

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, July 16, 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. Please note that two members of the Board of Trustees participated remotely, pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.127, by videoconference at this Regularly Called Meeting. However, a physical quorum of the Board was present at the above-referenced location.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Fernando Castillo called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

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

Note:

Ida M. Garcia, left the meeting at 6:50 pm and Jose R. Reyna left the meeting at 7:09 pm

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*
- *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 introduced Dr. Daniel P. King, Region One Executive Director who presented the Donna ISD School Board their Commemorative Trophy honoring them as 2023-2024 Board of the Year for Region One.

Luciano "Chano" Garza representing the RGV Boys State Alumni Group and Skylar Howell, former Donna ISD alumni and 2021 Boys State participant. Skylar has been a counselor at Boys State for the last two years. They presented the Donna ISD delegates to Texas Boys State this year and thanked Donna ISD for their continued support. RGV Boys State Alumni Group sponsored four students and the local American Legion sponsored six of the students. This year Donna ISD had a record number of participants, five from each High School. Present this evening were: Jose Ramirez and Nelson Barrera.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. LSG Progress and Accountability Presentation Goal 1 and 2

Mrs. Stephanie Powelson-Garza, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction presented on the following.

- *Reviewed LSG Board Goals 1 & 2 Data at EOY*
- *Reviewed LSG Board Goals 1 & 2 Data at EOY by Special Population*
- *Reviewed Reinforcements*
 - *Increased implementation of Goal 1 strategies: gradual release model, explicit instruction (PK3-12th)*
 - *Teacher assistants have been receiving training consistently to support their role in instruction*
 - *System in place to identify teachers in need of additional support; progress monitoring every 2 weeks for students, weekly for teachers.*
- *Reviewed Refinements*
 - *Ensure the fidelity of use of the Donna ISD Weekly Instructional Planning protocol at the campus level to maximize teacher content internalization (provide content PD in Spanish)*
 - *Continue to develop our district Lead Teachers with monthly trainings with focus on high quality instruction and feedback.*
 - *Continue to develop our district instructional leaders (lead teachers, campus admin & strategists) on the giving teachers high quality feedback.*

A motion to accept at the Monitor Level was made by Eva Castillo Watts, and seconded by Jose L. Valdez. Eloy Avila, Jose R. Reyna, Dr. Maricela Valdez, and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Eloy Avila, and seconded by Eva Castillo Watts. 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 May 2024.
- c. Approve Investment Report: 3rd Quarter (March 2024, April 2024, and May 2024).
- d. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for May 2024.
- e. Approval to Set Date of August 13, 2024, for Public Hearing on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for 2024-2025.
- f. Approval to award ARLU Security Solutions for Request for Proposals (RFP)# 051524-798 Access Control Systems.
- g. Approval to award Patina Fire & Safety for Request for Proposals (RFP) #051524-799 Fire Extinguisher Inspections & Repair Services.
- h. Approval to award Artcom Communications South, LLC for Request for Proposals (RFP)# 051524-800 Intercom Systems Services.
- i. Approval to award ARLU Security Solutions for Request for Proposals (RFP) #051524-801 Network Security Cameras.
- j. Approval to award Western States Fire Protection for Request for Proposals (RFP) #051524-802 Riser Inspection and Repair Services.
- k. Approval to award Mission Restaurant Supply for Request for Proposals (RFP)#052824-804 Serving Lines and Freezer/Cooler Replacement in the amount of \$1,067,688.41.
- l. Approval to award Mission Restaurant Supply for Request for Proposals (RFP)#052824-805 Large Equipment for CNP in the amount of \$508,127.06.
- m. Request for Approval to award CSP# 042624-386 Garza, Singleterry, and Salazar Elementary School Additions to ECON Group/Construction.

B. **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

- a. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between Region One, ESC Adult Education and Donna ISD.
- b. Approval for purchase of 43 Dell Laptop Computers and two charging carts that will be utilized by the McKinney Vento students on a checkout basis.
- c. Approval of purchase of band instruments for Donna High School from Sweetwater in the amount of 83,457.81
- d. Approval of purchase of band instruments for Donna High School from Steve Weiss Music in the amount of \$52,081.95
- e. Approval of purchase of band instruments for Donna High School, Donna North High School, Saucedo MS and Veterans MS from Washington Music Center in the amount of \$143,287.00.

C. **SUPPORT SERVICES**

- a. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, June 11, 2024
- b. Approve minutes for Special Board Meeting held on June 18, 2024.
- c. Approve minutes for Board Workshop/Special Board Meeting held on June 18, 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 7:09 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 Consideration of the Term Contract of Employee S.M. To include discussion of voiding, terminating and/or suspension of contract
- 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 School Attorney.

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

The Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 7:53 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.

- B. Discussion and Possible action regarding Employee S.M.'s term contract.

No action taken.

VIII. **ADJOURN**

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

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.



Fernando Castillo, President



Ida M. Garcia, Secretary

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Board Approved: August 13, 2024