

**Donna Independent School District**  
**Regular Board Meeting - Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2025 - 5:30 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 5:33 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. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. TASA SBA Honor Board Presentation and Plaque.**

*Dr. Kevin Brown, Executive Director for Texas Association of School Administrators, once again recognized and presented the TASA Honor Board of the Year 2024 plaque to the Donna ISD Board of Trustees along with individual awards.*

- B. Presentation of Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the period of September 01, 2023 through October 01, 2024 presented by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP (Michael Cano).

*Michael Cano, LLP, Tax Attorney with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson presented the Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the period of September 01, 2024 through October 01, 2024. Donna ISD is doing extremely well on the financial side of the property tax program.*

#### IV. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

##### A. District Highlights

*Dr. Angela Dominugez, Superintendent stated there was no LSG presentation because they are in the middle of testing for middle of the year (MOY). This is Board Appreciation month and the theme this year is: "Leadership for Tomorrow's Texas". She wanted to take a moment to share with the community of how fortunate we are to have this group of 7 Board members working together with the Superintendent working together for our future.*

*Board works very tirelessly ensuring we leave a legacy for Donna ISD. She thanked them for their hard work and dedication. She really appreciates the time and effort for everything that you do for her and for the kids, school district, and community.*

#### V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Eloy Avila made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, 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.*

##### A. **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- a. Approve Accounts Payable.
- b. Approve Financial Statements for November 2024.
- c. Approve Investment Report: 1st Quarter (September 2024, October 2024, and November 2024).
- d. Approve Report of Monthly Tax Collections for November 2024.
- e. Approval to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to auction.
- f. Approval to auction non-operable vehicles.
- g. Request for Approval to Authorize Administration to provide termination notice to D. Wilson Construction.

**B. ACADEMIC SERVICES**

- a. Approve Capturing Kids Heart Contract for 2025-2026.
- b. Consideration and Possible Action to Consolidate B.G. Guzman Elementary into other elementary campuses.
- c. Consideration and Possible Action to Consolidate Truman Price Elementary into other elementary campuses.

**C. SUPPORT SERVICES**

- a. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting December 17, 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 6:21 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 termination of the Non-Chapter 21 of Employee AB
- 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 from Executive Session at 7:16 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

*Ida M. Garcia made a motion to approve the recommendation of personnel as discussed in Executive Session, 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.*

- B. Discussion and possible action on the Non-Chapter 21 contract of employee AB

*No action was taken.*

**VIII. ADJOURN**

*Ida M. Garcia made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, 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.*

*The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.*



*Fernando Castillo, President  
Board of Trustees  
Donna ISD*



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

*Board Approved: February 11, 2025*