

Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 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.

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 Castillo Watts, Trustee*

The following Administrators/Individuals were also in attendance:

- *Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent*
- *Alfonso Perez, Jr., Chief Financial Officer*
- *Stephanie Powelson-Garza, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction*
- *Domingo Aguirre, Jr., Police Chief*
- *Sandra Quintanilla, Public Relations Officer*
- *Tony Torres, School Attorney*
- *Dr. Diana Barrera-Ugarte, LSG Coach*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

II. OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak during Open Forum.

III. BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

- A. Declare Candidates Elected to Trustees Positions and Issue Certificate of Election for Each Elected Candidate.
- B. Administer Statement of Officer to Newly Elected Trustees.
- C. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Trustees.

Mr. Alfonso Perez, Jr., CFO declared the individuals below elected to the respective Trustee positions and issued a Certificate of Election for each Trustee.

- Place 1: Jose Luis Valdez (Sworn in by Judge Marla Cuellar)*
- Place 2: Fernando Castillo (Sworn in by Judge Marla Cuellar)*
- Place 3: Jose Rogelio Reyna, Jr. (Sworn in by Judge Marla Cuellar)*
- Place 4: Eva Castillo Watts (Sworn in by Judge Arnoldo Cantu)*

D. Re-Organization of Board of Trustees/Election of Officers.

Dr. Maricela Valdez made a motion to retain Fernando Castillo as Board President, Jose R. Reyna as Vice President and Ida Garcia as Secretary, which was seconded by Eloy Avila. All three nominees accepted the nomination. Ida M. Garcia, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, Eva Castillo Watts, and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board took a 10-minute break to enjoy refreshments and mingle with individuals who came to witness the swearing-in ceremony.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. District Highlights

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent congratulated the newly sworn in Board members. All four ran unopposed for the first time in the history of Donna ISD.

She called Mr. Skylar Howell to introduce our Special Guest, Senator Morgan Lamantia, District 27, who congratulated the Donna School Board and presented a Resolution recognizing the Board for their hard work, dedication to improving student outcome, and so many other awards and accolades to the Donna ISD Board of Trustees along with a "working" gavel.

B. Texas State - Texas School Safety Center Intruder Audit Report.

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent informed the Board and Community that we continue to work with TEA, the State of Texas and the School Safety Centers on Intruder Detection Audits. This is an on-going process to ensure that our schools are safe and meeting the guidelines of House Bill 3.

During Executive Session, she will discuss the findings from the most recent visits. Due to the confidential nature of safety, we don't announce the information publicly.

Donna ISD also underwent a District Vulnerability Assessment this year with TEA. We will have the results in December to share.

- C. Discussion and possible action to nominate candidate(s) for the Hidalgo Appraisal District Board of Directors and authorizing a Resolution regarding nomination.

Eloy Avila made a motion to nominate Joe Olivarez to the Hidalgo Appraisal District Board of Directors, 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.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. LSG Progress and Accountability Goal 2: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3

Mrs. Stephanie Powelson-Garza, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction presented on GPMs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3.

•Presented on the following:

- *Data Celebrations pertaining to the 2nd Six Weeks*
- *Relevant data pertaining to Goal 2 at BOY, focusing on GPMS metrics for 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3.*

Mrs. Griselda Alvarez, Executive Director for Leadership & Federal Programs presented on the following:

- *Areas of Reinforcement and Refinement in teaching and learning, as well as leadership practices.*

Eloy Avila made a motion to accept at the monitor level, 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.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Item B.b.

Board President Fernando Castillo called forward David Fuentes, Hidalgo County Precinct One Commissioner and Amanda Cedillo, DNHS Animal Science Teacher. There were also three students present: Samara Patina, Kate Montiel, and Belinda Garcia.

Commissioner Fuentes thanked Donna ISD for accepting the donation towards the Animal Science program at Donna North High School. This will go towards the purchase of equipment for their program. He also thanked Ms. Cedillo and the students for their initiative to move forward with this program.

Ida M. Garcia made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was 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 Report of Monthly Tax Collections for September 2024.
- c. Approve Financial Statements for September 2024.
- d. Approval of 2024 Tax Roll Totals for Donna Independent School District.
- e. Approval of Citibank for the use of the State of Texas Payment and Travel Card Program for usage that may exceed \$50,000.00
- f. Approval to donate one (1) portable building to the City of Donna for the Adela Morales Animal Shelter.
- g. Approval to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to auction.
- h. Approval to extend SAS General Building Services, Inc. to RFP#092321-632 Preventative Maintenance, Equipment & Repair Services for District-Wide Cafeterias for the School Year 2024-2025.
- i. Approval to award Miracle Medical for Request for Proposals (RFP) 092524-808 Chronic Disease Management for Diabetes & Related Medical Supplies.
- j. Approval to award Gerlach Builders for Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP) 092624-388 Wing Addition for Donna North High School in the amount of \$15,750,000.
- k. Approval to award Otis Elevator Company the Request for Proposals (RFP) 092724-809 Elevator Maintenance & Repair Services.
- l. Request for Approval to Authorize Administration to negotiate and enter into an Interlocal Agreement/MOU with City of Donna for Waste Disposal services

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Approval of Apple for 1 year renewal of Jamf Pro.
- b. Approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Donna ISD and the County of Hidalgo regarding the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$18,270.79 to be used by the DISD Animal Science Program.
- c. Approve the agreement with GoodSide Health to be in effect from October 28, 2024, through October 27, 2027
- d. Approve the agreement with the Department of State Health Services to remain in effect for five (5) years from the effective date unless terminated in accordance with contractual terms
- e. Approval of Out of State travel for the Donna North Cheer Members to participate in the 2024 Varsity Spirit Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in O'ahu, Hawaii on December 3-10, 2024 (Tuesday through Tuesday).
- f. Approval of Out-of-State travel for 21 students and 4 employees to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona on January 23-24, 2025 (Thursday & Friday).

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Approval of Designating the 10 Non-Business Days in responding to a Public Information Request for HB 3033 Public Information Act Compliance.

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Public Hearing Meeting October 08, 2024.
- b. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting October 08, 2024.

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 7:18 pm.

- A. Texas State - Texas School Safety Center Intruder Audit Report.
- B. 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
- C. Discussion and consideration of C-4807-18-I; Sanchez v. DISD
- 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.

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

The Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 8:53 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

Eva Castillo Watts made a motion to approve the recommendation of personnel as discussed in Executive Session, which was seconded by Dr. Maricela Valdez. Eloy Avila, Ida M. Garcia, Jose R. Reyna, Jose L. Valdez, and Fernando Castillo voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action on C-4807-18-I; Sanchez v. DISD

Dr. Maricela Valdez made a motion to approve as discussed in Executive Session, which was 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**

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 8:55 pm.



*Fernando Castillo, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*



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

Board Approved: December 10, 2024