

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 25, 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 6:07 p.m. with the following board members in attendance:

Mr. Efren Cenicerros, President

Mr. Valentin Guerrero, Vice President

Mrs. Alicia Reyna, Secretary (via phone conference call beginning at 6:05 p.m.)

Mr. Eloy Avila, Trustee

Mr. John Billman, Trustee

Dr. Donna Mery, Trustee

The following board member was absent:

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

Mr. George Farah, 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.*

Mr. Fernando Castillo deleted HR.1 (Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Donna Independent School District Compensation Plan & Procedures for 2017-2018) and stated Mrs. Alicia Reyna, Secretary - Board of Trustee would be on a phone conference call during the Regular Board Meeting from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## **II. OPEN FORUM**

Mrs. Raquel Martinez addressed the Open Forum with concerns on girls/cheer and Mrs. Jessica Moreno with concerns on the cheer program.

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

### **1. Introduction of The Texas Education Agency Monitor**

Mr. Fernando Castillo introduced Ms. Linda Romeros Texas Education Agency Monitor.

Ms. Linda Romeros Texas Education Agency Monitor said a few words as to her role at Donna ISD.

Mr. Valentine Guerrero stated that he would like to go on record and I want everybody and the audience to please take note of this is that the reason that the Monitor is being placed at Donna ISD is not because of the present sitting board rather it's for the actions of the previous board and the inactions of the pervious board and I just want to go on record stating that I feel that this board is trying to take positive actions to correct any wrong doings that may have happened in the past and doing so it's something it's a hard decision that we as board members decided to do when we came on board. When we received a letter from TEA we discussed it with our legal counsel and we asked do you guys think we should fight this and we had to weigh out the pros and the cons and our most of our campaign we ran on the issue of transparence and with that being said transparence is a very important and vital part of governance we have to be transparent to our constituents and that was one of the reasons why we openly welcomed the brining in of the Monitor Mrs. Romeros and you know we welcome you. And we hope that any things that need to be corrected you know we will take any action that need to be done and we are going to challenge Mr. Castillo and his staff to also be vigilant of all those things that need to be done and if there's minor stuff that needs to be done let's do it and if there is major stuff that need to be let's do it. We need to take that positive step forward we

need to make sure the people of Donna understand that they elected a board that is going to be cognizant of what they want you know and we are going to be willing to answer and try to respond to their questions we welcome you Ms. Romero and thank you for coming.

**2. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend the 2017-2018 School Calendar to be in Compliance with House Bill 441 (Memorial Day)**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve to amend the 2017-2018 school calendar to be in compliance with House Bill 441 (Memorial Day).

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

**3. Report on the House Bill 5 District and Campus Community and Student Engagement Performance Rating for 2016-2017**

Mrs. Velma Rangel presented the report on the House Bill 5 District and Campus Community and Student Engagement Performance Rating for 2016-2017.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Nominations for the TASB Board of Directors for Region 1, Position A**

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve nomination for the TASB Board of Directors for Region 1, Position A - Sylvia P. Atkinson. It was second by Trustee Billman. Trustees Mery, Avila and Reyna voted in favor. The motion carried.

**5. Report on Donna ISD "Makes it Happen Campaign"**

Mrs. Sandra Quintanilla presented the report on Donna ISD "Makes it Happen Campaign" and Mr. Guadalupe Ibarra said a few words on the "Makes it Happen Campaign".

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Accounts Payable**

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Mery, Billman and Reyna voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**2. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Amendments for General Operating and Special Revenue for the Month of June, 2017**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the budget amendments for General Operating and Special Revenue for the month of June, 2017 as noted.

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

**3. Investment Report: June 2017**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the Investment Report 2017.

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

**4. Financial Statements: District's Financial and Child Nutrition Program for June, 2017**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the Financial Statements: District's Financial and Child Nutrition Program for June, 2017.

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

**5. Report on Monthly Tax Collections for the Month of May, 2017**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the report on monthly tax collections for the month of May, 2017.

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

**6. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting  
June 6, 2017 and Special Board Meetings June 22, 2017,  
June 27, 2017 and June 29, 2017**

Trustee Avila made a motion to approve the Minutes for Regular Board Meeting June 6, 2017 and Special Board Meetings June 22, 2017, June 27, 2017 and June 29, 2017. It was second by Trustee Billman. Trustees Mery, Guerrero and Reyna 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.

**DO.2 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval to Initiate Payment  
to Tadco Roofing, for Application Payment No. 1 for the A.P.  
Solis Middle School Gymnasium Re-Roofing Project**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve initiate payment to Tadco Roofing, for Application Payment No. 1 for the A.P. Solis Middle School Gymnasium re-roofing project (\$249,470).

