Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Del Valle Independent School District

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Del Valle Independent School District will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2024, beginning at 6:15 PM in the Edward A. Neal Administration Center, 5301 Ross Road, Del Valle, Texas 78617.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

I. **Call to Order**
II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Hillcrest Elementary
III. **Public Comment**
Individuals who wish to participate during the public comment shall sign up before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item or topic on which they wish to address the Board. Except as permitted by Board Policy and the Board's procedures on public comment, an individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed three minutes per meeting.
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E. TGC §551.071 and TGC §551.074 Review and Consider Superintendent's Recommendations for Contract Renewals for Professional Staff with Probationary, Term and Non-Chapter 21 Contracts for School Year 2024-2025

F. TGC §551.071 and TGC §551.074 Review and Consider Superintendent's Proposal to Terminate Probationary Contract Professional Staff at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year in the Best Interest of the District Pursuant to TEC §21.103

G. TGC §551.071 and TGC §551.074 Review and Approve Employment, Resignations, Non-Renewals and Terminations of Non-Chapter 21 Professional Staff

IX. **Approve Action Items Discussed in Closed Session**

X. **New Business/Future Board Agenda Items**

XI. **Adjourn**

AT THE END OF THE MEETING, THE BOARD WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO ADJOURN OR RECESS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION AT ANOTHER

DESIGNATED TIME.

Del Valle Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting

Agenda Item: District Happenings	
Date:	**March 19, 2024**
Category:	**Information**
Background Information: As a monthly occurrence, District staff will be showcasing District highlights and events at the Board meetings.	
Fiscal Implications:	**Is there a cost?** ❑ Yes ☒ No **Amount:** NA **Funding Source:** NA
Submitted by:	Christopher Weddle, Executive Director of Communications
Approved by:	Annette Tielle, Superintendent
Administration Recommendation: Information item only.	

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Del Valle Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting

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Agenda Item: Strategic Plan Update – Business and Finance	
Date:	**March 19, 2024**
Category:	**Information**
Background Information: This month, we will provide an update on the progress of Business and Finance.	
Fiscal Implications:	**Is there a cost?** ☐ Yes ☐ No **Amount:** N/A **Funding Source:** N/A
Submitted by:	Jonathan S. Harris, Chief Compliance, Governmental and Community Relations Officer
Approved by:	Dr. Annette Tielle, Superintendent
Administration Recommendation: Information only.	

Del Valle Independent School District
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Agenda Item: District Advisory Team Recommendations	
Date:	**March 19, 2024**
Category:	**Information**

Background Information:

Academic Calendar

The process for the 2024-2025 calendar development began in November 2023 with the District Advisory Team (DAT) reviewing the current year calendar and using the state documents to guide discussion. An additional meeting on the Calendar took place in January 2024 with DAT. Administration took that input, drafted two calendars, and reviewed it with cabinet and the teacher task-force. DAT approved two calendars to move forward for the survey on February 5th. The calendars were presented at the ambassadors meeting and released on a survey for teachers, community, and staff on February 26th for a three-period week. Results of the survey will be presented during the March 19,2024 Board Meeting.

Staff Development Waiver

The Staff Development Waiver provides for a maximum of 2,100 total waiver minutes to use for professional development for districts and charter schools that provide operational and instructional minutes. This waiver is for staff development in place of student instruction; therefore, the waiver minutes are only applicable to staff development provided instead of student instruction during the school year. The Academic Calendar presented tonight contains 5 dates that make up the 2,100 total waiver minutes.

Fiscal Implications:	**Is there a cost?** ❑ Yes ☒ No **Amount:** N/A **Funding Source:** N/A
Submitted by:	Dr. Ana Rush, Executive Director of Academics and Accountability
Approved by:	Dr. Annette Tielle, Superintendent

Administration Recommendation:
Information Only

Agenda Item: Monthly Financial Reports	
Date:	**March 19, 2024**
Category:	**Information**

Background Information:
Del Valle ISD is committed to transparency and strives to provide stakeholders with clear and relevant financial information. The Business Office prepares monthly financial reports available each month in the Board Regular Meeting packet.

