

## REGULAR VIDEOCONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

### Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 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 6:05 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:

Dr. Hafeedh 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 Leadership (via Zoom)  
  
Mr. Tony Torres, Attorney (via Zoom)  
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. Board of Trustees Recognition**

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez said a few words recognizing the Board of Trustees, presenting a video, gift basket and plaque.

#### **2. Recognition to Board of Trustees from South Texas College**

Dr. De Leon from South Texas College said a few words recognizing the Board of Trustees and presenting a small token of appreciation.

#### **3. January 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 January 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, De Los Rios, Watts and Castillo accepted the January 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. The motioned carried.

### **IV. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

#### **1. Discussion and Possible Action of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Redskin Avenue Between Donna ISD and the City of Donna, Texas**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Redskin Avenue between Donna ISD and the City of Donna, Texas. It was second by Trustee Castillo. Trustees J. Valdez, Valdez, Reyna, Watts and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

## **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

1. **Approve Accounts Payable**
2. **Approve Budget Amendments for the Month of January, 2021**
3. **Approve Investment Report: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (September, 2020, October, 2020 & November, 2020)**
4. **Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of November, 2020**
5. **Approve Financial Statements for the Month of November, 2020**
6. **Approve Payment Application No. 2 in the Amount of \$205,509.78 to Quantum-Mechanical Contractors, LLC for HVAC Replacement Project RFP #080320-555**
7. **Approve Change Directive No. 1 for HVAC Project RFP #080320-555 in the Amount of \$15,009.90**
8. **Approve the Installation of 323 OneScreen 75" Touch Interactive Boards by Aisys Consulting, LLC in the Amount of \$66,215.**
9. **Approve to Award the Following Companies for District Wide Construction Professional Services RFQ #111320-324, ROFA Architectural Services, RO Engineering PLLC, A&G Engineering, Raba Kistner, and MEG Engineers**
10. **Approve Payment Application No. 5 in the Amount of \$5,551.95 to Nobel Texas Builders for Early College Renovations**
11. **Approve to Award Earth Irrigation & Landscaping the Renovation of Baseball Fields, Softball Fields and Softball Practice Fields RFP #120120-567**

### **B. SUPPORT SERVICES**

1. **Approve Minutes for Regular Videoconference Board**

**Meeting December 8, 2020 and Special Videoconference  
Board Meeting December 15, 2020**

2. **Approve to Award High End Advertising the Purchase of Student Desk Shields for Campuses District-Wide that Exceed \$50,000 for the 2020-2021 School Year**

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. **Approve Revision to the 2020-2021 Donna ISD Compensation Plan**
2. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Donna, Texas and Donna ISD, Regarding the use of the Donna ISD Facilities for Community COVID Relief Efforts**

Trustee Castillo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda (A. Business and Finance – 1. Approve Accounts Payable, 2. Approve Budget Amendments for the month of January, 2021, 3. Approve Investment Report: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (September, 2020, October, 2020 & November, 2020), 4. Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of November, 2020, 5. Approve Financial Statements for the Month of November, 2020, 6. Approve Payment Application No. 2 in the Amount of \$205,509.78 to Quantum-Mechanical Contractors, LLC for HVAC Replacement Project RFP #080320-555, 7. Approve Change Directive No. 1 for HVAC Project RFP #080320-555 in the Amount of \$15,009.90, 8. Approve the Installation of 323 OneScreen 75” Touch Interactive Boards by Aisys Consulting, LLC in the Amount of \$66,215, 9. Approve to Award the Following Companies for District Wide Construction Professional Services RFQ #111320-324, ROFA Architectural Services, RO Engineering PLLC, A&G Engineering, Raba Kistner, and MEG Engineers, 10. Approve Payment Application No. 5 in the Amount of \$5,551.95 to Nobel Texas Builders for Early College Renovations, 11. Approve to Award Earth Irrigation & Landscaping the Renovation of Baseball Fields, Softball Fields and Softball Practice Fields RFP #120120-567, B. Support Services – 1. Approve Minutes for Regular Videoconference Board Meeting December 8, 2020 and Special Videoconference Board Meeting December 15, 2020, 2. Approve to Award High End Advertising the Purchase of Student Desk Shields for Campuses District-Wide that Exceed \$50,000 for the 2020-2021 School Year, C. Human Resources – 1. Approve Revision to the 2020-2021 Donna ISD Compensation Plan and 2. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Donna, Texas and Donna ISD, Regarding the use of the Donna ISD Facilities for Community COVID Relief Efforts) as presented. It was second by Trustee De Los

Rios. Trustees Valdez, J. Valdez, Reyna, Watts and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

## **VI. GOVERNANCE**

### **1. Conservator Monthly Report for November 2020**

Mrs. Romeros presented the Conservator Monthly Report for November 2020.

## **VII. 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. (7:15 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 Director of Special Education**
- C. Discussion and Consideration to Employ Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Leadership**
- D. Discussion and Consideration of Settlement Proposal Regarding C-3474-19-F; Donna ISD v. Skanska, et al**
- E. 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 8:44 p.m.

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

**B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve to Employ Director of Special Education**

Trustee Perez made a motion to approve to employ Director of Special Education as discussed in Executive Session. It was second by Trustee J. Valdez. Trustees Reyna, Watts and Valdez voted in favor. Trustee Castillo and De Los Rios voted against. The motioned carried.

**C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve to Employ Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Leadership**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve to employ Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Leadership as discussed in Executive Session. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees J. Valdez, Reyna, Castillo, Perez and Valdez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**D. Discussion and Possible Action on Consideration of Settlement Proposal Regarding C-3474-19-F; Donna ISD v. Skanska, et al**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve settlement proposal regarding C-3474-19-F; Donna ISD v Skanska, et al with limitations as discussed in closed session and grant the Superintendent authority to execute some movement documents as necessary. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees J. Valdez, Reyna, Castillo, Watts and Valdez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

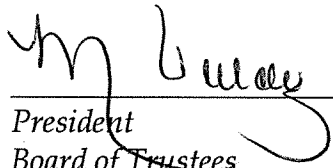
**E. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Matters, and/or**

**F. Matters Where the Professional Duty Under State Board Requires Private Consultation with the School Attorney**

No action on this item.

**IX. ADJOURN**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees J. Valdez, Reyna, Watts, Castillo and Valdez voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

  
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President  
Board of Trustees  
Donna ISD

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Secretary

Date Approved: February 9, 2021