

## **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

### **Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

**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 6:06 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:

Mr. Fernando Castillo, Superintendent  
Mr. Javier Villanueva, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Mrs. Velma Rangel, Chief Special Programs Officer  
Ms. Sandy Martinez, Accountant  
Mrs. Alyssa Romero, Attorney  
Mr. George Farah, Attorney via Skype (Executive Session only)

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mr. Fernando Castillo 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.*

Mr. Fernando Castillo deleted item BF.3 (Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Blackboard Inc., an Emergency and Daily Event Notification System

(This System will also Include Customized Notices for Attendance and Library Fee Recovery Programs)).

Trustee Alicia Reyna welcomed everyone back and said a few words about Houston to keep them in our prayers. Trustee Valentin Guerrero and Mr. Fernando Castillo said a few words about our plan of action with students that have been displaced.

## **BF. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

### **BF.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Amendments for General Operating for the Month of August 2017**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the Budget Amendments for General Operating for the month of August 2017.

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

### **BF.2 Discuss and Possible Action to Approve IHR Transport to Ship 3-5 more Loads of Leased Computers to Garden Grove, California (Insight Investment Warehouse)**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the IHR Transport to ship 3-5 more loads of leased computers to Garden Grove, California (Insight Investment Warehouse)).

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

### **BF.3 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Blackboard Inc., an Emergency and Daily Event Notification System (This System will also Include Customized Notices for Attendance and Library Fee Recovery Programs)**

This item was deleted.

## **HR. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**HR.1 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2017-2018 Student Code of Conduct for Donna ISD**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the 2017-2018 Student Code of Conduct for Donna ISD with the understanding that I would like to recommend to remove corporal punishment completely all of Donna ISD even though we know that the state of Texas does allow it but as a district it is administration to have the authority to say nay or aye.

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

**II. 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. (6:53 p.m.)**

Mr. George Farah, Attorney joined Executive Session via Skype.

- A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**
- B. Discussion of District Personnel**
- C. Discussion Regarding Draft Forensic Audit Report**
- 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 11:32 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve District Personnel as discussed in Executive Session specifically those three Paraprofessions discussed.

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

**C. Discussion Regarding Draft Forensic Audit Report**

This item was not an action item.

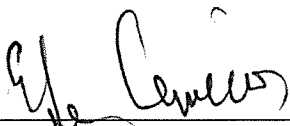
**D. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Matters, and/or Matters Where the Professional Duty Under State Board Requires Private Consultation with the School Attorney**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board 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 as discussed in Executive Session specific with the case that was noted.


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

**IV. ADJOURN**

Trustee Reyna made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Mery, Billman, Guerrero and Watts voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

  
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President  
Board of Trustees  
Donna ISD

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Secretary

Date Approved: September 12, 2017