

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 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. Please note that members of the Board of Trustees may participate remotely, pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.127, by videoconference at this Regularly Called Meeting. However, a physical quorum of the Board shall be present at the above-referenced location.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Fernando Castillo called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:01 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 Castilo Watts, Trustee*

The following Board Member was on via TEAMS:

- *Eloy Avila, Trustee*

The following Administrators/Individuals were also in attendance:

- *Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent*
- *Adela Troncoso, Assistant 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 some brief updates:

- *Lone Star Governance CCMR data will be shared by the CCMR team*
- *CCMR Teachers were added to secondary campuses*
- *Site Visit with HEB last week. We will know on May 5th at the Awards Ceremony*

- *She thanked the team who had a part in putting things together and the students, staff, and community members who sat in on the panel.*

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. LSG Progress and Accountability Presentation Goal 3: GPM 3.1 and 3.2.

Mr. Juan Leal, CTE Director, and Ms. San Juanita Franco, Director of Advanced Academics will be assisting Dr. Dominguez with the Presentation.

They reviewed the following:

- *LSG Board Goal 3*
- *Relevant Data*
- *Reinforcements and refinements*
- *Exam Superintendent's Evaluation of Goal 3*
- *Reinforcements (College Ready)*
 - *K-12 Parent Modules on TSIA and College Readiness*
 - *6-12 CCMR Lessons aligned to TSIA and other college readiness initiatives*
 - *Training & Support for grades 8-12 CCMR Tracking*
 - *Prep Tutorials and Camps throughout the year & summer*
 - *College Bridge Implementation, Training, and IHE Experiences for students*
 - *Year-long CCRSM Recruitment to ensure students are on a college-ready pathway*
 - *College Fair ensures students are familiar with the TSI requirements for post-secondary options*
 - *ACT Camps and expanded testing opportunities*
 - *Collaboration between counselors, AVID, CCMR, Gear Up, and others to ensure alignment of message to students*
- *Refinement*
 - *Ensuring TSIA is continuously monitored and purposeful groupings of students*
 - *Aligned materials being used TSIA Preparation & ACT*
 - *Ensuring all student populations have equitable access to test prep resources and opportunities to test. (8th & 9th grade TSI A2 benchmark)*
 - *Increasing community awareness of CCMR & Post Secondary Requirements*
- *Reinforcements (Career Ready)*
 - *Strong CTE Program*
 - *Aligned Pathways towards Industry Based Certifications*
 - *Industry Experienced Teachers*
 - *Work Based Learning Opportunities*
 - *Summer Bridge Program*
 - *Increase of Industry Partnerships*
 - *Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO)*
 - *Aligned to certifications*

- *Increases student retention in aligned pathway*
 - *Improved Student Employability Skills*
 - *Tracking CTE Student Data*
- *Refinement (Career Ready)*
 - *CTE Advisory Committee*
 - *Increase CTE Industry & Community Partnerships*
 - *Industry assistance with program evaluations*
 - *Stronger relationships between teachers & partners*
 - *Professional Development for Teachers both Internal & External*
 - *Industry Based Certification Changes*
 - *Teacher Externships*
 - *Align industry partner with teachers to mentor*
 - *Industry programs professional development*
 - *Program Evaluations*

The motion to accept at the Monitor Level 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.

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 February 2024.
- c. Approve Investment Report: 2nd Quarter (December 2023, January 2024, and February 2024).
- d. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for February 2024.
- e. Request to award, as recommended by Administration, RFP 0222724-793 Third Party Administration Self-Funded Health Insurance (Medical, ASO, Stop Loss, and PBM) to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas and Prime Therapeutics for requested products and/or services.
- f. Request for approval to award, as recommended by Administration, Two (2) Elementary Campus outdoor learning spaces to Hellas Construction, Inc., via a board approved cooperative, for M. Rivas and A.M. Ochoa elementary schools.
- g. Request for Approval to designate the Construction Manager at Risk delivery method for Donna High School Renovations and Additions Project, Todd Middle School Renovations and Additions Project and Solis Middle School Renovations and Additions Project.

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Request for approval to ratify the TEKS Certification Form for the 2024-2025 school year.

- b. Approve the purchase of additional Scholastic PreK On My Way Texas Bilingual Teacher Kits in the amount of \$84,000.00
- c. Approval of the Science K-12 Textbook Adoption as per Proclamation 2024
- d. Approval of the Personal Financial Literacy Textbook Adoption as per Proclamation 2024
- e. Approve the purchase of additional SAVVAS Spanish Social Studies Consumable Textbooks for students in the dual language program in grades K-5 in the amount of \$ 85,685.68
- f. Approve the purchase of laptops, carts, headphones and computer mice for high school Spanish and ESOL classes in the amount of \$142,822.04
- g. Approval of Out of State Travel for the 2024 BPA National Conference in Chicago, IL., from Thursday, May 9, 2024, - Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

C. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Public Hearing, March 19, 2024.
- b. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting, March 19, 2024.

Trustee Eloy Avila left the meeting at 6:44 pm after the Consent Agenda.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES

The motion to approve both Item A and Item B under Human Resources was made by Ida M. Garcia, and seconded by Jose R. Reyna. Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, Eva Castillo Watts and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

- A. Approval of revisions to the Donna I.S.D. 2023-2024 Compensation Plan.
- B. Approval of revisions to Policy DEC (LOCAL).

VII. 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 6:44 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 Superintendent's Recommendation of Contract Renewals for Chapter 21 Probationary and Term Contracts, and Non-Chapter 21 Contract for 2024-2025 school year.
- C. Discussion and Consideration of the 2024-2025 Employment Continuation of Non-Professional Auxiliary and Support Staff.

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

The Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 7:26 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

The motion to approve 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.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action on the Superintendent's Recommendation of Contract Renewals for Chapter 21 Probationary and Term Contracts, and Non-Chapter 21 Contract for 2024-2025 school year

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


- C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2024-2025 Employment Continuation of Non-Professional Auxiliary and Support Staff.

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

IX. ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting was made by Eva Castillo Watts, and seconded by 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
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Board approved: May 14, 2024