

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, January 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 6:02 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
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 moved item BF.1 (Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2016) immediately

after BF.7 (Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Pro Sound Inc. as Vendor for the Purchase of AXIS IP Cameras to Replace Outdated Cameras at Certain Campuses).

AS. ACADEMIC SERVICES

AS.1 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Out-of-Country Travel to Munich, Germany for Donna I.S.D. Students Participating in the German American Partnership Program with our Partner School Ferdinand Von Miller Realshule

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve out-of-country travel to Munich, Germany for Donna I.S.D. student participating in the German American Partnership Program with our partner school Ferdinand Von Miller Realshule.

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

AS.2 Discussion and Possible Action to Purchase Bilingual (Word to Word) Dictionaries

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve to purchase Bilingual (Word to Word) dictionaries.

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

BF. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

BF.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2016

This item was moved immediately after BF.7 (Discussion and possible Action on Approval of Pro Sound Inc. as Vendor for the Purchase of AXIS IP Cameras to Replace Outdated Cameras at Certain Campuses).

BF.2 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Appointment of General Counsel for Donna ISD and

Authorize the Board President to Execute Professional Services Contract

Trustee Billman made a motion to rebid to appointment General Counsel for Donna ISD and authorize the Board President to execute Professional Services Contract. The motioned failed.

Trustee Reyna made a motion to hold off until the fee scheduled is worked out to appointment General Counsel for Donna ISD and authorize the Board President to execute Professional Services Contract. It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustee Billman voted against. The motioned failed.

Trustee Avila made a motion to approve to approve appointment of General Counsel Guerra & Farah, PLLC for Donna ISD and authorize the Board President to execute Professional Services Contract. It was second by Trustee Guerrero. Trustees Mery, Watts, Reyna and Ceniceros voted in favor. Trustee Billman voted against. The motioned carried.

BF.3 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Appointment of the Best Qualified Firm to Perform a Forensic Audit for Donna ISD and Authorize the Board President to Execute Professional Services Contract

Trustee Guerrero made a motion to table to the appointment of the best qualified firm to perform a Forensic Audit for Donna ISD and authorize the Board President to execute Professional Services Contract. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Billman, Mery, Reyna and Avila voted in favor. The motioned carried.

BF.4 Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Amendments for General Operating and Special Revenue for the Month of January, 2017

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve budget amendments for general operating and special revenue for the Month of January, 2017.

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

BF.5 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of the UT/RGV Aetna Grant in the Amount of \$28,000 for all Elementary Campuses

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve UT/RGV Aetna Grant in the amount of \$28,000 for all elementary campuses.

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

BF.6 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of the Evaluation Contract between Donna ISD 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), Cycle 9 Program and Comprehensive Training Center in the Amount of \$30,000

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve Evaluation Contract between Donna ISD 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), Cycle 9 Program and Comprehensive Training Center in the amount of \$30,000.

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

BF.7 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Pro Sound Inc. as Vendor for the Purchase of AXIS IP Cameras to Replace Outdated Cameras at Certain Campuses

Mr. Fernando Castillo recommended the board to approve Pro Sound Inc. as vendor for the purchase of AXIS IP cameras to replace outdated cameras at certain campuses.

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

BF.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2016

Trustee Reyna made a motion to approve the Financial Audit for Fiscal Year ending August 31, 2016 with the corrections of Board Members listing (page).

It was second by Trustee Mery. Trustees Billman, Cenicerros, Watts and Guerrero voted in favor. Trustee Avila abstained. 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. (7:55 p.m.)

- A. Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel**
- B. Discussion of District Personnel**
- C. 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 8:29 p.m.

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

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation**

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

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

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

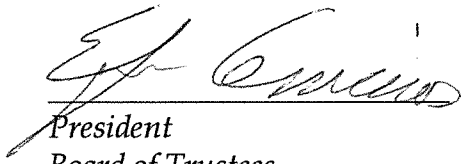
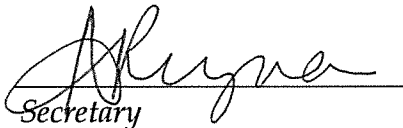
No action on this item.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on 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 Guerrero made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Trustee Watts. Trustees Mery, Avila, Billman and Reyna voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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President Secretary
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD

Date Approved: February 13, 2017