

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

6:00 p.m.

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT CENTER/BOARD ROOM

904 Hester Avenue

Donna, Texas

#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Mr. Efren Cenicerros called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following board members in attendance:

Mr. Efren Cenicerros, President  
Mr. Valentin Guerrero, Vice President  
Mrs. Alicia Reyna, Secretary  
Mr. Eloy Avila, Trustee  
Mr. John Billman, Trustee  
Dr. Donna Mery, Trustee  
Mrs. Eva C. Watts, Trustee

The following administrators were in attendance:

Mrs. Maria Filomena Leo, Ed. D., Interim Superintendent  
Mrs. Velma Rangel, Chief Special Programs Officer  
Ms. Sandy Martinez, Accountant (*late*)  
Mrs. Janie Ybarra, Director for Human Resources  
Mr. George Farah, Attorney

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Efren Cenicerros 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.*

#### Board Recognition

1. Board Recognition Month January 2018

Mrs. Sandra Quintanilla recognized the Board with a power point presentation. Following the presentation campus principals/students presented each of the Board Members with a gift and plaque for their dedication and commitment to Donna ISD. Mariachis from Donna North High School and Donna High School performed for the Board.

## **II. OPEN FORUM**

Ms. Leticia Vega Rizo addressed the Open Forum on reinstatement of Mr. Castillo. Also Linda Estrada spoke of concerns on district insurance and informed the Board on the Read Across America Grant Singleterry Elementary received for \$2,000.

## **III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 1. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval to Reschedule Regular Board Meeting from March 13, 2018 to March 20, 2018**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve to reschedule Regular Board Meeting from March 13, 2018 to March 20, 2018.

Trustee Avila made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Mery, Billman and Reyna voted in favor. The motioned carried.

- 2. Report on Health Insurance Fund FY 2016-2017**

Ms. Sandy Martinez presented the Report on Health Insurance Fund FY 2016-2017.

## **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Accounts Payable**
- 2. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Amendments for General Operating for the Month of December, 2017**
- 3. Investment Report: December 2017**
- 4. Financial Statements: District's Financial and Child Nutrition Program for December, 2017**
- 5. Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of November, 2017**

**6. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting  
December 12, 2017 and Special Board Meetings December 5, 2017,  
December 7, 2017 and December 18, 2017**

Trustee Avila made a motion to approve the board to approve Consent Agenda items (1 through 6). It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Mery, Reyna and Billman voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**V. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

**DO.1 Architect's Monthly Report (ROFAA):  
\* Status Report on All of Donna ISD's Current Facility Projects**

Mr. Luis Figueroa presented the Architect's Monthly Report (ROFAA): \*Status Report on All of Donna ISD's Current Facility Projects.

**DO.2 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Schematic Design  
for Todd Middle School Classroom Addition**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve the schematic design for Todd Middle School classroom addition as it was present.

Trustee Billman made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Guerrero. Trustees Mery, Reyna, Avila and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**DO.3 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Dedication of  
Sauceda Middle School Drainage Ditch (4.848 acres) and North  
Avenue Easement (0.06 acres) and North Avenue ROW Easement  
(0.15 acres) for a Total of 5.058 Acres to the City of Donna**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve the dedication of Sauceda Middle School drainage ditch (4.848 acres) and North Avenue easement (0.06 acres) and North Avenue ROW easement (0.15 acres) for a Total of 5.058 acres to the City of Donna pending legal review (concrete road entrance and privacy fence).

Trustee Avila made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Billman. Trustees Mery, Reyna, Watts and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**DO.4 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Dedication of  
Redskin Avenue from FM 493 to Wood Avenue which includes  
10 ft. Easement for All of Redskin Avenue on South side from  
FM 493 and 40 ft. to Wood Avenue for a Total of 1.423 Acres to the  
City of Donna**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve the dedication of Redskin Avenue from FM 493 to Wood Avenue which includes 10 ft. easement for all of Redskin Avenue on south side from FM 493 and 40 ft. to Wood Avenue for a total of 1.423 acres to the City of Donna pending legal review.

Trustee Avila made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Billman and Reyna voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**VI. ACADEMIC SERVICES**

**AS.1 Discussion and Possible Action on the Approval of Title I (A)  
Improving Basic Programs Reallocation NOGA # 1861010118902  
(Fund 211) in the Amount of \$99,588**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve Title I (A) Improving Basic Programs Reallocation NOGA # 1861010118902 (Fund 211) in the amount of \$99,588.

