

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 22, 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 6:40 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  
Mrs. Eva C. Watts, Trustee

The following board member was absent:

Dr. Donna Mery, 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

**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.*

## **BF. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

### **BF.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval to Adopt Official Budget for 2017-2018**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve to adopt official budget for 2017-2018.

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Fernando Castillo as presented by Ms. Martinez. It was second by Trustee Billman. Trustees Cenicerros, Watts and Avila voted in favor. Trustee Reyna voted in favor stating I'll just name that I'm a little bit nervous taking this much money out of our cushion in the fund balance and I understand that we're allocating the money we may not necessarily spend it all. The motioned carried.

### **BF.2 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval to Adopt Official Tax Rate for 2017-2018**

Trustee Guerrero stated I guess it's a clarification on this issue that the proposed tax rate is staying the same it has been I don't know based on the report we got the same as 2013 I mean 2010 it has not gone up it's been at 1.25 1.2582 for those last years but may affect our tax payers this is one of the issues that I have and I want to be put on record and It's very important because every year our Hidalgo County Appraisal District out of Hidalgo County Edinburg goes out and they drive around and they assess the value of homes you may have not done anything to your home but because of the surrounding area of new developments and there has been a lot of new developments in the Donna area there is a lot of new colonies, subdivisions that are popping up everywhere and all those subdivision have kids that have to be educated and they take a field that was previously appraised at fifty-thousand dollars for a hundred acre field and now they make it a subdivision and now it went up from fifty-thousand to you know 2.5 million dollars because now it's not an agriculture field it's a development it's a subdivision so the value just by doing that goes up eight to ten times the value and that is one of the reasons they are assuming that Donna is a fast growing area and they come in there and adjusted all the values. I go every year and I contest the value because I haven't done anything to my home and yet they want to go up forty fifty sixty thousand dollars on the value and if you don't go and contest it they assume you are okay with it you know and people who contest usually get some type of adjustment so any way that's the reason we are doing this.

Trustee Billman stated to make it very clear that the appraised value is due to the County and not Donna ISD.

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve to adopt official Tax Rate for 2017-2018 that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption Tax Rate of 1.2582 which is the new tax effective rate of 8.92% increase to the tax rate. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Billman, Cenicerros, Reyna and Watts voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**BF.3 Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Amendments for General Operating for the Month of August 2017**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve budget amendments for general operating for the month of August 2017.

Trustee Guerrero stated that he wanted to go on record wanted to thank Ms. Martinez, Mr. Cavazos and accounting staff.

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

**BF.4 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Certified Appraisal Rolls for 2017**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve Certified Appraisal Rolls for 2017.

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

**BF.5 Discussion and Possible Action to Purchase Teacher and Office Supplies District Wide for the 2017-2018 School Year**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve to purchase teacher and office supplies district wide for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

## **HR. HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **HR.1 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisal Calendar for the 2017-2018 School Year**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) appraisal calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

### **HR.2 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisal List for the 2017-2018 School Year**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) appraisal list for the 2017-2018 school year.

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Fernando Castillo. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Billman, Reyna and Avila voted in favor. 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. (7:15 p.m.)**

- A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**
- B. Discussion of District Personnel**
- C. Discussion Regarding the Recommendation to Propose the Termination of the Term Contract of Librado S. De Hoyos for Good Cause**

**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 8:11 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 Billman made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Fernando Castillo. It was second by Trustee Reyna. Trustees Guerrero, Avila and Watts 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.

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

**C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Recommendation to Propose the Termination of the Term Contract of Librado S. De Hoyos for Good Cause**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to regarding the recommendation to propose the termination of the term contract of Librado S. De Hoyos for good cause for this item.


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

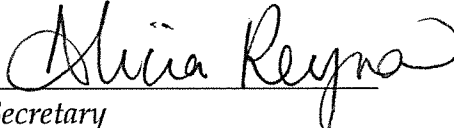
No action on this item.

**IV. ADJOURN**

Trustee Watts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Guerrero. Trustees Billman, Reyna and Avila voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

  
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President  
Board of Trustees  
Donna ISD

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Secretary

Date Approved: September 12, 2017