The monthly financial reports include:

- Investment Report
- Tax Office Report
- Budget Report
- Budget by Report by Object
- Fund Balance Report

Fiscal Implications:	**Is there a cost?** ❑Yes ☒ No **Amount:** N/A **Funding Source:** N/A
Submitted by:	Ludivina Cansino, Chief Financial & Operations Officer
Approved by:	Dr. Annette Tielle, Superintendent

Administration Recommendation:
Information only.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Del Valle ISD

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Del Valle ISD was held Tuesday, February 20, 2024, beginning at 6:15 PM in the Edward A. Neal Administration Center, 5301 Ross Road, Del Valle, Texas 78617.

I. **Call to Order**
Board President Rebecca Birch called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. Quorum was present. Richard Rendon, Elvia Guadian, Shaira Ramzanali, Darla Wegner were present. Matt Worthington was absent. Susanna Ledesma Woody arrived at 6:27 p.m. and Ann Heuberger arrived at 6:28 p.m.

Board President Rebecca Birch resigned as president and Board member, effective immediately.
Meeting was paused at 6:23 p.m. until a quorum could be reached. Meeting was resumed at 6:28 p.m.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Creedmoor Elementary
Tonight, Creedmoor Elementary Third Grade musicians led the start of the School Board Meeting by reciting the Pledges to the American and Texas flags in both English and Spanish. As an encore, they sang a melody of Bill Withers' Lean on Me and Don't Stop Believin' by Journey, directed by music teacher Maleesa Gomez. Arranged by John Jacobson and paired with choreography, the students wowed the large Creedmoor audience and left the room beaming.

III. **Appointed Trustee Takes Oath of Office and Assumes Position**
Shaira Ramzanali
Board member Damian Pantoja was sworn into office for Single Member District 2

IV. **Public Comment**
Alexandra Estrella - SLP – Special Education
Dr. Ivonne Estrella - SLP – Special Education
Melissa Miller – SLP - Special Education
Jennifer Hinojosa - SLP – Special Education
Candi Castillo - SB 763

V. **Recognition Items:**
A. Recognition of Del Valle Moot Court Team Qualifying for Nationals
Christopher Weddle
The Del Valle High School Legal Studies program sent six teams to the 77th Annual Texas Youth and Government Competition on the weekend of February 3. The event took place at the US Federal Courthouse in Austin. The teams competed in a mock

appeals trial before a mock Supreme Court. The competition was evaluated by various professionals in legal careers. The program is sponsored by DVHS Teacher Michael Cunningham.
Out of the six qualifying DVHS teams, the Moot Court Team of Breean Mansell and Yosvani "T" Lopez finished in 4th place and qualified for the National competition this summer.
Breean and Yosvani are both three-year participants in the legal studies program. Both students are also certified mediators, and at the end of this month, anticipate earning their certification as paralegals.
The Del Valle ISD Legal Studies program continues to be highly-rated, with 2024 being the 10th time Del Valle students have qualified for Nationals since 2013.
State-qualifying teams

- Breean Mansel, Yosvani Trujillo Lopez, 4th Place (Nationals)
- Alondra Guiterrez, Cait Valerio Means
- Kimberly Peralta, Stephanie Obregon
- Kenelle Hodge, Coleman Patmon
- Amerie Morales, Fiorella Salazar
- Kamille Cartwright, Salem Aleman

VI. **Information Items:**

A. District Happenings
Christopher Weddle
As a monthly occurrence, District staff will be showcasing District highlights and events at the Board meetings.

B. DVISD Workforce Development/CTE Programs
Jonathan Harris
This month, we will provide an update on the progress of the Strategic Plan in the area of Workforce Development and CTE program.

C. Information for Project Final Payment and Change Order Credits
Steven Alves
As part of the 2019 Bond, the following projects were approved, designed, constructed, renovated and opened for the students and staff of the District:
Central Child Development Center
North Child Development Center
South Child Development Center
Administration Building Expansion
Hillcrest Elementary Front Entry and Vestibule
The projects have been completed per the contract agreements and are on the agenda for consideration of approval by the Del Valle ISD Board of Trustees for final payment. Information regarding the final payment will be provided along with the credit for each project.

