

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**  
**Immediately After the Public Hearing**

**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 6:18 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 (*late*)  
Mrs. Eva C. Watts, Trustee

The following administrators were in attendance:

Mr. Fernando Castillo, Superintendent  
Mrs. Velma Rangel, Chief Special Programs Officer  
Ms. Sandy Martinez, Accountant  
Mrs. Janie Ybarra, Director for Human Resources  
Mr. George Farah, Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The pledge of Allegiance/moment of silence was done during the Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Fernando Castillo deleted 11. (Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Purchase of Furniture for Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms for Elementary Schools) under section IV. CONSENT AGENDA.

### **Board Recognition**

#### **1. Presentation of Donna ISD Literacy Parade Winners**

Mr. Tomas Tamez recognized the Donna ISD Literacy Parade Winners.

## **II. OPEN FORUM**

- Ms. Camryn Moreno (DHS student) addressed the Open Forum on cheer
- Mrs. Jessica Moreno Lino also addressed the Open Forum on cheer
- Ms. Dolores Castillo addressed the Open Forum on Superintendent - administration leave
- Mr. Alberto Garza addressed the Open Forum on Board Members
- Ms. Amalia Mata addressed the Open Forum on Cheer
- Ms. Maria M. Zenor and Maria signed up for Open Forum on cheer they were not present when it was their time to speak.

Dr. Donna Mery, Trustee arrived late at 6:42 p.m.

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

### **1. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval to Reschedule Regular Board Meeting from January 9, 2018 to January 16, 2018**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve to reschedule Regular Board Meeting from January 9, 2018 to January 16, 2018.

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

## **HR. HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **HR.1 Discussion and Possible Action on DISD Resolution on Safe Zones for Learning**

Trustee Reyna made a motion to approve to set up a time during a Principal's Meeting to have a training provided by local NEA Chapter that would be about supporting recent immigrant students and their family (DISD Resolution on Safe Zones for Learning). It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Billman, Mery and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**HR.2 Discussion and Possible Action on Progress Implementing DISD Due Process Policies**

Trustee Mery made a motion to approve to have a workshop discussing this in further detail have the supervisors and staff attend for their input and then revisited (Progress Implementing DISD Due Process Policies). It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Billman, Guerrero, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**HR.3 Report on Health Insurance – Plan Year 2017-2018**

Mrs. Angie De Los Rios presented the Report on Health Insurance – Plan Year 2017-2018.

**HR.4 Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend and Approve an Executive Search Firm**

Trustee Billman made a motion to approve James Guerra and Associates Executive Search Firm. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Mery, Reyna and Guerrero voted in favor. Trustee Watts voted against. The motioned carried.

**HR.5 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2017-2018 DISD Cheerleading Constitution and all Addendums Effective Immediately**

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to table the 2017-2018 DISD Cheerleading Constitution and all Addendums effective immediately. It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Billman, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Accounts Payable**

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Amendments for General Operating and Special Revenue for November, 2017
3. Investment Report: November 2017
4. Financial Statements: District's Financial and Child Nutrition Program for November, 2017
5. Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of October, 2017
6. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting November 14, 2017 and Special Board Meeting November 28, 2017
7. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval to Purchase the Instructional Software Imagine Math (Formerly Think Through Math On-Line Math Program) for the Remainder of the 2017-2018 School Year
8. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Carl D. Perkins Reallocation Increase in the Amount of \$23,344 for a Total Grant Amount of \$284,519
9. Discussion and Possible Action to Advertise and Solicit Request for Proposals (RFP #120417-370) E-Rate Eligible Services for Category II Funding Year 2018
10. Discussion and Possible Action to Reject Proposal (RFP #092917-362) for Contracted Services for Psychological Services for Students with Special Needs
11. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Purchase of Furniture for Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms for Elementary Schools (This item was deleted.)

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 10.

Trustee Billman made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Fernando Castillo. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Mery, Reyna and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

## **DO. 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.

## **AS. ACADEMIC SERVICES**

**AS.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval for the Purchase of ThinkWrite Ultra Durable USB Headsets for the 2017-2018 TELPAS Tests**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the purchase of ThinkWrite ultra durable USB headsets for the 2017-2018 TELPAS Tests as noted.

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

**BF. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**BF.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of 2017 Tax Roll Totals for Donna Independent School District**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the 2017 Tax Roll totals for Donna Independent School District.

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

**BF.2 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Letter of Agency for Funding 2018-2027 Allowing Region One Education Service Center to Represent Donna ISD of the Procurement of Internet Access Service, Wide Area Network Fiber Service, Category 1 Network Equipment and Internal Connections**

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the letter of agency for funding 2018-2027 allowing Region One Education Service Center to represent Donna ISD of the procurement of Internet Access Service, wide area network fiber service, Category 1 network equipment and internal connections. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Mery, Billman, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**V. 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. (8:41 p.m.)**

- A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel
- B. Discussion of District Personnel
- C. Discussion Regarding Placing Superintendent on Paid Administrative Leave
- D. Discussion Regarding Selection of Interim Superintendent
- 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 11:21 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of personnel as discussed in Executive Session.

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

- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve District Personnel

No action on this item.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Placing Superintendent on Paid Administrative Leave

Trustee Billman made a motion to approve to place our Superintendent on paid administrative leave. It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Guerrero and Avila voted in favor. Trustees Cenicerros, Reyna (stated "I believe we need to focus on hiring a great CFO and a great Assistant Superintendent of HR I really want to see the Superintendent Evaluation process play out this year and to really see how the Superintendent does against the goals that we set in the beginning of the year for those reasons I vote oppose.") and Watts (stated the same reasons Trustee Reyna) voted against. The motioned carried.

**D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Selection of Interim Superintendent**

Trustee Billman made a motion to approve to bring in Dr. Filomena Leo as Interim Superintendent. It was second by Trustee Guerrero. Trustees Mery, and Avila voted in favor. Trustees Reyna and Watts voted against. The motioned carried.

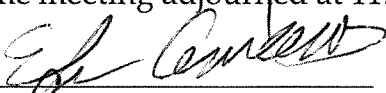
Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve Mr. Castillo's administrative leave take effect on Friday at the end of the day. It was second by Trustee Billman. Trustees Mery, and Avila voted in favor. Trustees Reyna, Cenicerros and Watts voted against. The motioned carried.


**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**

No action on this item.

**VII. ADJOURN**

Trustee Avila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Guerrero. Trustees Mery, Billman and Reyna voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

  
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President  
Board of Trustees  
Donna ISD

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Secretary

Date Approved: January 16, 2018