

REGULAR VIDEOCONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 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 via Zoom
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 Mr. Edward Lane. Mr. Lane addressed the Open Forum on RFP #081120-557 Student Accident/ Athletic Insurance for any questions and Mr. John D. Gutschlag also on RFP #08112-557 Student Accident/ Athletic Insurance for any questions and information.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. District Highlights

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez presented the district highlights.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- 1. Approve Accounts Payable**
- 2. Approve Report on Financial Statements for the Month of July, 2020**
- 3. Approve to Dispose Surplus Items**
- 4. Approve to Award Vendor for Request for Proposal (RFP) #080620-556 Equipment Repair, Preventative Maintenance & Services for all Cafeterias**

5. Approve to Purchase Budgeted No-Food Items for all 21 District Cafeteria Kitchens that Cost \$50,000 or More and have been Competitively Bid by the South Texas CO-OP for Child Nutrition
6. Approve to Purchase Budgeted Food Items for all 21 District Cafeteria Kitchens that Cost \$50,000 or More
7. Approve to Initiate Payment to Noble Texas Builders for RFP #051120-544, Application #3 for Early College High School

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

1. Approve MOU Between Donna ISD and Community Development Institute Head Start and Community Partner
2. Approve to Request to Extend the Start of the 2020-2021 School Year Transition Beyond the Four-Week Limit
3. Approve to Renew Renaissance Accelerated Reader Software Buy Board 573-18 (Instructional Materials and Classroom Teaching Supplies & Equipment) for the 2020-2021 School Year
4. Approve Edgenuity as the Awarded Vendor for the Credit Recovery Curriculum All High School and Middle Schools Levels
5. Approve the Purchase of Istation (Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative Approved Vendor Contract No: 16/012MP-07) for Elementary Spanish 2020-2021 Academic School Year
6. Approve the 4 Year Contract Purchase of Imagine Learning Buy Board Approved Vendor Contract Number 573-18

C. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

1. Approve Minutes for Regular Videoconference Board Meeting August 11, 2020 and Special Videoconference Board Meeting August 25, 2020

D. HUMAN RESURCES

1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the Donna ISD and DrOWL.com, Inc.

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez clarified under section B. Academic Services number 6. Approve the 4 Year Contract Purchase of Imagine Learning Buy Board Approved Vendor Contract Number 573-18 is 1 year not 4 year typo.

Trustee Reyna made a motion to approve Consent Agenda (A. Business and Finance - 1. Approve Accounts Payable, 2. Approve Report on Financial Statements for the Month of July, 2020, 3. Approve to Dispose Surplus Items, 4. Approve to Award Vendor for Request for Proposal (RFP) #080620-556 Equipment Repair, Preventative Maintenance & Services for all Cafeterias, 5. Approve to Purchase Budgeted No-Food Items for all 21 District Cafeteria Kitchens that Cost \$50,000 or More and have been Competitively Bid by the South Texas CO-OP for Child Nutrition, 6. Approve to Purchase Budgeted Food Items for all 21 District Cafeteria Kitchens that Cost \$50,000 or More, 7. Approve to Initiate Payment to Noble Texas Builders for RFP #051120-544, Application #3 for Early College High School, B. Academic Services - 1. Approve MOU Between Donna ISD and Community Development Institute Head Start and Community Partner, 2. Approve to Request to Extend the Start of the 2020-2021 School Year Transition Beyond the Four-Week Limit, 3. Approve to Renew Renaissance Accelerated Reader Software Buy Board 573-18 (Instructional Materials and Classroom Teaching Supplies & Equipment) for the 2020-2021 School Year, 4. Approve Edgenuity as the Awarded Vendor for the Credit Recovery Curriculum All High School and Middle Schools Levels 5. Approve the Purchase of Istation (Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative Approved Vendor Contract No: 16/012MP-07) for Elementary Spanish 2020-2021 Academic School Year, 6. Approve the 1 Year Contract Purchase of Imagine Learning Buy Board Approved Vendor Contract Number 573-18, C. District Operations - 1. Approve Minutes for Regular Videoconference Board Meeting August 11, 2020 and Special Videoconference Board Meeting August 25, 2020, D. Human Resources - 1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the Donna ISD and DrOWL.com, Inc.). It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Valdez, De Los Rios, Guerrero, Perez and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

V. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve to Award RFP #081120-557 Student Accident/Athletic Insurance

Trustee Reyna made a motion to approve to award RFP #081120-557 Student Accident/ Athletic Insurance Texas Insurance. It was second by Trustee Guerrero. Trustees Mery, De Los Rios, Valdez, Perez and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

VI. GOVERNANCE

1. Conservator Monthly Report for July 2020

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

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Policy Manual

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve Board Policy Manual. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Mery, Guerrero, Reyna, Perez and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

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. (7:05 p.m.)

A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel

- Recommendations for Professionals to Include Hiring and Termination Recommendations
- Update of District Personnel

B. Conduct and Discuss Superintendent Evaluation

C. Conduct and Discuss Level III Grievance of:

- Yolanda Rodriguez

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 8:26 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 De Los Rios 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 Valdez. Trustees Mery, Guerrero, Reyna, Perez and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Acknowledge Conducting Superintendent Evaluation**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve to acknowledge conducting Superintendent Evaluation. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees Mery, Valdez, Guerrero, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action of Level III Grievance of:**
- **Yolanda Rodriguez**


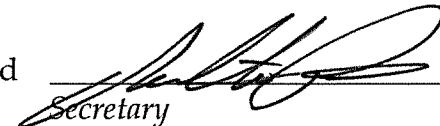
Trustee Valdez made a motion to grant remedies as requested (Level III Grievance of Yolanda Rodriguez) as discussed in Executive Session. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Mery, Guerrero, Reyna, Perez and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- 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.

IX. ADJOURN

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Reyna. Trustees Mery, Valdez, Guerrero, Perez and Watts voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

 and 
President Secretary
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

Date Approved: October 13, 2020