

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

6:00 p.m.

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The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. For more information on public comment, see Policy BED.

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 (via Zoom)
Mr. Jose L. Valdez, Secretary
Mr. Fernando Castillo, Trustee
Col Roberto Perez, Trustee (*late 6:04 p.m.*)
Mr. Jose Rogelio Reyna Jr., Trustee
Mrs. Eva Castillo Watts, Trustee

The following administrators were in attendance:

Mrs. Velma Rangel, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services (via Zoom)
Mr. Rana, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction (via Zoom)
Dr. Anthony Sorola, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dr. Debra Aceves, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Leadership (via Zoom)
Ms. Rebecca Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Leadership (via Zoom)

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

No one addressed the Open Forum.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Donna Regarding Summer Recreation Program

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Donna regarding Summer Recreation Program (pending facilities being used). It was second by Trustee Castillo. Trustees Valdez, J. Valdez, Perez, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Facility Use Agreement with Deployed Resources

Trustee Perez made a motion to approve Facility Use Agreement with Deployed Resources. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Valdez, J. Valdez, Castillo and Reyna voted in favor. The motioned carried.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Texas Builders' Proposal to Repair Donna North High School Kitchen Floors

Trustee Castillo made a motion to approve Texas Builders' Proposal to Repair Donna North High School Kitchen Floors. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees Valdez, J. Valdez, De Los Rios, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

4. Presentation and Discussion by Marco Flores with Flores & Pelaez Prada Regarding Storm Damage Claims

Mr. Marco Flores with Flores & Pelaez Prada presented information regarding Storm Damage Claims.

IV. 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. (6:35 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 Accept Superintendent Resignation**

- C. Discussion and Consideration of Appointing Interim Superintendent or Naming Acting Superintendent**

- D. Discussion and Consideration on Delegation of Authority to Negotiate Interim or Acting Superintendent Agreement**

- E. Discussion and Consideration of Superintendent Search**

- F. Conduct Hearing in the Proposed Non-Renewal of Term Contract of Eddie Ruiz pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 21.207**

- G. 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 8:56 p.m.

V. 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 De Los Rios, Valdez, Reyna, J. Valdez and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Consideration to Accept Superintendent Resignation

Trustee Perez made a motion to approve to accept Superintendent Resignation. It was second by Trustee Castillo. Trustees Watts, Valdez, Reyna, J. Valdez and De Los Rios voted in favor. The motioned carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on Consideration of Appointing Interim Superintendent or Naming Acting Superintendent

Trustee Valdez made a motion to name Dr. Anthony Sorola as Acting Superintendent for Donna. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Castillo, De Los Rios, Reyna, J. Valdez and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Consideration on Delegation of Authority to Negotiate Interim or Acting Superintendent Agreement

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve to authorize Counsel and Board President to negotiate Interim or Acting Superintendent Agreement. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Castillo, Reyna, J. Valdez and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

E. Discussion and Possible Action on Consideration of Superintendent Search

No action on this item.

F. Discussion and Possible Action on Hearing in the Proposed Non-Renewal of Term Contract of Eddie Ruiz pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 21.207

Trustee Castillo made a motion to non-renewal term contract of Eddie Ruiz. It was second by Trustee J. Valdez. Trustees Watts, Valdez, Reyna and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

