

REGULAR VIDEOCONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, May 11, 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
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:

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez, Superintendent
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 (via Zoom)
Ms. Ludivina Cansino, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations (via Zoom)
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

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez stated the next item on the agenda is the 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 the agenda item they want to discuss. Each public comment speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes. Any public testimony speaker who requires a translator, will receive up to 6 minutes.

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 at this time regarding an item on today's agenda. I ask that you not discuss students who are not your own child.

Policies DGBA, FNG and GF are available for specific complaints regarding employee, parent and community member complaints respectively. Thank you our first speaker is Mr. Daniel Nuñez. Mr. Daniel Nuñez addressed the Open Forum on agenda item: Approve Payment Application 3 to WIFIRUS, LLC for the Completion of 4 Communication Towers.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. District Highlights

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez presented the district highlights.

- 2. May LSG Monitoring Report**
 - Goal 3**
 - GPM 3.1**
 - GPM 3.2**
 - GPM 3.3**
 - Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 3 and Next Steps**
 - Superintendent Constraint 3**
 - CPM 3.1**
 - Board Accept/Reject Report**

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez presented the May LSG Monitoring Report A. Goal 3, GPM 3.1, GPM 3.2, GPM 3.3, B. Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 3 and next steps, C. Superintendent Constraint 3, CPM 3.1 and D. Board accept/reject report.

Trustees Valdez, J. Valdez, Perez, Reyna, Watts, De Los Rios and Castillo accepted the May LSG Monitoring Report A. Goal 3, GPM 3.1, GPM 3.2, GPM 3.3, B. Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 3 and next steps and C. Superintendent Constraint 3 CPM 3.1. report.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Nominate Col Roberto Perez for the Texas Association of School Boards Region 1, Position A Seat

Trustee Watts made a motion to nominate Col Roberto Perez for the Texas Association of School Boards Region 1, Position A Seat. It was second by Trustee Reyna. Trustees Valdez, J. Valdez, Perez and Castillo voted in favor. Trustee De Los Rios voted against. The motioned carried.

4. Recognition of Federico Rios Jr.

Trustee Castillo recognized Federico Rios Jr.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc. Consulting Agreement

Trustee Castillo made a motion to have legal get with the particular Gallagher and make them aware that we are going for RFP regarding Medical Insurance Agents (Superintendent and Attorney working together - Superintendent authorized (purchasing power) month to month). Trustees De Los Rios, Valdez, J. Valdez, Watts and Reyna voted in favor. Trustee Perez voted against. The motioned carried.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Modify Policy BE (Local) Board Members

Mrs. Linda Romeros stated best practices recommends 7 days to add an agenda item prior to Board Meeting I recommend the local policy stays the same, the downside is 3 days gives less time to prepare for a Board Meeting and that is my recommendation.

No action on this item.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Modify Policy CNB (Local) Transportation Management District Vehicles

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve to modify Policy CNB (Local) Transportation Management District Vehicles. It was second by Trustee Castillo on all vehicles under Donna ISD. Trustees J. Valdez and Reyna voted in favor. Trustees Valdez and Watts voted against. Trustee Perez abstained. The motioned carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

1. Approve Accounts Payable
2. Approve Budget Amendments for the Month of May, 2021
3. Approve Financial Statements for the Month of March, 2021
4. Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of March, 2021
5. Approve to Award RFQ #041921-103 Donna North High School Exterior Lighting Replacement Project-Turnkey
6. Approve to Award RFQ #042721-104 for Maintenance and Repair Services
7. Approve to Declare Donna ISD's "Non-Operable" Vehicles to be taken to Auction
8. Approve Payment Application No. 4 and Final in the Amount of \$29,332.33 to Quantum-Mechanical Contractors, LLC for HVAC Replacement Project RFP #080320-555
9. Approve Payment Application 3 to WIFIRUS, LLC for the Completion of 4 Communication Towers

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

1. Approve TEKS Certification Form Submission for the 2021-2022 School Year
2. Approve 3D Academy High School Academic Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year
3. Approve Modified DISD Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year
4. Approve Memorandum of Agreement between Tropical Texas Behavioral Health and Donna ISD

5. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Donna ISD and South Texas Health System Behavioral**

C. SUPPORT SERVICES

1. **Approve Minutes for Regular Videoconference Board Meeting April 13, 2021, Special Videoconference Board Meetings April 9, 2021 and April 19, 2021**

D. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Business Associate Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and Donna Independent School District**
2. **Approve Revisions to the 2020-2021 Donna ISD Compensation Plan**

Trustee Castillo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda (A. Business and Finance - 1. Approve Accounts Payable, 2. Approve Budget Amendments for the of May, 2021, 3. Approve Financial Statements for the Month of March, 2021, 4. Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of March, 2021, 5. Approve to Award RFQ #041921-103 Donna North High School Exterior Lighting Replacement Project-Turnkey, 6. Approve to Award RFQ #042721-104 for Maintenance and Repair Services, 7. Approve to Declare Donna ISD's "Non-Operable" Vehicles to be taken to Auction, 8. Approve Payment Application No. 4 and Final in the Amount of \$29,332.33 to Quantum-Mechanical Contractors, LLC for HVAC Replacement Project RFP #080320-555, B. Academic Services - 1. Approve TEKS Certification Form Submission for the 2021-2022 School Year, 2. Approve 3D Academy High School Academic Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year, 3. Approve Modified DISD Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year, 4. Approve Memorandum of Agreement between Tropical Texas Behavioral Health and Donna ISD, 5. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Donna ISD and South Texas Health System Behavioral. C. Support Services - 1. Approve Minutes for Regular Videoconference Board Meeting April 13, 2021, Special Videoconference Board Meetings April 9, 2021 and April 19, 2021, D. Human Resources - 1. Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Business Associate Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and Donna Independent School District, 2. Approve Revisions to the 2020-2021 Donna ISD Compensation Plan) removing completely or table until next month 9. Approve Payment Application 3 to WIFIRUS, LLC for the Completion of 4 Communication Towers. It was second

by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees J. Valdez and Reyna voted in favor. Trustees Valdez, Watts and Perez voted against. The motioned carried.

V. GOVERNANCE

1. Conservator Monthly Report for March 2021

Mrs. Romeros presented the Conservator Monthly Report for March 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. (7:38 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 Propose the Non-Renewal of Chapter 21 Term Contract of Eddie Ruiz, Teacher**
- C. Discussion and Consideration to Renew Chapter 21 Probationary Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year**
- D. Discussion and Consideration to Renew Chapter 21 Term Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year**
- E. Discussion and Consideration to Renew Non-Chapter 21 Term Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year**
- F. Conduct and Discuss Level III Grievance of:**
 - Diana Quintanilla
 - Norma Torres
- 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 9:18 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 Approve Propose Non-Renewal of Chapter 21 Term Contract of Eddie Ruiz, Teacher**

Dr. Hafeedh Azaiez recommended the board to approve the propose Non-Renewal of Chapter 21 Term Contract of Eddie Ruiz, Teacher.

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

- C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve to Renew Chapter 21 Probationary Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve to renew Chapter 21 Probationary Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Castillo, Valdez, Reyna, J. Valdez and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

D. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve to Renew Chapter 21 Term Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year

Trustee Watts made a motion to approve to renew Chapter 21 Term Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year. It was second by Trustee Reyna. Trustees Castillo, Valdez, Reyna, J. Valdez and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

E. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve to Renew Non-Chapter 21 Term Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve to Renew Non-Chapter 21 Term Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Castillo, Valdez, Reyna, J. Valdez and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

F. Discussion and Possible Action of Level III Grievance of:

- **Diana Quintanilla**

Trustee Perez made a motion to deny Level III Grievance of: Diana Quintanilla. It was second by Trustee J. Valdez. Trustees Castillo, Valdez, Reyna, De Los Rios and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- **Norma Torres**

No action on this item.

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

No Action on this item.

VIII. ADJOURN

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees Reyna, J. Valdez, Watts, Castillo and Valdez voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

