

Donna Independent School District
Board Workshop / Special Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, August 6, 2024 - 12:00 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 WORKSHOP TO ORDER

Board President Fernando Castillo called the Board Workshop/Special Board Meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

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

The following Board Member was absent:

- *Eloy Avila, 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*
- *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. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2024-2025 Budget Workshop Presentation

Mr. Alfonso Perez, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Gerardo Cavazos, Finance Director presented the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget (Workshop #3).

The following areas were discussed:

- *Funding Parameters for FY 2024-2025*
- *Property Values & Tax Rate FY 2024-2025*

- *FIRST Indicator #20*
- *Fund Balances*
- *Budget Adjustments*
- *Budget Summary*

What's next?

- *Tentative Calendar*
 - *Public Hearing on August 20, 2024*
 - *Approve Budget*
 - *Set Tax Rate*
 - *Approve Certified Tax Roll*

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Item C (Executive Session) and Item D (Open Session) were removed from the Consent Agenda. These items will be addressed individually.

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

A. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Approve the renewal of Eduphoria. Premium suite Edition with TEKS Bank for 2024-2025.
- b. Approve the 2024-2025 Donna ISD Student Handbook.
- c. Approval of the 2024-2025 Donna ISD Student Code of Conduct.
- d. Approval of on-site/virtual coaching and support from The National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) for J.P. LeNoir Elementary for the 2024-2025 school year.

B. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Request for Approval of Teacher Waiver Application Submission to Texas Education Agency.
- b. Approval to set date of August 20, 2024 for public hearing on Budget and Property Tax Rate for 2024-2025
- c. Approval of Order calling for school board trustee election to be held November 5, 2024.

C. 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 12:18 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

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

The Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 12:55 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

A motion to approve the Superintendent's Recommendations made in Executive Session was made by Eloy Avila, and seconded by Eva Castillo Watts. Jose L. Valdez, Dr. Maricela Valdez, and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

V. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Workshop/Special Board meeting was made by Eva Castillo Watts, and seconded by Dr. Maricela Valdez. Ida M. Garcia, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.



*Fernando Castillo, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*



*Ida M. Garcia, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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Board Approved: August 20, 2024