

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at the McFarland High School Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting was called to order by Board President at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Marlin Isaacs, Vice President
 Kaye Breyer, Clerk
 David Arguello, Member
 Rey DeLeon, Member

Absent: Marin Ortega Jr., President

Student board members: Jose Jaime

Absent: Ezenia Garza

Staff Present: Gabriel McCurtis Irene Melendez Smith Efada
 Kim McManaman Lori Schultz Roberta Burgh
 David Lopez Ty Bryson Raul Murrieta
 Cynthia Virrey Susana Bustillo Maria Ramirez
 Sandra Espinoza Maria Salgado Diana Croslin
 Louie Gomez Robert Matheny Sandy Hannah
 Maggie Gore Manuel Cantu Kim Whealy
 Mary Williams Smith Ascencion Chairez Albert Melendez
 Dolores Gonzalez Julie Machado Violet Gonzalez
 Numerous Others

Community Present: Robert Thornton Jeff Foy Craig Arnell
 Dana Lane Miguel Rodriguez Mrs. Herrera
 Ramona Guillen Gary Farrell
 Others

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance – Kaye Breyer

Invocation – Manuel Cantu

Recognition of Staff

Fifteen and twenty year employees were recognized and presented with a certificate and pin for their years of service to the McFarland Unified School District.

Public Communication

Dana Lane addressed the board on behalf of her nephew. She asked for consideration regarding his expulsion recommendation. She stated that he understood that he had made a bad choice and that he is a good kid.

Manuel Herrera a student addressed the board on his own behalf. He stated that he was sorry and the he had made a bad decision.

Closed Session

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:10 p.m.

Open Session

The board re-convened to Open Session at 5:32 p.m.

Report of Closed Session

- A. No Action
- B. No Action
- C. No Action
- D. No Action
- E. Student Expulsion/Readmittance
 1. Student #0910-39 MMS – Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello for Expulsion of student #0910-39. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
 2. Student #0910-40 MMS – Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to Suspend Expulsion of student #0910-40 with stipulations. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
 3. Student #0910-41 MMS – Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to Suspend Expulsion of student #0910-41 with stipulations. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
 4. Student #0910-42 MMS – Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon for Expulsion of student #0910-42. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
 5. Student #0910-43 MMS – Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello for Expulsion of student #0910-43 with stipulations. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
 6. Student #0910-44 MMS – Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon for Suspended Expulsion of student #0910-44 with stipulations. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
 7. Student #0910-45 MMS – Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Kaye Breyer to Suspend Expulsion of student #0910-45 with stipulations. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
 8. Student #0910-46 MMS – Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to Suspend Expulsion of student #0910-46 with stipulations. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Action Items

- A. Revision and Agenda Approval of Agenda of April 20, 2010.

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon, to approve the Agenda of April 20, 2010. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- B. Approval of Minutes of March 8, 2010 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer, to approve the minutes of March 8, 2010, (Regular Meeting). Motion carried by a 3 – 0 vote with 1 abstaining.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Warrant Registers
2. Approval of Interdistrict Agreements
3. Approval of EETT Competitive Grant Support Agreement
4. Approval of 2-Year Student Teaching Agreement with CSUB
5. Approval of Contract & Software Agreement – School City Inc.
6. Approval of MHS Spanish II and AP Overnight Trip – May 14-15, 2010
7. Approval of EF Tours Italy/Greece Trip – 2011 Spring Break
8. Approval of Contract Renewal with Interquest Detection Canines of Central Valley – 2009 - 2010 School year
9. Approval of Revised KCSOS Consultant Agreement – Chief Business Official
10. Approval of Multiple Subject Positions
11. Approval of Elementary Counseling Position
12. Approval of School Calendar – 2010-2011
13. Approval of AVID College Overnight San Francisco Bay Trip – May 20-22, 2010
14. Approval of Club Ed Overnight Field Trip to San Francisco – May 2010
15. Approval of Textbook Adoption –English/Language Arts - Grades K-12
16. Approval to Purchase two (2) 10 - Passenger Vans Utilizing Fund 40
17. Approval of Memo of Understanding with KCSOS for County Level Educational Services for K-6 Students for the 2010-2011 School Year.
18. Approval to Attend Cheer Camp in Irvine – June 21-24, 2010
19. Approval of Agreement with CA Consulting for 2010-2011
20. Approval of Request for Application (RFA) to Fund Eligible Schools Participating in the QEIA to participate in the School Improvement Grant Program.
21. Approval of Construction Inspector Contract - MHS 2-Story Classroom Addition
22. Approval of 2008-2009 Audit Report for McFarland Unified School District
23. Approval of Budget Transfers
24. Approval of Resolution of 2008-2009 Annual Audit Report Findings

Consent Agenda item #14 was pulled. Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to approve the Consent Agenda as revised. Motion carried by a 4- 0 vote.

