

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

STAFF DEVELOPMENT CENTER/BOARD ROOM
904 Hester Avenue
Donna, Texas
6:00 p.m.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Mrs. Eva C. Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following board members 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
Dr. Donna Mery, Trustee (*late*)
Mrs. Alicia Reyna, Trustee

The following administrators were in attendance:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mrs. Eva C. Watts led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Trustee Dr. Donna Mery arrived at 6:04 p.m.

The order of these agenda items may be changed. Consideration of items may include deliberation and/or action.

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve to move Open Forum to the beginning of the meeting. It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Reyna, Perez, Watts and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez stated the next item on the agenda is public comment. Before we begin, I will remind our audience members of the Board's procedures for handling 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 tonight's agenda or other topic.

Anyone who wants to speak during public comment must sign in prior to the start of the meeting and list agenda item or topic 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 tonight's agenda.

Please keep your comments or criticisms civil and courteous. Please also avoid using profanity and refrain from making personal attacks on others during your opportunity to speak. Last, we ask that you do not discuss students who are not your own child.

If a speaker is seeking Board resolution of a specific complaint, that concern should be addressed through the District's grievance process. District policy DGBA has been established for addressing employee complaints, policy FNG is the avenue for filing parent complaints, and policy GF addresses community member complaints. Grievance forms can be obtained at any campus administration office, or in the central administration offices.

IV. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Daniel Nuñez addressed the Open Forum commending the Board & Administration and addressing concerns on the Athletic Program not having enough staff at the Middle Schools.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. **Recognition of the DISD Math Department's Bridge to enter Advanced Mathematics (BEAM) Program on Receiving One of Thirty-Four National District of Distinction Awards from District Administration (DA), an American Publication for K-12 Education Leaders - LSG, Goal 3, GPM 3.1 and 3.3**

Dr. Hafehdh Azaiez, Mr. Rana and Mr. Watson recognized DISD Math Department's Bridge to enter Advanced Mathematics (BEAM) Program on receiving one of thirty-four National District of Distinction awards from District Administration (DA), an American Publication for K-12 Education Leaders - LSG. Goal 3, GPM 3.1 and 3.3

2. District Highlights

Dr. Hafehdh Azaiez presented the video with district highlights.

3. **September 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
 - D. **Board Accept/Reject Report**

Dr. Hafehdh Azaiez presented the September 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.

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the September 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. and D. Board

accept/reject report. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Mery, Valdez, Reyna and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

III. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

1. Discussion and Possible Action of Appointment of General Counsel for DISD and Authorize Board President to Execute Professional Services Agreement

Trustee Watts stated speaking with the Superintendent it was brought to her attention that the information on Professional Services Agreement having 60 days was incorrect it is 30 days having 17 or 18 days left in needing General Counsel is why this item was placed on the agenda.

Trustees Watts, Reyna, Mery, Guerrero, Valdez, De Los Rios and Perez discussed appointment of general counsel for DISD and authorize Board President to execute Professional Services Agreement.

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve to appoint Tony Torres for General Counsel for DISD and authorize Board President to execute Professional Services Agreement. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Reyna (don't agree how this was done I have no question I really have thought your services have served our district well), Watts and Perez voted in favor. Trustees Mery and Guerrero (pending RFQ's) voted against. The motioned carried.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Rescind RFQ for Legal Services for DISD

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve to rescind RFQ for Legal Services for DISD. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Perez and Watts voted in favor. Trustees Reyna, Guerrero and Mery voted against. The motioned carried.

IV. OPEN FORUM

Open Forum was moved up to the beginning of the meeting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

1. Approve Accounts Payable
2. Approve Report Financial Statements for the Month of July, 2019
3. Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of July, 2019
4. Approve to Authorize to Award Vendors for Security & Fire Alarm System Monitoring Services, Parts & Repair Services for the 2019-2020 School Year with the Option to Extend up to One (1) Additional Year Period with the Written consent of DISD and Vendors
5. Approve to Authorize to Award Vendors for Fire Extinguishers, Hood Suppression System, Inspection and Repair for the 2019-2020 School Year with the Option to Extend up to One (1) Additional Year Period with the Written Consent of DISD and Vendors

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

1. Approve the Purchase of Istation Reading, a Comprehensive Computer-Based Reading and Intervention Program that Maximizes Student's Reading Fluency, Comprehension & Retention, and Academic Success
2. Approve Memorandum of Agreement Affiliation for Social Works Field Education with Our Lady of the Lake University and Donna Independent School District
3. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Valley Association for Independent Living (VAIL) and Donna Independent School District
4. Approve Interlocal Agreement Between Houston Independent School District and Donna Independent School District Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program
5. Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD) at McAllen ISD and Donna Independent School District for 2019-2020 School Year
6. Approve Learning.com Renewal for 2019-2020

C. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

1. **Approve Minutes for Regular Board Meeting, August 13, 2019, Special Board Meetings, August 8, 2019 and August 27, 2019**
2. **Approve to Exercise the Option to Extend the Contract for Vehicle Repairs for District Owned White Fleet at the Agreed Upon Terms, Conditions, Specifications and Pricing for a One-Year Term Beginning September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020**
3. **Approve to Exercise the Option to Extend the Contract for Vehicle Repairs for District Owned Buses at the Agreed Upon Terms, Conditions, Specifications and Pricing for a One-year Term Beginning September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020**
4. **Approve Payment Application No. 15 in the Amount of \$43,840.13 to NM Contracting, LLC for Todd Middle School Classroom Addition**

D. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **Approve AllState for Employee Paid Cancer, Accident, Critical Illness, Hospital Indemnity, True GAP and Universal Life for 2019-2020**

E. LONE STAR GOVERNANCE

1. **Board Attestation**
2. **LSG Board Tracking Report August 2019**
3. **LSG Board Quarterly Tracking Report**
4. **Approve Board Constraints for the Superintendent: In Attaining the Board's Student Outcome Goals, the Superintendent Shall not: C4 - The Superintendent Shall Not Allow Any Campus to Experience More Than Three Consecutive Years of an "F" or "D": Rating Designation, This Constraint Begins after the First Year of a Superintendent Contract**

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez recommended the board to table items LSG.2 (LSG Board Tracking Report August 2019) and LSG.3 (LSG Board Quarterly Tracking Report).

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Dr. Hafedh Azaiez. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Reyna, Perez, Watts, Mery and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve Consent Agenda (A. Business and Finance - 1. Approve Accounts Payable, 2. Approve Report Financial Statements for the Month of July, 2019, 3. Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of July, 2019, 4. Approve to Authorize to Award Vendors for Security & Fire Alarm System Monitoring Services, Parts & Repair Services for the 2019-2020 School Year with the Option to Extend up to One (1) Additional Year Period with the Written consent of DISD and Vendors, 5. Approve to Authorize to Award Vendors for Fire Extinguishers, Hood Suppression System, Inspection and Repair for the 2019-2020 School Year with the Option to Extend up to One (1) Additional Year Period with the Written Consent of DISD and Vendors, B. Academic Services - 1. Approve the Purchase of Istation Reading, a Comprehensive Computer-Based Reading and Intervention Program that Maximizes Student's Reading Fluency, Comprehension & Retention, and Academic Success, 2. Approve Memorandum of Agreement Affiliation for Social Works Field Education with Our Lady of the Lake University and Donna Independent School District, 3. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Valley Association for Independent Living (VAIL) and Donna Independent School District, 4. Approve Interlocal Agreement Between Houston Independent School District and Donna Independent School District Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program, 5. Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD) at McAllen ISD and Donna Independent School District for 2019-2020 School Year, 6. Approve Learning.com Renewal for 2019-2020, C. District Operations - 1. Approve Minutes for Regular Board Meeting August 13, 2019, Special Board Meetings, August 8, 2019 and August 27, 2019, 2. Approve to Exercise the Option to Extend the Contract for Vehicle Repairs for District Owned White Fleet at the Agreed Upon Terms, Conditions, Specifications and Pricing for a One-Year Term Beginning September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, 3. Approve to Exercise the Option to Extend the Contract for Vehicle Repairs for District Owned Buses at the Agreed Upon Terms, Conditions, Specifications and Pricing for a One-year Term Beginning September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, 4. Approve Payment Application No. 15 in the Amount of \$43,840.13 to NM Contracting, LLC for Todd Middle School Classroom Addition, D. Human Resources - 1. Approve AllState for Employee Paid Cancer, Accident, Critical Illness, Hospital Indemnity, True GAP and Universal Life for 2019-2020, E. Lone Star Governance - 1. Board Attestation and 4. Approve Board Constraints for the Superintendent: In Attaining the Board's Student Outcome Goals, the Superintendent Shall not: C4 - The Superintendent Shall Not Allow Any Campus

to Experience More Than Three Consecutive Years of an "F" or "D": Rating Designation, This Constraint Begins after the First Year of a Superintendent Contract). It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees Guerrero, Watts, Mery, Reyna and Valdez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

VI. GOVERNANCE

1. Conservator Monthly Report for July

Mrs. Romeros presented the Conservator Monthly Report for July.

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. (6:55 p.m.)

- A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**
 - Recommendations for Professionals, Paraprofessionals and Auxiliary Personnel
 - Update of District Personnel
- B. Discussion of and Conduct Superintendent Formative Evaluation**
- C. 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 8:08 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, Paraprofessionals and Auxiliary Personnel**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve recommendation for professionals, paraprofessionals and auxiliary personnel. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees Mery, Watts, Guerrero and Reyna voted in favor. Trustee Valdez voted against. The motioned carried.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Superintendent Formative Evaluation

Trustees Reyna and Watts thanked Dr. Hafedh Azaiez.


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

C. 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 Valdez. Trustees Reyna, Guerrero, Watts, Mery and Perez voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

and 
Secretary

Date Approved: October 8, 2019