The final payment and change order credit on the Board agenda for approval are for the completed Child Development Centers and the Administration Building expansion. The final payment and change order for Hillcrest is based on the additional scope of work for the project which included approved campus renovations to save costs on architectural fees.

D. Monthly Financial Reports
1. Investment Report for January 2024
2. Tax Office Report for January 2024
3. Budget Report by Function for January 2024
4. Budget Report by Object for January 2024
5. Fund Balance Report for January 2024

E. Update on the Status of the Community Engagement Survey
Trustee Shaira Ramzanali provided an update on the efforts by the Community Engagement Subcommittee, in consultation with Gibson Consulting Group Inc. Contract with Gibson Consulting has been fully signed. Gibson will provide student/staff survey questions, which the Subcommittee will review. Communication Department is working directly with Gibson Consulting and will provide a summary to the Subcommittee. The Technology Department will confirm data integrity. Initial plan is for the survey to roll out after Spring Break

VII. **Consent Agenda:**
A. Minutes for January 23, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting
1. Monthly Financial Reports Minutes Presentation
2. TAPR Spring 2024 Consent Minutes Presentation
3. Human Resources Update Consent Minutes Presentation
B. Minutes for February 15, 2024 - Special Board Meeting
C. Approval of Purchase over $50,000 Sharon Wells Mathematics Program
Gema Hanson
In response to increased intervention and the need to support student achievement, Sharon Wells math services have been used to meet the academic needs of students in the area of Mathematics.
The Sharon Wells Mathematics Program focuses on the use of hands-on materials in a problem-solving format to teach content knowledge, algebraic reasoning, strategies, data analysis, basic facts and systematic concept lessons.
Teachers are provided a sequential guide for each six weeks which includes a scope and sequence that covers spiraled tested curriculum, detailed teacher instructions with a materials list, all necessary lessons, student skills that focus on readiness standards and comprehensive student assessments.

22-23 Sharon Wells Contract:	$59,679
23-24 Sharon Wells Contract:	$61,899
	$121,578
● Paid w/TIMA* funds:	-$40,575 (Board Approved 7/2023)
● Remaining:	$81,003

(ESSER Funds were set aside to pay for the 22-23 Curriculum and Professional

Development)
**TIMA: Technology Instructional Materials Allotment*
D. Approval of Purchase over $50,000 Central Child Development Center Thinkery Exhibits, Playground, Equipment and Related Services
Steven Alves
At the October 18, 2022 Del Valle ISD Board of Trustees meeting the District accepted the Thinkery Donation as part of the collaborative effort to design the Central Child Development Center to incorporate aspects of the Thinkery.
Staff from the Thinkery and Del Valle ISD moved forward with requesting and approving modifications to the facility design, construction and features of the Central CDC to accommodate the partnership with the Thinkery Austin in phase 1 of the project. Phase 1 is completed and as part of the final payment for the Central CDC the scope of work for phase 1 will be closed with the contribution of the original $600,000 donation from Thinkery Austin to support the partnership.
The changes and modifications to the playground and outdoor learning spaces along with the motor lab will utilize an estimated $350,000 of the additional $1,000,000 committed to DEl Valle ISD by Thinkery Austin to issue purchase orders and secure contracted services for the additions and modifications.
This board agenda item provides approval for use of the committed funds to purchase Thinkery Exhibits, Playground, Equipment and Related Services as part of the continuing partnership with Thinkery Austin for the Central CDC.
E. Approval of Purchase over $50,000 ECHS P-TECH Technology and Training Equipment
Steven Alves
Del Valle ISD Early College High School P-Tech is scheduled to open for Fall 2024. In order to provide the needed furniture, technology, equipment and related training materials for the new facility staff are recommending the phase 1 approval of the purchase over $50,000.
The proposed purchases support the Del Valle ISD Strategic Plan Focus Area and Goal 3: “Develop and maintain equitable facilities”. The approval of the purchases will allow staff to move forward with ordering the needed furniture, technology, equipment and related training materials for the ECHS-P-Tech programs.