Information and Proposals

Community Input

Manuel Cantu addressed the board as a community member. He had concerns regarding student accountability and the effects on students with learning difficulties. He asked that the board keep in mind the different options and keep the right focus.

Gina Fuentes a student addressed the board with regards to the lack of activities for students in the community. She suggested a concert funded by the students for the students and asked for the district's support.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent McCurtis asked each site principal to give a brief overview of how they are preparing for the testing. Each principal listed the many different strategies they were using for the testing preparation. Superintendent McCurtis asked Jeff Foy (SC Anderson) and Robert Thornton (Taylor Teter) to give a brief update on the Central Kitchen.

Jeff Foy also spoke regarding the School Farm Acreage and the positives and negatives with using the land for a new elementary school. He stated that there were more positives than negatives with the idea. Craig Arnell gave a brief update on the two story classroom. He stated that the tentative completion date is December 2010.

1. Attendance

Supt. McCurtis stated that the monthly total was 3280 students enrolled for the month. Last month there were 3271 one year ago there were 3243 students. The enrollment is increasing.

Board Member/Student Board Member Reports

Student Board member Jose Jaime gave his report. Regarding Activities; he stated that MHS students began testing on April 13th with a new schedule of testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays hoping that this will improve scores. Lunch is provided so students remain on campus. Also, Senior Prom was held at the Petroleum Club & the annual CST Magic Mountain incentive trip has been postponed to April 31st. Regarding Sports; Baseball and Softball are 1-0 and off to a great start, Tennis is 3-2 in the first round of league. Track had a meet this past Friday at CCHS. The team is doing great.

Kaye Breyer – None

Rey DeLeon. – None

David Arguello – None

Marlin Isaacs – None

Reports

1. MTA – None
2. CSEA – None
3. Williams Act Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report – Irene Melendez reported there were no complaints this quarter.

Discussion (No Action)

1. Student Accountability – Raul Murrieta addressed the board in which he stated some recommendations to the board regarding student accountability. He recommended that the school board adopt a policy that requires students, at any grade level to have a basic level CST score or better to (1) participate in any extra-curricular activity (clubs, sports, field trips, etc.) and (2) participate in district sponsored graduation or promotion ceremonies at any grade level. Mrs. Burgh supported his recommendations.

2. MHS School Farm & Transformers – Robert Matheny reported regarding the necessary replacement of some Transformers in the district. Discussion regarding the MHS School Farm was postponed

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Personnel Register

Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by David Arguello to approve the Personnel Register as presented. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

B. Approval of Resolution #0910-11 Child Development Agreement Amendment 01

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to approve Resolution #0910-11 Child Development Agreement Amendment 01. Roll Call vote: Rey DeLeon – Aye, Kaye Breyer – Aye, David Arguello – Aye & Marlin Isaacs – Aye. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

C. Approval of Resolution #0910-12 for Appointment of District Representative and Alternate for the PINCO Foods Advisory Committee

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello for approval of Resolution #0910-12 for Appointment of District Representative and Alternate for the PINCO Foods Advisory Committee. Roll Call vote: Rey DeLeon – Aye, Kaye Breyer – Aye, David Arguello – Aye & Marlin Isaacs – Aye. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

D. Approval of Resolution #0910-13 State Building Funds Application for New Construction

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello, to approve Resolution #0910-13 State Building Funds Application for New Construction. Roll Call vote: Rey DeLeon – Aye, Kaye Breyer – Aye, David Arguello – Aye & Marlin Isaacs – Aye. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

E. Public Hearing – Quality Education Investment Act Class (QEIA) Size Waiver for the McFarland Middle School

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:55 p.m. and closed at 6:56 with no community input.

F. Approval of Quality Education Investment Act Class (QEIA) Size Waiver for the McFarland Middle School

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer to approve the Quality Education Investment Act Class (QEIA) Size Waiver for the McFarland Middle School. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

G. Public Hearing – Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title I, Part A, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Waiver

The public hearing was opened at 6:57 p.m. and closed at 6:58 with no community input.

H. Approval of Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title I, Part A, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Waiver

Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by David Arguello for approval of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title I, Part A, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Waiver. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

I. Approval of Public Hearing Resolution #0910-14

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon for approval of Public Hearing Resolution #0910-14. Roll Call vote: Rey DeLeon – Aye, Kaye Breyer – Aye, David Arguello – Aye & Marlin Isaacs – Aye. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Advance Planning

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Kaye Breyer to approve the next regular board meeting date of May 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at MHS Multipurpose Room. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Adjournment

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board

Absent
Marin Ortega Jr., Board President

Marlin Isaacs, Vice President

Kaye Breyer, Clerk

Rey DeLeon, Member

David Arguello, Member