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

**AS. ACADEMIC SERVICES**

**AS.1 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Renewal of  
Membership for Donna I.S.D. in Region One's Library Services  
and Instructional Resources Virtual Library Cooperative for the  
2017-2018 School Year**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the renewal of membership for Donna I.S.D. in Region One's Library Services and Instructional Resources Virtual Library Cooperative for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

**AS.2 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Title I (A)  
Improving Basic Programs Reallocation NOGA #17610101108902  
(Fund 211) in the Amount of \$48,600**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the Title I (A) Improving Basic Programs Reallocation NOGA #17610101108902 (Fund 211) in the amount of \$48,600.

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

**AS.3 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Title II (A)  
Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting Reallocation NOGA  
#1769450108902 (Fund 255) in the Amount of \$4,149**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the Title II (A) Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting Reallocation NOGA #1769450108902 (Fund 255) in the amount of \$4,149.

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

**BF. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**BF.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval to Set Date of  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> for Public Hearing on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate  
for 2017-2018**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve to set date of August 22<sup>nd</sup> for Public Hearing on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for 2017-2018.

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

**BF.2 Discussion and Possible Action to Award Vendor Request for Quote (RFQ) #080116-021 for Purchase of Two (2) Used Semi Tractor Trailers for the Band Department to Transport Band Equipment**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve to award vendor request for quote (RFQ) #080116-021 for purchase of two (2) used semi tractor trailers for the Band Department to transport band equipment.

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

**BF.3 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of 2017 Donna Independent School District Anticipated Collection Rate and Excess 2016 Debt Tax Collections**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve the 2017 Donna Independent School District anticipated collection rate and excess 2016 debt tax collections.

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

**HR. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**HR.1 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Donna Independent School District Compensation Plan & Procedures for 2017-2018**

This item was deleted.

**HR.2 Discussion and Possible Action to Award Student Accident/Athletic Insurance for School Year 2017-2018 RFP #041117-360**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve to award student accident/athletic insurance for school year 2017-2018 RFP #041117-360 as noted by the two presenters (Coach Rock & Coach Leal) Texas Insurance Option 1.

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

**HR.3 Discussion and Possible Action to Solicit Community Physicians to Volunteer for Services for Donna ISD to Include but not Limited to the Signing of Standing Orders**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve to solicit community physicians to volunteer for services for Donna ISD to include but not limited to the signing of standing orders.

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Fernando Castillo. It was second by Trustee Avila. Trustees Mery, Billman and Reyna 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. (7:40 p.m.)**

- A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**
- B. Discussion on District Personnel**
- C. Discussion Regarding Cause No. CL-17-1313-H; Jeff Everitt D/B/A Jeff Everitt and Associates v. Donna I.S.D.; County Court at Law No. 8; Hidalgo County, Texas**
- D. Discussion Regarding Rescinding the Termination of Roxanne Gonzalez's Probationary Contract Pursuant to Proposed Settlement**
- E. Discussion Regarding Proposed Settlement Offer of Christina Ray**
- F. Discussion Regarding Demand Letter of Michael Soto**



**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**

Mrs. Alicia Reyna left the meeting via phone conference at 8:18 p.m.

The board reconvened back into open session at 9:39 a.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 Avila made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Fernando Castillo. It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Billman and Guerrero 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 Mery. Trustee Cenicerros voted in favor. Trustee Avila voted against. The motioned carried.

**C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Cause No. CL-17-1313-H; Jeff Everitt D/B/A Jeff Everitt and Associates v. Donna I.S.D.; County Court at Law No. 8; Hidalgo County, Texas**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve regarding Cause No. CL-17-1313-H; Jeff Everitt D/B/A Jeff Everitt and Associates v. Donna I.S.D.; County Court at Law No. 8; Hidalgo County, Texas as discussed in Executive Session by Legal Counsel and Trustees.

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

**D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Rescinding the Termination of Roxanne Gonzalez's Probationary Contract Pursuant to Proposed Settlement**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve regarding rescinding the termination of Roxanne Gonzalez's Probationary Contract pursuant to proposed settlement as noted General Counsel recommendation.

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

**E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Settlement Offer of Christina Ray**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve regarding proposed settlement offer of Christina Ray as discussed by General Counsel and Trustees.

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

**F. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Demand Letter of Michael Soto**

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve regarding Demand Letter of Michael Soto as per General Counsel recommendation as discussed in Executive Session.

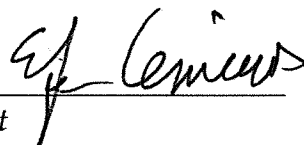
Trustee Avila made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Fernando Castillo. It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Billman and Guerrero voted in favor. The motioned carried.

**G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Regarding 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 Billman and Mery voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

  
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President  
Board of Trustees  
Donna ISD

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Secretary

Date Approved: August 8, 2017