

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 8, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 8, 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                      Marin Ortega Jr., President  
   Marlin Isaacs, Vice President  
   Kaye Breyer, Clerk  
   David Arguello, Member

Absent:                              Rey DeLeon, Member

Student board members:      Jose Jaime

Absent:                              Ezenia Garza

Staff Present:                      Gabriel McCurtis                      Irene Melendez                      David Yanney  
   Smith Efada                              Kim McManaman                      Lori Schultz  
   David Lopez                              Ty Bryson                              Raul Murrieta  
   Cynthia Virrey                              Mike Elliott                              Susana Bustillo  
   Sandra Espinoza                              Roberta Burgh                              Maria Salgado  
   Louie Gomez                              Jill Sawyer                              Debbie Brandt  
   Albert Melendez                              Sharon Borcky                              Jaqueline Hernandez  
   Maria Ramirez                              Dorothy Downing                              Maria Perez  
   Belen Balderrama  
   Numerous Others

Community Present:              Robert Thornton                      Jeff Foy                              John Almond  
   Dean Van Rossen                      David Borcky                              Monique Miron  
   Patricia Munoz                              Others

**Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Kaye Breyer

**Invocation** – Louie Gomez

**Recognition of Staff**

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

**Public Communication**

None

**Closed Session**

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

## Open Session

The board re-convened to Open Session at 5:38 p.m.

## Report of Closed Session

- A. Under Resolution #0910-10 in Closed Session, the Board took action to non-reelect Employees #2557 & #2625 probationary certificated employees, pursuant to Education Code Section 44929.21(b), effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. The board directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices. Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by David Arguello. Roll Call vote: David Arguello – Aye, Kaye Breyer – Aye, Marlin Isaacs – Aye and Marin Ortega Jr. – Aye. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
- B. No Action
- C. No Action
- D. Student Expulsion/Readmittance
  - 1. Student #0910-29 MMS – Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by Marlin Isaacs for Expulsion of student #0910-29. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
  - 2. Student #0910-32 MMS – Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer for Expulsion of student #0910-32. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
  - 3. Student #0910-33 SJHS – Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to Suspend Expulsion of student #0910-33 with stipulations. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
  - 4. Student #0910-36 MHS – Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by Marlin Isaacs for Expulsion of student #0910-36. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

## Action Items

- A. Revision and Agenda Approval of Agenda of March 8, 2010.

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Kaye Breyer, to approve the Agenda of March 8, 2010. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- B. Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2010 (Regular Meeting) and February 23, 2010 (Special Meeting).

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Kaye Breyer, to approve the minutes of February 9, 2010, (Regular Meeting) and February 23, 2010 (Special Meeting). Motion carried by a 4 - 0 vote.

- C. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Warrant Registers
- 2. Approval of Interdistrict Agreements
- 3. Approval of Agreement for Consultant Services – Esperanza Gomez
- 4. Approval of Local Agreement for Child Development Services – Amendment 01
- 5. Approval of Agreement with Total School Solutions for Second Year DAIT Services for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 6. Approval of FFA State Conference Overnight Trip – April 17-20, 2010.
- 7. Approval of Position and Job Description – Instructor - Certificated Nurse Assistant
- 8. Approval of Agreement with Roberts & James, CPA's – 2009-2010 Audit
- 9. Approval to Purchase three (3) 5-passenger vehicles utilizing Fund 40.

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a 4- 0 vote.

## **Information and Proposals**

### **Community Input**

Patricia Munoz addressed the board. She asked that the board consider revising the winter break session to begin one week earlier due to the fact the some parents leave to Mexico the week before winter break begins and return one week earlier in January.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent McCurtis stated that last week he had been contacted by the State Board of Education to discuss the Program Improvement Status. He and Assistant Superintendent Kim McManaman will be leaving to Sacramento for the ruling by the State Board and any sanctions in Program Improvement. He also received a call from the State Dept. and that MHS had been identified as one of the lowest performing schools list. He will have information for the board and MTA when he returns. He has also been in contact with Steve Samuelian and CA Consulting regarding grants available. He added that the district had a District Inservice buy back day today at MHS. He introduced the Budget Manager/Interim CBO Maria Ramirez and Dorothy Downing. He added that regarding Program Improvement it is imperative to get a Principal for MHS.

