

## EMERGENCY VIDEOCONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

### Minutes

Monday, March 23, 2020

12:00 Noon

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 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.

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.045, this emergency meeting is posted so immediate action may be taken by the Board in response to an emergency or urgent public necessity involving an imminent threat to public health and safety or a reasonably unforeseeable situation. Immediate action of the Board is necessary based on declaration by the President of the United States, Governor of the State of Texas and Hidalgo County regarding COVID 19.

## **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Board President Eva Castillo Watts called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. with the following board members in attendance:

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

The following board member was absent:

Dr. Donna Mery, 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  
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. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez said a few words thanking everyone.

### **1. Discussion and Possible Action of a Resolution Delegating Authority to the Superintendent to Act in Place of the Board of Trustees During an Emergency Closure**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to accept the Resolution Delegating Authority to the Superintendent to Act in Place of the Board of Trustees During an Emergency Closure. It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Guerrero, Reyna, Watts and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez said a few words thanking the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Eva Castillo Watts, Board President said a few words asking everyone to stay safe and thanking employees, students and parents.

**IV. 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.**

- A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**
  - Recommendations for Professionals to Include Hiring and Termination Recommendations
  - Update of District Personnel
  - Donna High School Head Football Coach
  
- B. 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**

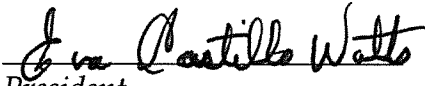
**V. OPEN SESSION - Take possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session.**

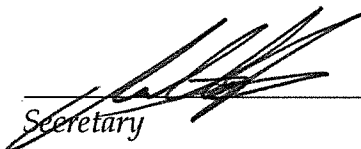
- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**
  - Approval of Recommendation for Professionals to Include Hiring and Termination Recommendations
  - Donna High School Head Football Coach
  
- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Matters, and/or Matters Where the Professional Duty Under State Board Requires Private Consultation with the School Attorney**

Executive Session will be handled under the Resolution Delegating Authority to the Superintendent, Dr. Hafedh Azaiez to Act in Place of the Board of Trustees during an Emergency Closure.

**VI. ADJOURN**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Guerrero, Reyna, Watts and Perez voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

  
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President  
Board of Trustees  
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Secretary

*Date Approved: April 14, 2020*