to Nobel Texas Builders for Donna ISD Canopy Paint Renovations**
4. **Approve to Award Request for Proposals (RFP) #062421-618 for Fire Extinguisher Inspection & Repair Services**
5. **Approve to Award Request for Proposals (RFP) #072721-622 for Riser Inspection & Repair Services**

6. Approve to Award Request for Proposals (RFP) #080921-627 for Network Security Cameras
7. Approve to Award Request for Proposals (RFP) #080921-626 for Access Control Systems
8. Approve to Award Request for Proposals (RFP) #080921-628 for Intercom System Services
9. Approve to Award Request for Proposals (RFP) #080921-629 for Fire & Security Alarm Monitoring Inspection & Repair Services
10. Approve to Purchase Science Lab Equipment from JR Inc. for Donna High School for a Cost of \$258,731.15

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

1. Approve Insight Public Sector for the Purchase of Cisco Network Equipment Smartnet Renewal
2. Approve Awarded Vendors for RFQ #061521-109 to Purchase Electronic Equipment Year Round 2021-2022
3. Approve Insight Public Sector for the Annual Renewal of Malwarebytes School Year 2021-2022
4. Approve Vendors to Purchase Charger Adapters for Ipads, Chromebooks Hotspots and Cases for devices
5. Approve Vendors Intech Southwest and Apple to Purchase Chromebooks and Ipads to Replace Broken and Stolen Devices
6. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Region One ESC Office of Adult Education and Donna Independent School District
7. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Buckner Children & Family Services, Inc. - FAYS Program for the 2021-2022 School Year
8. Approve Contractor Agreement with Mesquite Treatment Center, LLC for the 2021-2022 School Year
9. Approve Memorandum of Agreement between Region One Education Service Center and DISD to Provide Information System and Support Service Agreement for 2021-2022
10. Approve Submission of TEA Waiver for Remote Conferencing and Remote Homebound Instruction
11. Approve the Superintendent to Approve TEA Waiver Requests for Special Education Remote Conferencing and Remote Special Education Homebound Instruction

12. **Approve the Superintendent to Approve TEA Waiver Requests for Regular Education Remote Conferencing and Remote General Education Homebound Instruction**

C. SUPPORT SERVICES

1. **Approve Minutes for Regular Videoconference Board Meeting August 10, 2021, Special Videoconference Board Meetings, August 16, 2021, August 24, 2021, August 30, 2021 and August 31, 2021**

D. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **Approve 2021-2022 TTESS Appraiser List**
2. **Approve Revision to the 2021-2022 Donna ISD Compensation Plan**
3. **Approve Request for Approval of COVID-19 Leave Resolution for 2021-2022 School Year**
4. **Approve Cooperative Agreement between Donna ISD & Goodside Health**

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V. GOVERNANCE

1. Conservator Monthly Report for July 2021

Mrs. Romeros presented the Conservator Monthly Report for July 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. (7:06 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 Executive Director for Curriculum**
- C. Discussion and Consideration to Employ Executive Director for Data Evaluation & Performance Outcomes**
- D. Discussion and Consideration to Employ Chief of Operations**
- E. Discussion and Consideration of C-3474-19-F; Donna ISD v. Skanska, et al**
- F. Consultation with Attorney and Consideration of Superintendent Hiring Process**
- G. Discussion and Consideration of Candidate(s) for the Position of Superintendent**
- H. 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 8:09 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 De Los Rios 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 Castillo, Valdez, Reyna, J. Valdez and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

B. Discussion and Possible Action to Employ Executive Director for Curriculum

Rebecca Castañeda recommended the board to approve to Employ Stephanie Powelson-Garza for Executive Director for Curriculum.

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

C. Discussion and Possible Action to Employ Executive Director for Data Evaluation & Performance Outcomes

Rebecca Castañeda recommended the board to approve to Employ Jose Javier Villanueva for Executive Director for Data Evaluation & Performance Outcomes.

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

D. Discussion and Possible Action to Employ Chief of Operations

Rebecca Castañeda recommended the board to approve to Employ Javier Garza for Chief of Operations.

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

E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding C-3474-19-F; Donna ISD v. Skanska, et al

Trustee Watts made a motion to approve to authorize attorney to take acting as discussed in Executive Session regarding C-3474-19-F: Donna ISD v. Skanska, et al. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees De Los Rios, Valdez, Reyna, J. Valdez and Castillo voted in favor. The motioned carried.

F. Discussion and Possible Action on Naming of a Lone Finalist for the Superintendent of Schools Position

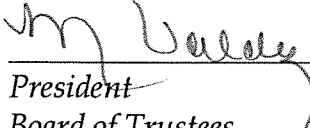
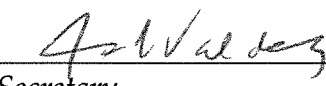
Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve the selection of naming Angela Dominguez as Lone Finalist for the Superintendent of Schools position. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Castillo, Valdez, Reyna, J. Valdez and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Matters, and/or Matters Where the Professional Duty Under State Board Requires Private Consultation with the School Attorney

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve pending or contemplated litigation, settlement matters, and/or matters where the professional duty under State Board to authorize Attorney to take action as discussed in Executive Session. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Castillo, Valdez, Reyna, J. Valdez and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

VIII. ADJOURN

Trustee Watts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Reyna, J. Valdez, Perez, Castillo and Valdez voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Date Approved: October 12, 2021