

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Minutes
Tuesday, August 27, 2019
Immediately After the Public Hearing

STAFF DEVELOPMENT CENTER/BOARD ROOM
904 Hester Avenue
Donna, Texas

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
Mrs. Alicia Reyna, Trustee

The following administrators were in attendance:

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez, Superintendent
Mrs. Velma Rangel, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations
Mrs. Janie Ybarra-Rodriguez, Director 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. George Farah, 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.

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

II. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

1. Consideration and Approval of the Compensation Plan

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the Compensation Plan (including addition to page 31, Teachers \$500). It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Perez, Watts, Mery, Valdez and Reyna voted in favor. The motioned carried.

2. Approval to Adopt Official Budget for 2019-2020

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve to adopt Official Budget for 2019-2020. It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Perez, Watts, Valdez, De Los Rios and Reyna voted in favor. The motioned carried.

3. Approval of Resolution to Adopt Official Tax Rate for 2019-2020

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve to adopt Official Tax Rate for 2019-2020 (1.2267). It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Perez, Watts, Guerrero, De Los Rios and Reyna voted in favor. The motioned carried.

4. Approval of Certified Appraisal Rolls for 2019

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve Certified Appraisal Rolls for 2019. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Perez, Watts, Guerrero, Mery and Reyna voted in favor. The motioned carried.

5. Consideration and Possible Action to Terminate Legal Service Agreement and Provide Termination Notice to Present General Counsel for Donna ISD

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve to terminate legal services agreement and provide termination notice to present general counsel for Donna ISD. It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Perez and Watts voted in favor. Trustees Mery, Guerrero and Reyna voted against. The motioned carried.

6. Consideration and Possible Action to Seek RFQ's for Legal Services for Donna ISD

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve to seek RFQ's for legal services for Donna ISD. It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Perez and Watts voted in favor. Trustees Mery, Guerrero and Reyna voted against. The motioned carried.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

1. **Approval of Final Budget Amendment for School 2018-2019**
2. **Approval to Reject and Re-Bid RFP #072319-495 Lockdown Barricade Devices for all Campuses to Ensure the School Safety for Shelter in Place Events**
3. **Approval to Dispose Surplus Items**
4. **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 2019"; Levying a Continuing Direct Annual Ad Valorem Tax for the Payment of the Bonds; Prescribing the Form, Terms, Conditions, and Resolving other matters Incident and related to the Issuance, Sale, and Delivery of the Bonds, Including the Approval and Distribution of an Official Statement Pertaining Thereto; Authorizing the Execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, an Escrow Deposit Letter, and a Purchase Contract; Complying with the Letter of Representations on file with the Depository Trust Company; 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; Authorizing the Execution of any Necessary Engagement Agreements with the District's Financial Advisors and/or Bond Counsel; and Providing an Effective Date**

B. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

1. **Approval of Inter-Local Agreement LRGVD Regional Police Academy & DISD Police Department**

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **Approval of Renewal of Property, Auto, General Liability, Educator Liability and Cyber Coverage with Property and Casualty of Texas (PCAT), Carlisle Insurance**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve Consent Agenda (A. Business and Finance - 1. Approval of Final Budget Amendment for School 2018-2019, 2. Approval to Reject and Re-Bid RFP #072319-495 Lockdown Barricade Devices for all Campuses to Ensure the School Safety for Shelter in Place Events, 3. Approval to Dispose Surplus Items, 4. 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 2019"; Levying a Continuing Direct Annual Ad Valorem Tax for the Payment of the Bonds; Prescribing the Form, Terms, Conditions, and Resolving other matters Incident and related to the Issuance, Sale, and Delivery of the Bonds, Including the Approval and Distribution of an Official Statement Pertaining Thereto; Authorizing the Execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, an Escrow Deposit Letter, and a Purchase Contract; Complying with the Letter of Representations on file with the Depository Trust Company; 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; Authorizing the Execution of any Necessary Engagement Agreements with the District's Financial Advisors and/or Bond Counsel; and Providing an Effective Date, B. District Operations - 1. Approval of Inter-Local Agreement LRGVD Regional Police Academy & DISD Police Department and C. Human Resources - 1. Approval of Renewal of Property, Auto, General Liability, Educator Liability and Cyber Coverage with Property and Casualty of Texas (PCAT), Carlisle Insurance). It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Guerrero, Watts, Mery, Perez and Reyna 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. (6:31 p.m.)

- A. **Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**

- **Recommendations for Professionals, Paraprofessionals and Auxiliary Personnel**
 - **Update of District Personnel**
 - **Recommendations for Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract**
 - **Recommendations for Proposed Termination of Probationary Contract**
 - **Recommendations for Chapter 21 Term and Probationary Contract Renewals**
- B. Discussion Regarding Possible Resolution of Cause No. C-4068-18-G Matthew Rokovich vs. Donna ISD et al**
- C. Conduct Hearing in the Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract of Frances Chapa Pursuant to Tex. Edu. Code Section 21.207**
- D. Discussion Regarding Potential Resolution of Carlo Cordova v. Donna ISD et al.**
- E. 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 9:05 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

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel. It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Perez, Mery, Guerrero, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- **Approval of Recommendation for Professionals, Paraprofessionals and Auxiliary Personnel**

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve recommendation for Professionals, Paraprofessionals and Auxiliary Personnel. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Perez, Mery, Guerrero, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- **Approval of Recommendations for Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract**

No action on this item.

- **Approval of Recommendations for Proposed Termination of Probationary Contract**

No action on this item.

- **Approval of Recommendations for Chapter 21 Term and Probationary Contract Renewals**

No action on this item.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution of Cause No. C-4068-18-G Matthew Rokovich vs. Donna ISD et al

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve regarding resolution of case no. C-4068-18-G Matthew Rokovich vs. Donna ISD et al. as discussed in Executive Session. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Perez, Mery, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. Trustee Guerrero abstained. The motioned carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract of Frances Chapa

Trustee Valdez made a motion against regarding proposed nonrenewal of term contract of Frances Chapa as discussed in Executive Session. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Perez, Mery, Guerrero and Watts voted in favor. Trustee Reyna voted against. The motioned carried.

D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Potential Resolution of Carlo Cordova v. Donna ISD et al.


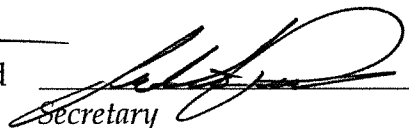
Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve regarding potential resolution of Carlo Cordova v. Donna ISD et al. as discussed in Executive Session. It was second by Trustee Reyna. Trustees Perez, Watts and Mery voted in favor. Trustees Valdez and De Los Rios abstained. The motioned carried.

E. 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

Discussion of letter on behalf of DISD. No action on this item.

VI. ADJOURN

Trustee Valdez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee De Los Rios. Trustees Reyna, Guerrero, Watts, Mery and Perez voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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President Secretary
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

Date Approved: September 10, 2019