Proposed Systems, Equipment and Items to be Purchased:	**Not to Exceed Amount:**
Cyber Security Essentials Training Program and Equipment	$200,000
Mechatronics Essentials Training Modules and Equipment	$700,000
Epilog Fusion Edge System and Equipment	$30,000
Denford Micromill and Microturn System and Equipment	$100,000
Mechanical Robot Training System and Equipment	$60,000
MakerBot 3D Printer System and Equipment	$20,000
Marcraft PC Engineering System and Equipment	$60,000

P-Tech Equipment, Tools and Related Furniture	$80,000
Technology Equipment, Training Servers, and Hardware	$150,000

The proposed systems, equipment and items to be purchased are not to exceed: $1,400,000.00. Funding for the proposed purchases is from the 2019 Bond funds allocated to ECHS P-Tech project.

F. Approval of Final Payment Hillcrest Elementary Front Entry & Security Vestibule
Steven Alves

Braun and Butler Inc. were selected as the General Contractor for the renovation of the Hillcrest Elementary Front Entry & Security Vestibule. The project has been inspected and is fully completed per the contract agreement.

Staff are recommending the approval of the final payment amount for the project.

As part of district-wide campus renovations the scope of the project was modified to include parking lot improvements, fencing and site drainage work related to the approved 2022-2023 campus renovations. By including the additional scope of work, the District was able to save costs on mobilization, architect fees, and engineering services related to the project additions.

The project has been completed per the contract with the inclusion of the added scope of work and is recommended for final payment for the Hillcrest Elementary Front Entry & Security Vestibule.

Final payment would be issued to close the project in the amount of $37,959.61

Total project cost for the Hillcrest Elementary Front Entry & Security Vestibule: $1,658,032.12

Project cost prior to the modifications and additions: $1,576,336.00

Project modifications and additions $81,696.12 (included in the total project cost)

Project costs along with the modifications and additions were allocated as part of the 2019 Bond Fund for campus renovations, Safety and Security improvements and district-wide renovations.

G. Approval of Final Payment and Change Order Admin Expansion
Steven Alves

American Constructors Inc. were selected as the General Contractor for the construction of a new campus for the Admin Expansion. The project has been inspected and is fully completed per the contract agreement.

Staff are recommending the approval of the final payment amount for the project along with the contract change order for the district savings on the project.

The change order is related to the savings for the project as due the change in the contract amount is presented as part of the final payment process for the project.

The project was completed per the contract and under budget based on the original approved guaranteed maximum price approved by the Del Valle ISD Board of Trustees previously.

Admin Expansion Approved GMP: $3,794,651.00

Change order #1 for contract savings on the project: $308,876.00

Final payment would be issued to close the project in the amount of $111,803.00 Total project cost for the Admin Expansion: $3,485,775.00

This final payment reflects the total project savings of $308,876.00 (Change order

savings)

H. Approval of Final Payment and Change Order Central Child Development Center Steven Alves

American Constructors Inc. were selected as the General Contractor for the construction of a new campus for the Central Child Development Center. The project has been inspected and is fully completed per the contract agreement.

Staff are recommending the approval of the final payment amount for the project along with the contract change order for the district savings on the project.

The change order is related to the savings for the project as due the change in the contract amount is presented as part of the final payment process for the project.

The project was completed per the contract and under budget based on the original approved guaranteed maximum price approved by the Del Valle ISD Board of Trustees previously.

Central Child Development Center Approved GMP:
$11,906,602.00 Change order #1 for contract savings on the
project: $752,856.00
Final payment would be issued to close the project in the amount of
$365,245.00 Total project cost for the Central Child Development Center:
$11,153,746.00

This final payment reflects the total project savings of $752,856.00 (Change order savings)

I. Approval of Final Payment and Change Order North Child Development Center Steven Alves

American Constructors Inc. were selected as the General Contractor for the construction of a new campus for the North Child Development Center. The project has been inspected and is fully completed per the contract agreement.

Staff are recommending the approval of the final payment amount for the project along with the contract change order for the district savings on the project.

The change order is related to the savings for the project as due the change in the contract amount is presented as part of the final payment process for the project.

The project was completed per the contract and under budget based on the original approved guaranteed maximum price approved by the Del Valle ISD Board of Trustees previously.

