

**Donna Independent School District
Regular Board Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - 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*
- *Griselda Alvarez, Executive Director for Leadership & Federal Programs*
- *Stephanie Powelson-Garza, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction*
- *Javier Villanueva, Executive Director for Leadership & CCMR*
- *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. ACTION

- A. Approval to submit TASB's Resolution nominating Dr. Angela Denise Dominguez to be considered as Region One Superintendent of the Year.

Eloy Avila made a motion to approve the submission of Dr. Angela Denise Dominguez to be considered as Region One Superintendent of the Year, 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.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. District Highlights

Dr. Angela Dominguez, Superintendent presented on the following Board Updates:

- *2025-2026 Calendar voting results. Calendar C was chosen by District Staff.*
- *2025-2026 Compensation and Calendar Planning; no increase but will be given the "Gift of Time". All staff will be reduced three (3) days for the 2025-2026 school year. However they will not lose pay. Employee current Annual Salary will be annualized and divided by three less contract days; the daily or hourly rate will increase so that all employees will maintain their 2024-2025 base salary*
- *Bond Updates on:*
 - *Outdoor Learning Centers*
 - *Singleterry New Wing*
 - *Salazar New Wing*
 - *P.S. Garza new driveway has been completed*
 - *Future Focused Planning*

V. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- a. Approve Accounts Payable.
- b. Approve Financial Statements for December 2024.
- c. Approve Report for Monthly Tax Collections for December 2024.
- d. Approval to Declare DISD Child Nutrition Program Surplus to be taken to auction.
- e. Approval to Designate Competitive Sealed Proposals as the project delivery method for Donna High School Additions and Renovations, Todd Middle School Additions and Renovations, and A.P. Solis Middle School Additions and Renovations projects.
- f. Approval to renew vendor Benz Lawn Services for RFP 011024-750 Lawn Care Services for Garza, Munoz, Singleterry and Adame Elementary School for the 2025-2026 School Year.

- g. Approval to renew vendor SAS General Building Services for RFP 011223-692 Preventative Maintenance, Equipment and Repair Services District-Wide Athletics for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- h. Approval to renew the pool of vendors for CSP 022123-380 Job Order Contractors for the 2026-2026 School Year.
- i. Approval to renew the pool of vendors for RFQ 030422-331 Civil Engineer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- j. Approval to renew vendor Benz Lawn Services for RFP 121123-747 Lawn Care Services for Donna North High School for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- k. Approval to renew vendor Benz Lawn Services for RFP 121123-748 Lawn Care Services for Donna High School, Todd Middle School, Learning and Development Center, Central Warehouse and Adjacent Soccer Fields for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- l. Approval of Emergency Closure Resolution Authorizing Payment to Staff
- m. Approval to Renew Legal Services for Donna Independent School District.

B. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- a. Approval of the District School Calendar 2025-2026.
- b. Approve the Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) for J.P. LeNoir Elementary.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Approve TASB Update 124.

D. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting January 14, 2025.

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 6:11 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-3915-23-H; Saenz v. DISD
- 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 6:49 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 C-3915-23-H; Saenz 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.

VIII. 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 6:51 pm.



*Fernando Castillo, President
Board of Trustees
Donna ISD*



*Ida M. Garcia, Secretary
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