

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - 6:00 PM

The Board of Trustees will meet 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 Castilo Watts, Trustee*

The following Administrators/Individuals were also in attendance:

- *Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent*
- *Alfonso Perez, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance*
- *Rashad Rana, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services*
- *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 the following:

- *Graduation: May 24th*
- *All students finish on May 23rd*
- *Many ceremonies, acknowledgments, and great things happening to acknowledge our students and staff have been taking place throughout the district*

- *The major highlight this evening is the accomplishment of Rivas Primary Discovery Academy. For the first time in the history of Donna ISD, we had one of our schools acknowledged by the HEB Excellence Award at the State Level. Rivas won at the State level against some very tough competition. They are the 2024 Early Childhood Award Winner along with a \$25,000 grant.*

Dr. Dominguez thanked the Board and Community for buying into a vision that is very unique for our area. We are the only Early Childhood Center that operates from PK3 to 2nd Grade. Just after two years recognized at the State level is a tremendous accomplishment.

She thanked everyone in the district who contributed to the revision of Rivas, to the teachers and staff at Rivas and Caceres because it was a combined effort to transition both school sites. Enrollment has grown to over 150 students at the Rivas site.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. LSG Progress and Accountability Goal 1 & 2 GPMS: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3

Mr. Javier Villanueva, Executive Director of Data Evaluation and Performance Outcomes presented the following:

- *Review LSG Board Goals 1 & 2 GPM Data at EOY*
- *Review LSG Board Goals 1 & 2 GPM Data at EOY by Special Population*

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

- *Review Reinforcements and Refinements*

The motion to accept LSG Goal 1 & 2 GPMS's 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 at the Model level was made by Dr. Maricela Valdez, and seconded by Ida M. Garcia. Ida M. Garcia, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, Eva Castillo Watts and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Ida M. Garcia, and seconded by Eva Castillo Watts. Eloy Avila, 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 March 2024.
- c. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for March 2024.
- d. Approve Audit Engagement Letter with Cascos & Associates for 2023-2024.
- e. Approval of agreement with Unifirst, via the BuyBoard cooperative 670-22, for the Mops and Mats to exceed \$50,000 per year for the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027.
- f. Approval to award vendor ADP Lemco for Request for Bids (RFB) 040324-002 Purchase of Washers and Dryers in the amount of \$125,467.63.
- g. Approval to award D. Wilson Construction for Request for Qualifications RFQ 041724-336 Construction Manager at Risk Delivery Method for Renovations and Additions to Donna High School, Todd and AP Solis Middle Schools and delegation of authority to Administration to Negotiate Agreement with D. Wilson Construction
- h. Approval to award vendor, as recommended by Administration, for RFP 041924-795 Student Accident/Athletic Insurance for the school years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 with two (2) additional years in one (1) year increments.
- i. Approval to declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to taken to auction.
- j. Approval to award vendors by category (Exhibit A) for the Request for Catalog and Discount Bids for the 2024-2025 School Year with the option to extend up to two (2) additional years in one (1) year increments if all parties are in agreement.

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Approval for out of state travel to the 2024 National Leadership and Skills USA Competition in Atlanta, Georgia.
- b. Approve the Renewal of Renaissance Accelerated Reader Software for the 2024-20025 school year.
- c. Request for Approval of the Region One Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative for 2024-2025.
- d. Approval of Out of State Travel for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 2024 Summer Symposium from July 31-August 1, 2024 at San Francisco, CA for our four ACE Staff.

- e. Approve Interlocal Agreement between the University of Texas at Austin and Donna ISD for the 2024-2025 OnRamps Program.
- f. Approval of Career & Technical Education Textbook Adoption per Proclamation 2024.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Request approval to designate Rebecca Castañeda, Deputy Superintendent, as the District's Records Management Officer (RMO).
- b. Approval of Donna I.S.D. Compensation Plan for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- c. Approval to participate in the TASB's 2024-2026 Advocacy Agenda Resolution Process.

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, April 9, 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 6:35 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 C-4807-18-I; Sanchez v. DISD
- C. Discussion and consideration of the employment of DAEP Principal
- 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.

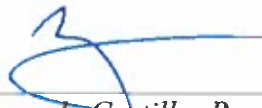
The Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 8:19 pm.

- 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
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding C-4807-18-I; Sanchez v. DISD
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve the Administration's recommendation for DAEP Principal

VIII. ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting was made by Eloy Avila, and 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 7:29 pm



*Fernando Castillo, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*

and



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

Board approved: June 11, 2024