North Child Development Center Approved GMP:
$4,133,509.00 Change order #1 for contract savings on the
project: $216,744.00
Final payment would be issued to close the project in the amount of
$416,135.00 Total project cost for the North Child Development Center:
$3,916,765.00

This final payment reflects the total project savings of $216,744.00 (Change order savings)

J. Approval of Final Payment and Change Order South Child Development Center Steven Alves

American Constructors Inc. were selected as the General Contractor for the construction of a new campus for the South Child Development Center. The project

has been inspected and is fully completed per the contract agreement.
Staff are recommending the approval of the final payment amount for the project along with the contract change order for the district savings on the project.
The change order is related to the savings for the project as due the change in the contract amount is presented as part of the final payment process for the project.
The project was completed per the contract and under budget based on the original approved guaranteed maximum price approved by the Del Valle ISD Board of Trustees previously.
South Child Development Center Approved GMP:
$8,903,173.00 Change order #1 for contract savings on the
project: $914,174.00
Final payment would be issued to close the project in the amount of
$819,854.00 Total project cost for the South Child Development Center:
$7,988,999.00
This final payment reflects the total project savings of $914,174.00 (Change order savings)
K. Approval of Contract over $50,000 Emergency Repairs for Canopy at Del Valle Elementary School
Steven Alves
On Saturday January 13, 2024, a Capital Metro bus struck the main entrance canopy at Del Valle Elementary School. Due to the damage, the area was barricaded off for structural evaluation and repairs. Staff activated the emergency services protocol under Del Valle ISD Board Policy CH (Local) to remove the hazards and install structural supports to ensure the brick, roof, and soffit areas of the canopy were stable.
CH Local:
In the event of a catastrophe, emergency, or natural disaster affecting the District, the Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to contract for the replacement, construction, or repair of school equipment or facilities in accordance with law, if emergency replacement, construction, or repair is necessary for the health and safety of District students and staff. The Superintendent shall report to the Board at the next regular meeting any contract made under this authority.
Upon confirmation from the structural engineer that the area could be reinforced and repaired, staff moved forward with a plan of action to correct the damage caused by the Capital Metro bus. Using a Job Order Contract through a Purchasing Cooperative, staff secured a proposal for the scope of work needed to correct the damage caused to the canopy from American Constructors.
The total proposal shall not exceed $143,000.00. The purpose of this board agenda item is to approve the cost for the repairs and related emergency services provided to remove the damaged section of the canopy and reinforce the remaining section of the canopy.
Staff have filed a claim with Capital Metro along with the district insurance carrier to ensure that Capital Metro is held accountable for the total cost of the repairs.
Upon approval of the contract with American Constructors the work will be completed and inspected then the final invoice will be submitted to the insurance carrier for Capital Metro for full reimbursement to Del Valle ISD.
L. Approval of Purchase over $50,000 to Add Radios, Laptops, and Accessories to Police Department Expansion

Robert Vela
Background Information:
Del Valle ISD Police Department received a grant for additional technology equipment to include radios, and laptops for enhancing safety and security within the Del Valle ISD.
The grant is COPS Grant (Community Oriented Policing Services), which provides funding for this purchase. The request for the approval for the purchase over $50,000 will be funded from the grant as part of the safety and security plan for the district.
The proposed purchases support the Del Valle ISD Strategic Plan Focus Area and Goal: The purchasing of these radios, radio accessories, Laptops, and Laptop accessories will allow DVISD PD Officers to have the technology needed to do their jobs more effectively, safely, and help ensure that the best safety and protection is provided for district students and staff. The purchase of this equipment will allow Officers to have effective communication amongst themselves, dispatch, and other Law Enforcement agencies when seconds count responding to and handling district emergencies
Proposed Radios, Laptops, Technology Equipment to be Purchased: Not to Exceed
Police Laptops: To provide real time data to officers. $82,000
Police Radios: To provide effective communication in emergencies. $186,000
The proposed systems, equipment and items to be purchased are not to exceed: $268,000. Funding for the proposed purchases is from COPS Grant (Community Oriented Policing Services)

A. Minutes for January 23, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting

Ann Heuberger made the motion to approve Minutes for January 23, 2024. Elvia Guadian seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:0:1

B. Minutes for February 15, 2024 - Special Board Meeting

Darla Webner made the motion to approve amended Minutes for February 15, 2024 – Special Board Meeting with "Potential of Free Tuition at ACC" added to the Public Comment portion from David Albert. Susanna Ledesma Woody seconded the motion as amended, motion passed 7:0.

