

## SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

### Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Immediately After the Public Hearing

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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 Eva Castillo Watts called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 via Zoom  
Mr. Valentin Guerrero, Trustee via Zoom  
Dr. Donna Mery, Trustee via Zoom (*late*)  
Mrs. Alicia Reyna, Trustee via Zoom

The following Board of Trustee was absent:

Mr. David De Los Rios, Trustee

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**

No one addressed the Open Forum.

## **III. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- 1. Consideration and Approval of an Order by the Board of Trustees of the Donna Independent School District Authorizing the Issuance of "Donna Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020"; Delegating the Authority to Certain Members of the Board of Trustees and District Staff to Execute Certain Documents Relating to the Sale of the Bonds; and Other Matters Incident and Related Thereto**

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve an Order by the Board of Trustees of the Donna Independent School District Authorizing the Issuance of "Donna Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020"; Delegating the Authority to Certain Members of the Board of Trustees and District Staff to Execute Certain Documents Relating to the Sale of the Bonds; and Other Matters Incident and Related Thereto. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees Guerrero, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

## **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1. Approve to Adopt Official Budget for 2020-2021**
- 2. Approve Resolution to Adopt Official Tax Rate for 2020-2021**
- 3. Approve Certified Appraisal Rolls for 2020**
- 4. Approve Final Budget Amendments for School Year 2019-2020**
- 5. Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of July, 2020**
- 6. Approve Amended Adoption of Resolution Ordering the Election on November 3, 2020, for Donna Independent School District At-Large Positions 1, 2, 3 & 4, and Authority to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with the Hidalgo County Elections Department to Conduct Joint Elections (Early Voting Begin Date)**

7. Approve the Purchase of Hand Sanitizer for Students and Staff from Buyboard Vendor Gulf Coast Paper Company, Inc.
8. Approve the Purchase of Teacher Desk Shields from Buyboard Vendor Libra-tech
9. Approve to Renew Vendors by Category for the Request for Proposals Catalog and Discount Bids for the 2020-2021 School Year
10. Approve the Purchase of School Supplies from Ray's Business Products and Gateway Printing for all Donna ISD Students for 2020-2021 School Year

## **B. ACADEMIC SERVICES**

1. Approve 3D Academy 2020-2021 School Calendar
2. Approve the Purchase of the District Annual License for Eduphoria-Premium Suite Edition
3. Approve Insight for the Malwarebytes Endpoint Solution Renewal
4. Approve to Award Vendors Request for Proposals (RFP) #061020-550 SLP, OTR, PT, LSSP, Educational Diagnosticians and Translation Services for School Year 2020-2021
5. Approve Learning.com Renewal for 2020-2021
6. Approve the 4 Year Contract Purchase of Imagine Learning, a Comprehensive Computer-Based Reading and Intervention Program that Maximizes Students' Reading Fluency, Comprehension, and Retention of Foundational Reading Skills and Academic Success Buyboard Approved Vendor Contract Number: 573-18
7. Approve the Purchase of Istation (Comprehensive Computer-Based Reading and Intervention Program that Maximizes Students' Reading Fluency, Comprehension, and Retention of Foundational Reading Skills and Academic Success) for Elementary Spanish for the 2020-2021 Academic School Year Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative Approved Vendor Contract No: 16/012MP-07

## **C. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

1. **Approve the Acceptance Price Agreement Between Texas Public Energy Alliance (TPEA) and Donna ISD (TPEA Member)**

#### **D. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. **Approve The Donna ISD Student Code of Conduct for the 2020-2021 Academic School Year**
2. **Approve the Revisions to the 2020-2021 Donna ISD Compensation Plan**
3. **Approve the 2020-2021 Donna ISD TTESS Appraisers and Appraisal Timeline**
4. **Approve the Property Casualty Alliance of Texas (PCAT) Renewal for Property and Casualty Insurance for the 2020-2021 School Year**

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve Consent Agenda (A. Business and Finance - 1. Approve to Adopt Official Budget for 2020-2021, 2. Approve Resolution to Adopt Official Tax Rate for 2020-2021, 3. Approve Certified Appraisal Rolls for 2020, 4. Approve Final Budget Amendments for School Year 2019-2020, 5. Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of July, 2020, 6. Approve Amended Adoption of Resolution Ordering the Election on November 3, 2020, for Donna Independent School District At-Large Positions 1, 2, 3 & 4, and Authority to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with the Hidalgo County Elections Department to Conduct Joint Elections (Early Voting Begin Date), 7. Approve the Purchase of Hand Sanitizer for Students and Staff from Buyboard Vendor Gulf Coast Paper Company, Inc., 8. Approve the Purchase of Teacher Desk Shields from Buyboard Vendor Libra-tech, 9. Approve to Renew Vendors by Category for the Request for Proposals Catalog and Discount Bids for the 2020-2021 School Year, 10. Approve the Purchase of School Supplies from Ray's Business Products and Gateway Printing for all Donna ISD Students for 2020-2021 School Year, B. Academic Services - 1. Approve 3D Academy 2020-2021 School Calendar, 2. Approve the Purchase of the District Annual License for Eduphoria-Premium Suite Edition, 3. Approve Insight for the Malwarebytes Endpoint Solution Renewal, 4. Approve to Award Vendors Request for Proposals (RFP) #061020-550 SLP, OTR, PT, LSSP, Educational Diagnosticians and Translation Services for School Year 2020-2021, 5. Approve Learning.com Renewal for 2020-2021, 6. Approve the 4 Year Contract Purchase of Imagine Learning, a Comprehensive Computer-Based Reading and Intervention Program that Maximizes Students' Reading Fluency, Comprehension, and Retention of Foundational Reading Skills and Academic Success Buyboard Approved Vendor

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Trustee Mery joined meeting via Zoom at 6:43 pm.

## **V. GOVERNANCE**

### **1. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation**

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve the Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation. It was second by Trustee Reyna. Trustees Mery, Guerrero and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

### **2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Official Delegate and Alternate for the TASB Delegate Assembly**

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve the Official Delegate Col Roberto Perez and Alternate Alicia Reyna for the TASB Delegate Assembly. It was second by Trustee Guerrero. Trustees Mery and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

## **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. (7:10 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 of Angelica Gonzalez Employment Matter/Claim Resolution
- C. Consideration and Discussion of Settlement Agreement Regarding C-3187-16-I; Hugo Yanez v Donna ISD
- 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 8:05 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 Mery 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 Perez. Trustees Valdez, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- A. Discussion and Possible Action of Angelica Gonzalez Employment Matter/Claim Resolution

No action on this item.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action of Settlement Agreement Regarding C-3187-16-I; Hugo Yanez v Donna ISD



Trustee Mery made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement Regarding C-3187-16-I; Hugo Yanez v Donna ISD. It was second by Trustee Reyna. Trustees Valdez, Guerrero, Perez and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**A. 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 Valdez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Reyna, Guerrero, Perez and Watts voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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President Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Donna ISD

Date Approved: September 8, 2020