

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Due to the health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, this meeting will be conducted by Videoconference. At least a quorum of the board will be participating by Videoconference in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.125 or 551.127 of the Texas Government Code that have not been suspended by order of the Governor.

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The open portions of this meeting will be recorded and made available to the public upon request.

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 Eva Castillo Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Board of Trustees were in attendance:

Mrs. Eva C. Watts, President
Dr. Maricela Valdez, Vice President
Col Roberto Perez, Secretary
Mr. David De Los Rios, Trustee
Mr. Valentin Guerrero, Trustee via Zoom
Dr. Donna Mery, Trustee via Zoom
Mrs. Alicia Reyna, Trustee via Zoom

The following administrators were in attendance:

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez, Superintendent
Mrs. Velma Rangel, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations via Zoom
Dr. Anthony Sorola, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources via Zoom
Ms. Ludivina Cansino, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance via Zoom
Mr. Rana, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction via Zoom
Dr. Debra Aceves, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership via Zoom

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mrs. Eva Castillo Watts 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 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 today'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 to address the Board. 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 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 reading employee, parent and community member complaints respectively. Thank you our first speaker is Ms. Linda Estrada. Ms. Linda Estrada addressed the Open Forum on the Superintendent Contract.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- 1. Approve to Award BridgeNet Communication for District Wide Fire & Security Alarm Monitoring, Inspections & Repair Services RFP #081320-558**
- 2. Approve to Award Western States Fire Protection for District Wide Fire Extinguisher Services & Repairs RFP #081320-559**
- 3. Approve Quantum Mechanical Contractors to Replace HVAC Units District Wide RFP #080320-555 in the Amount of \$442,360.68**

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- 1. Approve 504/RTI/LPAC/Special Education Management System**

C. SUPPORT SERVICES

1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Region One Education Service Center Office of Adult Education and Donna ISD

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve Consent Agenda (A. Business and Finance – 1. Approve to Award BridgeNet Communication for District Wide Fire & Security Alarm Monitoring, Inspections & Repair Services RFP #081320-558, 2. Approve to Award Western States Fire Protection for District Wide Fire Extinguisher Services & Repairs RFP #081320-559, 3. Approve Quantum Mechanical Contractors to Replace HVAC Units District Wide RFP #080320-555 in the Amount of \$442,360.68, B. Academic Services – 1. Approve 504/RTI/LPAC/Special Education Management System, C. Support Services - 1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Region One Education Service Center Office of Adult Education and Donna ISD). It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Mery, Guerrero, Reyna, Perez and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

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. (6:09 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 of Superintendent Contract**
- D. 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 6:53 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 Mery 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 De Los Rios, Valdez, Guerrero, Perez and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

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

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

- C. Discussion and Possible Action on Superintendent Contract**

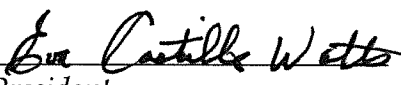

Trustee Mery made a motion to approve to do a 2-year extension as discussed in Executive Session (Superintendent Contract). It was second by Trustee Reyna. Trustees Guerrero, Valdez, Perez and Watts voted in favor. Trustee De Los Rios voted against. The motioned carried.

- D. 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.

VI. ADJOURN

Trustee Valdez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees Mery, De Los Rios, Guerrero, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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President Secretary
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

Date Approved: October 13, 2020