Richard Rendon left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Darla Wegner requested the following items be removed from the Consent Agenda and were taken for individual consideration or vote.

C. Approval of Purchase over $50,000 Sharon Wells Mathematics Program
Gema Hanson
D. Approval of Purchase over $50,000 Central Child Development Center Thinkery Exhibits, Playground, Equipment and Related Services
E. Approval of Purchase over $50,000 ECHS P-TECH Technology and Training Equipment
F. Approval of Final Payment Hillcrest Elementary Front Entry & Security Vestibule
G. Approval of Final Payment and Change Order Admin Expansion

H. Approval of Final Payment and Change Order Central Child Development Center
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J. Approval of Final Payment and Change Order South Child Development Center
K. Approval of Contract over $50,000 Emergency Repairs for Canopy at Del Valle Elementary School
L. Approval of Purchase over $50,000 to Add Radios, Laptops, and Accessories to Police Department Expansion

Darla Wegner made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items D through L. Susanna Ledesma Woody seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:0

VIII. **Action Items:**

A. Consider and Act on Resolution Employing Chaplains to Provide Counseling Services

Jonathan Harris

During the 88th Regular Legislative Session, Texas State Senator Middleton proposed SB 763 to permit Texas public schools to hire school chaplains to perform the duties required of school counselors. SB 763, which passed and became effective September 1, 2023 added Chapter 23 - School Chaplains to the Texas Education Code. Section 3 of the bill requires that school boards take a record vote not later than six months after the effective date of [the] Act on whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus ... "to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Chapter 23, Education Code, as added by [SB 763]."

Administration recommends that the Board adopt a resolution affirming the District practice of employing certified school counselors or other appropriately credentialed mental health specialists to provide counseling services. Further, the resolution does not permit a District campus to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students, at this time as described under Texas Education Code Chapter 23.

Susanna Ledesma Woody made a motion to approve Resolution Employing Chaplains to Provide Counseling Services. Ann Heuberger seconded the motion. Darla Wegner, Elvia Guadian, Shaira Ramzanali and Damian Pantoja approved. Motion passed 6:0

B. Consider and Act on Board Operational Goals

David Koempel introduced a presentation regarding the priority-setting and strategic goals process for the coming year. Ann Heuberger made the motion to approve. Darla Wegner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:0.

The Board moved out of Open Session and into Closed Session at 8:27 p.m.

IX. **Closed Session**

A. TGC §551.071 Consultation with Board Attorney
B. TGC §551.071 and TGC §551.074 Proposal to Terminate Term Contract Teacher(s) for Good Cause Pursuant to TEC §21.211

C. TGC §551.074 Review and Approve Employment, Resignations, and Terminations of Professional Staff
D. TGC §551.074 Consider Sanctions for Abandonment of Contract
E. TGC §551.074 Discussion Regarding Superintendent Retirement
F. TGC §551.076 Safety and Security Protocols

The Board moved out of Closed Session and into Open Session at 9:32 p.m.

X. **Approve Action Items Discussed in Closed Session**

Elvia Guadian made the motion to approve the Employment, Resignations, and Terminations of Professional Staff as presented. Ann Heuberger seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:0. Elvia Guadian made the motion that there was no good cause found for the resignations of Joshua Baker and Marlene Porter as required by the Texas Administrative Code 249.14 J3D. Ann Heuberger seconded the motion. Darla Wegner opposed, Susanna Ledesma Woody abstained. The motion passed 4:1:1. Elvia Guadian made the motion to report to SBEC that the aformentioned employees have abandoned their contracts without good cause and the District recommends sanctions against their certificate. Shaira Ramzanali seconded the motion. Darla Wegner and Susanna Ledsema Woody abstained. Motion passed 4:0:2

XI. **New Business/Future Board Agenda Items**

Darla Wegner requested that the proposed 2024-2025 Del Valle ISD calendar be added to the agend for the next Board Meeting.

