

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 23, 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 6:01 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 via Skype

The following administrators were in attendance:

Dr. Hafeedh 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  
Dr. Debra Aceves, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership  
Mr. Rana, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

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. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **1. District Highlights**

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez presented the District Highlights.

### **2. July LSG Monitoring Report**

#### **A. Goal 1**

**GPM 1.1**

**GPM 1.2**

**GPM 1.3**

#### **B. Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 1 and Next Steps**

#### **C. Superintendent Constraint 1**

**CPM 1.1**

#### **D. Board Accept/Reject Report**

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez presented the July LSG Monitoring Report A. Goal 1, GPM 1.1, GPM 1.2, GPM 1.3, B. Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 1 and next steps, C. Superintendent Constraint 1, CPM 1.1 and D. Board accept/reject report.

Trustee Valdez made a motion to approve the July LSG Monitoring Report A. Goal 1, GPM 1.1, GPM 1.2, GPM 1.3, B. Superintendent Evaluation of Goal 1 and next steps and C. Superintendent Constraint 1, CPM 1.1 and D. Board accept/reject report. It was second by Trustee Perez. Trustees Reyna, Watts, Guerrero, Mery and De Los Rios voted in favor. The motioned carried.

### **3. Report from Financial Advisor, Estrada Hinojosa & Co. on Bond Refunding Opportunity for Substantial Interest Savings to the District and State. Presenter: Dr. Miguel De Los Santos**

Dr. Miguel De Los Santos presented the report on Financial Advisor, Estrada Hinojosa & Co. on bond refunding opportunity for substantial interest savings to the district and state.

4. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Dedication of Roadway to the City of Donna Redskin Avenue from FM 493, Salinas Blvd. to Irrigation Canal**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve the dedication of roadway to the City of Donna Redskin avenue from FM 493, Salinas Blvd. to irrigation canal. It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Valdez, Reyna, Watts, Guerrero and Perez voted in favor. The motioned carried.

### **III. OPEN FORUM**

Ms. Kristin Keith addressed the Open Forum with information on improving reading levels.

### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. **Approve Accounts Payable**
2. **Approve Budget Amendments for General Operation for the Month of June 2019**
3. **Approve Report Financial Statements for the Month of May, 2019**
4. **Approve Investment Report: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (March, April & May 2019)**
5. **Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of May, 2019**
6. **Approve to Renew Pablo "Paul" Villarreal, Jr., RTA Tax Assessor-Collector Contract for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**
7. **Approve to Set Date of August 27, 2019 for Public Hearing on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for 2019-2020**

#### **B. ACADEMIC SERVICES**

1. **Approve Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) Application for the Donna 3D Academy for the 2019-2020 Academic School Year**
2. **Approve to Award Vendors for RFP #040219-490 Speech and Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist,**

**Physical Therapist, Licensed Specialist in School  
Psychology, Educational Diagnosticians, and Translation  
Services for School Year 2019-2020**

**C. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

1. **Approve Minutes for Regular Board Meeting,  
June 11, 2019 and Special Board Meeting, June 25, 2019**
2. **Approve to Award Mission Restaurant Supply RFP#  
050719-058 Food Service Food Processors in the Amount of  
\$90,027**

**D. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. **Approve Agreement between Donna ISD and Mesquite  
Treatment Center, LLC**
2. **Approve Renewal of Employee Paid Vision Insurance with  
Superior Vision for 2019-2020 Year**
3. **Approve Renewal of Employee Paid Dental Insurance  
with Ameritas Dental for 2019-2020 Year**
4. **Approve Renewal of Employee Paid Educator Disability  
with Cigna Insurance for the 2019-2020 Year**

**E. LONE STAR GOVERNANCE**

1. **LSG Board June 2019 Tracking Report**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve Consent Agenda (A. Business and Finance – 1. Approve Accounts Payable, 2. Approve Budget Amendments for General Operation for the Month of June 2019, 3. Approve Report Financial Statements for the Month of May, 2019, 4. Approve Investment Report: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (March, April & May 2019), 5. Approve Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of May, 2019, 6. Approve to Renew Pablo “Paul” Villarreal, Jr., RTA Tax Assessor-Collector Contract for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, 7. Approve to Set Date of August 27, 2019 for Public Hearing on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for 2019-2020, B. Academic Services – 1. Approve Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) Application for the Donna 3D Academy for the 2019-2020 Academic School Year, 2. Approve to Award Vendors for RFP #040219-490 Speech and Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, Educational Diagnosticians,

and Translation Services for School Year 2019-2020, C. District Operations - 1. Approve Minutes for Regular Board Meeting, June 11, 2019 and Special Board Meeting, June 25, 2019, 2. Approve to Award Mission Restaurant Supply RFP# 050719-058 Food Service Food Processors in the Amount of \$90,027, D. Human Resources - 1. Approve Agreement between Donna ISD and Mesquite Treatment Center, LLC, 2. Approve Renewal of Employee Paid Vision Insurance with Superior Vision for 2019-2020 Year, 3. Approve Renewal of Employee Paid Dental Insurance with Ameritas Dental for 2019-2020 Year, 4. Approve Renewal of Employee Paid Educator Disability with Cigna Insurance for the 2019-2020 Year, E. Lone Star Governance - 1. LSG Board June 2019 Tracking Report). It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Guerrero, Watts, Perez, Mery and Reyna voted in favor. The motioned carried.

## **V. GOVERNANCE**

### **1. Board Attestation**

Trustee Reyna presented the Board Attestation.

### **2. Conservator Monthly Report for May & June**

Mrs. Romeros presented the Conservator Monthly Report for May & June.

## **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. (7:15 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 of Board Self Evaluation**

- C. **Discussion Regarding Proposed Settlement of Cordova v. DISD; 7:17-cv-14**
- 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 9:27 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, Paraprofessionals and Auxiliary Personnel**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve recommendation for professionals, paraprofessionals and auxiliary personnel as discussed in Executive Session. It was second by Trustee Guerrero. Trustees Reyna, Perez, Mery and Valdez 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 to Approve Board Self Evaluation**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to approve Board Self Evaluation as discussed in Executive Session. It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Reyna, Perez, Mery, Watts and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Settlement of Cordova v. DISD; 7:17-cv-14**

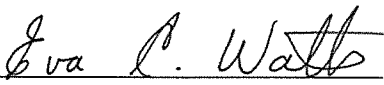

Trustee Mery made a motion to approve regarding proposed settlement of Cordova v. DISD; 7:17-cv-14 negotiations as discussed in Executive Session. It was second by Trustee Guerrero. Trustees Reyna, Perez and Watts voted in favor. Trustees Valdez and De Los Rios abstained. The motioned carried.

**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.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

Trustee De Los Rios made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Valdez. Trustees Reyna, Guerrero, Watts and Perez voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

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President Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Donna ISD

Date Approved: August 13, 2019