

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 2024 - Immediately after Public Hearing

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 5:42 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*
- *Rashad Rana, Executive Director for Organizational Development*
- *Javier Villanueva, Executive Director for Leadership & CCMR*
- *Javier Garza, Chief Operations Officer*
- *Sandra Quintanilla, Public Relations Officer*
- *Tony Torres, School Attorney*

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:

- *Already completed one full week of school.*
- *Thanked our families for choosing to have their children at Donna ISD.*

- *Focus on Student Success*
 - *Instruction started off strong at all campuses at Donna ISD.*
- *Student Outcomes*
 - *AP Solis – Highest Performing Campus in Donna ISD (3rd year as Highest Performing Campus)*
 - *Most Growth from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024*
 - *LeNoir Elementary*
 - *J.W. Caceres Discovery Academy*
 - *Singleterry Elementary*
 - *P.S. Garza Elementary*

B. Discussion and possible action to endorse a candidate to represent Region 1 on the TASB Board of Directors.

Nominees for Region 1, Position A (Term: 2024-2027)

- *Alison Busse-Savage, Lyford CISD*
- *Yolanda Castillo (PSJA ISD)*
- *Deborah Crane Aliseda (McAllen ISD)*
- *Marcos Garcia (Mercedes ISD)*

Dr. Maricela Valdez made a motion to endorse Marcos Garcia from Mercedes ISD, which was seconded by Eloy Avila. Ida M. Garcia, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, Eva Castillo Watts, and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. LSG Progress and Accountability Annual Targets Review, Supt. Constraint 1.1, Board Constraint 1

Mr. Javier Villanueva, Executive Director for Leadership & CCMR presented the following:

- *Reviewed LSG Board Goal Targets for 2024-2025*
- *Reviewed relevant data for Superintendent's Constraint 1.1*
- *Reviewed relevant data for Board Self-Constraint 1*
- *Examined Superintendent's Evaluation*

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. *Prior to voting, Dr. Angela Dominugez, Superintendent asked that Item "c" under Business and Finance (Approve to Adopt Resolution Setting Maintenance and Debt Services Tax Rate for 2024-2025.) be pulled from the Consent Agenda. It will be voted on independently.*

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

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- a. Approval to Adopt Official Budget for 2024-2025.
- b. Request for Approval of Disaster Pennies Resolution
- c. Approve to Adopt Resolution Setting Maintenance and Debt Services Tax Rate for 2024-2025.

Dr. Maricela Valdez made a motion to approve the Adoption Resolution Setting the Maintenance and Debt Services Tax Rate for 2024-2025, which was seconded by Eva Castillo Watts. Eloy Avila, Ida M. Garcia, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. The motion carried.

- d. Approval of Certified Appraisal Rolls for 2024.
- e. Approve Final Budget Amendments for School Year 2023/2024.
- f. Approve Accounts Payable.
- g. Approve Financial Statements for June 2024.
- h. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for June 2024.
- i. Possible action to renew Excess Workers Compensation Policy for School Year 2024-2025
- j. Approve Utility Services for the 2024-2025 school year.
- k. Approval to purchase budgeted non-food items for all 22 district cafeteria kitchens that cost over \$50,000 or more and have been competitively bid by the South Texas CO-OP for the Child Nutrition Program.
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- m. Approval for Hellas Construction, Inc. to add on eleven (11) more Elementary Schools: Caceres, LeNoir, Salazar, Garza, Singleterry, Munoz, Adame, Guzman, Stainke, Truman Price and Salinas for outdoor learning spaces.
- n. Possible Action to renew Property and Casualty Insurance with Carlisle Insurance for School Year 2024-2025.
- o. Discussion and Approval to donate a portable building to the City of Donna.
- p. Approval to declare non-operable vehicles for auction.

- q. Approval to go over \$50,000 for intercom system installation with awarded vendor, ArtCom, RFP#080921-628 for Ochoa Elementary and Stainke Elementary.
- r. Approval to extend SAS General Building Services, Inc. to RFP#092321-632 Preventive Maintenance, Equipment, & Repair Services for District-Wide Cafeterias for the School Year 2024-2025.

C. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Approval to amend the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar Spring Break dates.
- b. Approve amendment to MOU between Donna ISD and Hidalgo County Head Start.
- c. Approve Optional Flexible School Day Program, allows districts to provide flexible hours and days of attendance for students who meet at least one of the requirements in the Texas Education Code 29.0822(a).
- d. Approve Interlocal Agreement between South Texas College and Donna ISD for the 2024-2025 Dual Credit Program.
- e. Approve Interlocal Agreement between South Texas College and Donna High School Early College for 2024-2025.
- f. Approve Interlocal Agreement between South Texas College and Donna North High School Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) Academy for 2024-2025.
- g. Discussion and Possible Action on the CDW-G Annual Subscription of Sentinel One for the school year 2024-2025.
- h. Approval of contract renewal for the 24-25 school year with TNTP for Phase 4 Implementation of the Elementary and Secondary Dual Language Program in the amount of \$398,000
- i. Approval of purchase of Curriculum Associates iReady/Think UP Math and Reading Program Renewal with professional development for the 24-25 school year for grades K-8 in the amount of \$492,877.00

D. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Approve TASB update 123
- b. Approval of the 2024-2025 Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisers.

E. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, July 16, 2024

V. 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 6:03 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. 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.

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

The Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 6:56 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

Eloy Avila made a motion to approve the recommendations for Professionals made in closed session, which was seconded by Eva Castillo Watts. Ida M. Garcia, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Dr. Maricela Valdez abstained. The motion carried.

VII. ADJOURN

Eloy Avila made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, 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.

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.



*Fernando Castillo, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*



*Ida M. Garcia, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*

Board Approved: September 12, 2024