XI.**Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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President Secretary

Minutes of Special Meeting/Board Workshop

The Board of Trustees
Del Valle ISD

A Special Meeting/Board Workshop of the Board of Trustees of Del Valle ISD was held Tuesday, March 5, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Edward A. Neal Administration Center, 5301 Ross Road, Del Valle, Texas 78617.

I. **Call to Order**

Board Vice President Shaira Ramzanali called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. and noted a quorum was present. Susanna Ledesma Woody, Darla Wegner, Ann Heuberger, Matt Worthington, Elvia Guadian and Richard Rendon were present. Trustee Damian Pantoja was absent.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. **Public Comment**

Asher Brachman – Open Campus Lunch Policy for Senior HS Students

IV. **Board Workshop- School Board Training and Development**

V. **Closed Session**

A. TGC §551.074 Discussion of Superintendent Goals
B. TGC §551.071 and TGC §551.074 Consideration of Superintendent Retirement Agreement

Board moved into Closed Session at 6:33 p.m., to consider item B, Consideration of Superintendent Retirement Agreement.

Board moved out of Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. Board moved back into Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

Darla Wegner made the motion to approve the Superintendent's voluntary retirement. Elvia Guadian seconded the motion. Motion passed 7:0. Meeting was paused for Board Vice President and Secretary to sign the Supintendent's Retirement Letter. Superintendent's retirement will be effective on December 31, 2024.

Board moved into item IV, Board Workshop - School Board Training and Development with David Koempel at 7:30 p.m. for Discussion of Superintendent Goals.

VI. **Consider and Act on Items Discussed in Closed Session**
No action taken.

VII. **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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President Secretary

Del Valle Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting

DV

Agenda Item: Approval of DAT Recommended 2024-2025 Academic Calendar	
Date:	**March 19, 2024**
Category:	**Consent**

Background Information:
Administration presents the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar for approval by the board.
The Academic Calendar is developed each year using 4 guidance documents from the state:

- HB 2610 (84th Legislature)
- Texas Education Code Section 25.081
- Correspondence from TEA
- HB 2610 FAQ from Texas Education Agency

In Texas, the academic calendar for students is built using a minutes calculation. For each school year, each school district must operate so that the district provides for at least ***75,600 minutes*** of instruction, including intermissions and recesses, for students. The calendar must include the equivalent of 2 bad weather make up days.

The process for the 2024-2025 calendar development began in November with the District Advisory Team (DAT) reviewing the current year calendar and using the state documents to guide discussion. An additional meeting on the Calendar took place in January with DAT. Administration took that input, drafted two calendars, and reviewed it with cabinet and the teacher task-force. DAT approved two calendars to move forward for the survey on February 5th. The calendars were presented at the ambassadors meeting and will be released on a survey for teachers, community, and staff on February 26th. The survey will be opened for 3 weeks.

Administration presents calendar option ___ for approval by the board as the 2024-25 Calendar

Fiscal Implications:	**Is there a cost?** ❑Yes ☒No **Amount:** n/a **Funding Source:** n/a
Submitted by:	Dr. Ana Rush, Executive Director of Academics & Accountability
Approved by:	Dr. Annette Tielle, Superintendent

Administration Recommendation:
Administration recommends the Board of Trustees to approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar as presented.

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Agenda Item: Approval of DAT Recommended Staff Development Waiver for 2024-25	
Date:	**March 19, 2024**
Category:	**Consent**

Background Information:
In conjunction with the 2024-25 Academic Calendar, administration proposes approval of the Staff Development waiver. This expedited waiver from the state allows the district to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of student instruction during the school year.

The Staff Development Waiver provides for a maximum of 2,100 total waiver minutes to use for professional development for districts and charter schools that provide operational and instructional minutes. This waiver is for staff development in place of student instruction; therefore, the waiver minutes are only applicable to staff development provided instead of student instruction during the school year. This waiver may not be used prior to the first day of student instruction or after the last day of student instruction.