Trustee Watts made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Mery, Billman, Reyna and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**AS.2 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Title I (C)  
Migrant Program Reallocation NOGA #18615001108902 (Fund  
212) in the Amount of \$206,908**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve Title I (C) Migrant Program Reallocation NOGA #18615001108902 (Fund 212) in the amount of \$206,908.

Trustee Watts made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Mery, Billman, Reyna and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**AS.3 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Title III (A) English Language Acquisition (ELA) Reallocation NOGA # 18671001108902 (Fund 263) in the Amount of \$107,063**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve Title III (A) English Language Acquisition (ELA) Reallocation NOGA # 18671001108902 (Fund 263) in the amount of \$107,063.

Trustee Watts made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Mery, Billman, Reyna and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**AS.4 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program (SSAEP) Reallocation NOGA # 18680101108902 (Fund 289) in the Amount of \$6,227**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program (SSAEP) reallocation NOGA # 18680101108902 (Fund 289) in the amount of \$6,227.

Trustee Watts made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Mery, Billman, Reyna and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**AS.5 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction Reallocation NOGA # 18694501108902 (Fund 255) in the Amount of \$54,089**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction Reallocation NOGA # 18694501108902 (Fund 255) in the amount of \$54,089.

Trustee Watts made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Mery, Billman, Reyna and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**AS.6 Discussion and Possible Action to Renew Renaissance Learning Accelerated Reader Subscription for the 2018-2019 School Year for All Elementary and Middle School Libraries**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve to renew Renaissance Learning Accelerated Reader subscription for the 2018-2019 school year for all Elementary and Middle School libraries.

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Mery, Billman, Reyna and Avila voted in favor. The motioned carried.

## **VII. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

### **BF.1 Discussion and Possible Action to Solicit Request for Qualifications (RFQ # 011217-314) for a Law Firm for Delinquent Tax Collections Services for Donna Independent School District**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve to solicit request for qualifications (RFQ # 011217-314) for a Law Firm for Delinquent Tax Collections Services for Donna Independent School District.

Trustee Mery made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Billman, Avila, Reyna and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

### **BF.2 Discussion and Possible Action to reject and rebid RFP 091917-366A for Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance Services for District Owned White Fleet Vehicles for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Years with a One Year Option to Renew**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve to reject and rebid RFP 091917-366A for vehicle repairs & maintenance services for district owned white fleet vehicles for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years with a one year option to renew.

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo (reject and rebid). It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Billman, Reyna and Avila voted in favor. The motioned carried.

### **BF.3 Discussion and Possible Action to reject and rebid RFP 091917-366B for Vehicle Repairs for District Owned Buses for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Years with a One Year Option to Renew**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve to reject and rebid RFP 091917-366B for vehicle repairs for district owned buses for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years with a one year option to renew (preconference with vendors).

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo (reject and rebid). It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Billman, Reyna and Avila voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**VIII. 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. (7:24 p.m.)**

- A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**
- B. Discussion of District Personnel**
- C. Discussion Regarding Resolution of Ernest Lugo v. DISD**
- D. Discussion Regarding Resolution of Maricela Valdez Proposed Termination Hearing**
- E. Discussion Regarding Proposed Resolution of SOAH Docket No. 407-17-5638.F5; Rodolfo Garza and Roy Padilla v. Donna I.S.D.**
- F. Status Update of Executive Search for Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources**
- G. 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 9:52 p.m.

**IX. OPEN SESSION - Take possible action on matters discussed**

**in Executive Session.**

**A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**

No action on this item.

**B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve District Personnel**

Dr. Maria Filomena Leo recommended the board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of personnel as presented in Executive Session with the exception of those positions for which there was a sole applicant.

Trustee Mery made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maria Filomena Leo. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Billman, Reyna, Guerrero and Avila voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution of Ernest Lugo v. DISD**

No action on this item.

**D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution of Maricela Valdez Proposed Termination Hearing**

No action on this item.

**E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Resolution of SOAH Docket No. 407-17-5638.F5; Rodolfo Garza and Roy Padilla v. Donna I.S.D.**

No action on this item.


**F. 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.

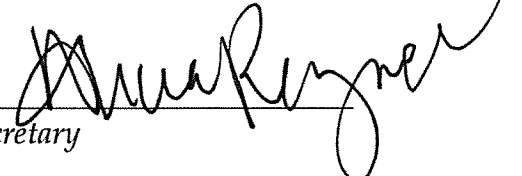


**X. ADJOURN**

Trustee Mery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Billman, Guerrero and Reyna voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

  
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*President*  
*Board of Trustees*  
*Donna ISD*

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*Secretary*

*Date Approved: February 13, 2018*