#### **1. Attendance**

Supt. McCurtis added that regarding attendance to assist Mr. Efada an Asst. DA has been assigned to McFarland Unified School District to address the attendance issues. There are currently 466 students with attendance problems. Supt. McCurtis stated that the monthly total was 3271 students enrolled for the month. Last month there were 3268 one year ago there were 3218 students.

2. CSBA Delegate Election – Supt. McCurtis asked the board members to vote for two delegates for the 2010 Delegate Assembly. After some board member discussion those chosen were Bill Farris and Scott Starkey.

### **Board Member/Student Board Member Reports**

Student Board member Jose Jaime had to leave and Ezenia Garza was not present.

Kaye Breyer – None

Marin Ortega Jr. – None

David Arguello – None

Marlin Isaacs – Stated that he had attended the NKVTC meeting in Wasco for their quarterly meeting. They discussed the State's finances. They will do their best to work through it.

### **Presentation**

CM Construction president Monique Miron and gave a brief powerpoint presentation regarding the company. It is a Project Management Company. She explained the objective of project management. She also explained their responsibilities as a Project Management Co. and their scope of services for McFarland Unified School District. She also mentioned some of the projects they have worked on as well as ones they are currently working on.

## Reports

1. Curriculum & Instruction Dept. – Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services Kim McManaman and Sandra Espinoza Director of Categorical Programs and Testing spoke regarding the Academic Performance Index (API), the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), DAIT & State Expectations.
2. MTA – MTA President Raul Murrieta addressed the board in which he stated that the inservices keep the teachers informed. They did some brainstorming at the Inservice regarding program improvement. He added that there needs to be some reorganizing and positive input. The added that they staff needs support to implement these programs. He also stated some of his ideas which included: modified school year, schedule changes, extended calendar, additional staff to handle population in Science as well as in Voc Ed. He also commented regarding implementing requirements/consequences for students and what things to focus on such as grade point averages and testing till the end of the year. Keep positive and work together as a team to help produce a good responsible citizens.
3. CSEA – None

## Discussion (No Action)

School Calendar – Discussion was held regarding the calendar.

Patricia Munoz spoke regarding the Calendar. She asked the board to consider revising the Winter Break session to begin one week earlier due to the fact that some parents leave to Mexico early in December and return the first week in January.

## Old Business

- A. Personnel Register

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Kaye Breyer for approval of Personnel Register Section 1. Employment C. Transfers/Reassignments. Under Transfers/Reassignments: Instructional Assistant – Speech, Instructional Assistant – Special Ed. & Accounting Assistant 1 the Motion was defeated by a 2-1 vote with 1 abstaining. Under Transfers/Reassignments: Reading Coach the Motion carried by a 3-0 vote with 1 abstaining.

## New Business

- A. Personnel Register

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

- B. Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report with a Positive Certification – Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report with a Positive Certification – Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- C. Approval of Lease-Leaseback Provider for the Central Kitchen

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello for approval of the Lease-Leaseback Provider for the Central Kitchen. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

D. Approval of Work Authorization #5 with Taylor Teter Partnership

Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by Marlin Isaacs, to approve Work Authorization #5 with Taylor Teter Partnership. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

E. Approval of Moving Working Budget to Board Approved Revised Budget

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello, for approval of Moving Working Budget to Board Approved Revised Budget. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

F. Approval of Contract – Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello, for approval of Contract – Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Advance Planning**

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to approve the next regular board meeting date of April 13, 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 Marlin Isaacs to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board

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Marin Ortega Jr., Board President

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Marlin Isaacs, Vice President

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Kaye Breyer, Clerk

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ABSENT  
Rey DeLeon, Member

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David Arguello, Member