

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - 6:00 PM

The Board of Trustees met in the Staff Development Center/Board Room located at the Donna ISD Administration Building at 904 Hester Avenue, Donna, Texas 78537 to deliberate the matters noted below.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Fernando Castillo called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

- *Fernando Castillo, President*
- *Jose Rogelio Reyna, Vice-President*
- *Ida M. Garcia, Secretary*
- *Eloy Avila, Trustee*
- *Jose L. Valdez, Trustee*
- *Dr. Maricela Valdez, Trustee*
- *Eva Castillo Watts, Trustee*

The following Administrators/Individuals were also in attendance:

- *Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent*
- *Alfonso Perez, Jr. Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance*
- *Rebecca Castañeda, Deputy Superintendent*
- *Griselda Alvarez, Executive Director for Leadership & Federal Programs*
- *Stephanie Powelson-Garza, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction*
- *Javier Villanueva, Executive Director for Leadership & CCMR*
- *Javier Garza, Chief Operations Officer*
- *Domingo Aguirre, Jr., Police Chief*
- *Sandra Quintanilla, Public Relations Officer*
- *Tony Torres, School Attorney*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

II. OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak during the Open Forum.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. District Highlights

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent presented on the following:

- *Goal 3: Focus on Operational Excellence*
 - *School Safety & Security*
 - *Our district was well ahead of several additional safety measures that the state mandated*
 - *District Vulnerability Assessment to be done in the Fall by TEA*
 - *District doing mock visits to prepare staff at all campuses*
 - *Bond Update*
 - *Outdoor Learning Spaces*
 - *Mobilization on additional wings has begun at Salazar, Garza & Singleterry*
 - *Solis, Todd & DHS – by the end of September, 75% of the design should be complete*
 - *Muñoz – currently conducting a traffic study*
 - *Current hold on the following due to the addition of new wings:*
 - *Tracks for Garza & Singleterry*
 - *Outdoor learning spaces for Salazar, Garza & Singleterry*
 - *Updates can be found online on the District Community Webpage*
 - *Safety Protocols have been put in place once Construction Workers are present at the campuses*

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. LSG Progress and Accountability Goal 1 and 2 Action Plan.

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent shared the Lone Star Governance for Goal 1 and 2

- *Presented 3rd grade Action Plan for Goal 1 and Goal 2*
- *Discussed the need to evaluate Goal 1 and Goal 2 targets for 2024-2025 and beyond*
- *Examined Superintendent's Evaluation*
- *C&I Strategic Initiatives for 3rd Grade Success in Math and Reading*
- *School Leadership Actions*

Eloy Avila made a motion to accept at the Monitor level, which was seconded by Ida M. Garcia. Jose R. Reyna, Eva Castillo Watts, Jose L. Valdez, Dr. Maricela Valdez and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Eva Castillo Watts made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Eloy Avila. Ida M. Garcia, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, Dr. Maricela Valdez and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

A. **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- a. Approve Accounts Payable.
- b. Approve Financial Statements for July 2024.
- c. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for July 2024.
- d. Approve to extend the lease agreement between Donna I.S.D. and R. Gonzalez Farms (Rodolfo Gonzalez, Jr. Owner) for the lease of farmland for 24 months.
- e. Approve to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program surplus to be taken to auction.
- f. Approve renewal of vendors Donna Glass & Mirror and D&R Commercial Glass for RFP 031023-733 Windows & Glass Repair Services for the 2024-2025 School Year.
- g. Approve awarded vendor Toshiba Business Solutions a Forty Eight (48) Month contract for RFP #071624-806 Lease for Multi-Function Copiers and Contract for Maintenance and Supplies.
- h. Approve renewal for Protech Mechanical, Inc. for RFP 081823-742 Preventative Maintenance, Repairs and Emergency Services for Chillers, Cooling Towers, Pump/Motors and Boilers (including Water Treatment) for the 2024-2025 School Year.
- i. Approve renewal of vendors Blue Line Air Conditioning and Border Air Conditioning Inc. for RFP 081823-743 Contracted Services for HVAC repair for the 2024-2025 School Year.
- j. Approve to award companies for Request for Qualifications (RFQ)#081324-388 Construction Professional Services, (SAMES, Green Rubiano & Associates, MEG Engineers, AMTECH Solutions, UES Professional Solutions and Raba Kistner) for the 2024-2025 School Year.
- k. Approve continuation of purchasing AC Units using ESSER funds not to exceed \$425,000.00.

B. **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

- a. Approve Out of State Travel for 3 employees to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona.

C. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- a. Approve Teach for America District Educational Professional Service Agreement for School Year 2024-2025.
- b. Approve M.O.U. between Donna ISD and University of Houston Clear Lake School of Library.

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Board Workshop/Special Board Meeting held on August 6, 2024.
- b. Approve minutes for Public Hearing Meeting, August 20, 2024.
- c. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, August 20, 2024
- d. Approve minutes for the Special Board Meeting, August 30, 2024.

VI. 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.

The Board of Trustees went into Executive Session at 6:34 pm.

- A. Discussion and Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel Matters
 - Recommendations for Professionals to Include Contract Renewal, Hiring, Adjustments, Termination, and Rescission Recommendation
 - Update of District Personnel
- B. Discuss and conduct Superintendent's Evaluation
- C. Discussion and consideration regarding Teacher MBP "no good cause" finding pursuant to 19 TAC section 249.14
- 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 School Attorney.

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

The Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 7:28 pm

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Superintendent's Recommendation of Personnel
 - Approve the Recommendation for Professionals to Include Contract Renewal, Hiring, Adjustments, Termination, and Rescission Recommendations

No action.


- B. Discussion and possible action on Teacher MBP "no good cause" finding pursuant to 19 TAC 249.14

Eloy Avila made a motion to approve action on teacher MBP "no good cause" finding pursuant to 19 TAC 249.14, which was seconded by Eva Castillo Watts. Ida M. Garcia, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, Dr. Maricela Valdez and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURN

Ida M. Garcia made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, which was seconded by Eva Castillo Watts. Eloy Avila, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, Dr. Maricela Valdez, and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.



*Fernando Castillo, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*



*Ida M. Garcia, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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Board Approved: October 8, 2024