In the 2024-25 Academic Calendar presented for consideration tonight, Del Valle ISD will utilize this waiver for:

- October 14
- October 15
- October 16
- October 17
- January 6

Fiscal Implications:	**Is there a cost?** ❑Yes ☒No **Amount:** n/a **Funding Source:** n/a
Submitted by:	Dr. Ana Rush, Executive Director of Academics & Accountability
Approved by:	Dr. Annette Tielle, Superintendent

Administration Recommendation:
Administration recommends the Board of Trustees to approve the submission of the Staff Development Waiver for 2024-25.

Agenda Item: Purchase Over $50,000-Elevate K-12 Virtual ASL Teacher	
Date:	**March 19, 2024**
Category:	**Consent**

Background Information:
As previously shared, American Sign Language (ASL) teachers remain a hard to fill position with the District as well as the region. To serve students who were enrolled in ASL, Del Valle ISD partnered with Elevate K-12 in January to provide a virtual ASL teacher. The nine-week trial period of the program, which provided instruction to DVHS ASL 1 students, effectively provided academic instruction and support. To continue to serve students enrolled in ASL, administration is requesting the contract with Elevate K-12 be extended through the end of the school year.

Fiscal Implications:	**Is there a cost?** ☒Yes ❑No **Amount:** $63,316.00 **Funding Source:** Local
Submitted by:	Suzi Wallace, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Approved by:	**Dr. Annette Tielle, Superintendent**

Administration Recommendation: Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the contract extension with Elevate K-12 through the remainder of the school year.

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Agenda Item: Consider and Act on Election of Board Officers	
Date:	**March 19, 2024**
Category:	**Action**

Background Information:
Del Valle ISD Board Policy BDAA(LOCAL) states that the Board shall elect a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary who shall be members of the Board. The Board may assign a District employee to provide clerical assistance to the Board. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present and voting.

Officers may succeed themselves in office. Each officer shall perform any legal duties of the office and other duties as required by action of the Board.

President
In addition to the duties required by law, the President of the Board shall:
1. Preside at all Board meetings unless unable to attend.
2. Have the right to discuss, make motions and resolutions, and vote on all matters coming before the Board.

Vice President
The Vice President of the Board shall:
1. Act in the capacity and perform the duties of the President of the Board in the event of the absence or incapacity of the President.
2. Become President only upon being elected to the position.

Secretary
The Secretary of the Board shall:
1. Ensure that an accurate record is kept of the proceedings of each Board meeting.
2. Ensure that notices of Board meetings are posted and sent as required by law.
3. In the absence of the President and Vice President, call the meeting to order and act as presiding officer.
4. Sign or countersign documents as directed by action of the Board.

Fiscal Implications:	**Is there a cost?** ☐ Yes ☒ No **Amount:** N/A **Funding Source:** N/A
Submitted by:	Jonathan Harris, Chief Compliance, Governmental and Community Relations Officer
Approved by:	Dr. Tielle, Superintendent

Administration Recommendation:
Election of Board Officers according to Del Valle ISD Board Policy BDAA(LOCAL).

Agenda Item: Consider and Act on Election of Place 4, Region 13, Board of Directors	
Date:	**March 19, 2024**
Category:	**Action**
Background Information: Election of the Place 4, Region 13 Board of Directors will take place at the March 19th Board meeting as the ballots need to be returned to Region 13 on or before April 5th. Each local school board member shall have one vote for each vacancy on the board. As Place 1 and Place 4 have unopposed candidates, the ballot is only for Place 4. Place 1 - Laura Joseph – Incumbent, running unopposed. No election is necessary for Place 1. Place 4 - Pari Whitten (Incumbent) **or** J. Frank Smith, PhD Place 7 - Erwin A. Sladek – Incumbent, running unopposed. No election is necessary for Place 7	
Fiscal Implications:	**Is there a cost?** ☐ Yes ☐ No **Amount: n/a** **Funding Source:** **n/a**
Submitted by:	Jonathan S. Harris, Chief Compliance, Governmental and Community Relations Officer and Board Officer Shaira Ramzanali
Approved by:	Dr. Annette Tielle, Superintendent
Administration Recommendation:	