

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 25, 2010

The Special Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at Kern Avenue School Room #74. 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

Absent: David Arguello, Member
 Rey DeLeon, Member

Staff Present: Gabriel McCurtis Irene Melendez Smith Efada
 Kim McManaman Sandra Espinoza David Lopez
 Ty Bryson Raul Murrieta Sandy Hannah
 Cynthia Virrey Maria Ramirez Diana Croslin
 Rigo Lara Irene Garza Mike Elliott
 Edie Ramos Janie Becerra Albert Melendez
 Lori Schultz David Yanney Yolanda Gonzalez
 Delia Flores Tamera Littrell Rita Mello
 Numerous Others

Community Present: Grant Herndon Marilyn Lippiatt Raul Perez
 Linda Genel Esmeralda Gonzalez Numerous
Others

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance – Kaye Breyer

Public Communication

Mike Elliott addressed the board regarding the SIG Application. He wants the board to know that there are things needing to be negotiated on the application, the staff would like to have input, there needs to be changes made to it and he added that it is a workable application.

Irene Garza addressed the board regarding the Instructional Aide layoffs. She commented on the thirty - seven years she has been with the district and has lived in the community all her life. She added that the children are very important to her and she is not leaving by choice.

Edie Ramos also addressed the board regarding the layoffs. She stated that the aides are important to the students.

Rigo Lara spoke regarding the classified employees losing their jobs and if the board could do something to rescind the decision and do what is right for students.

Esmeralda Gonzalez also spoke regarding the layoffs of instructional aides. She stated that she has volunteered at the school and feels it is an injustice to lay them off. She asked if the aides are not there to do the job, who will do it? She asked for a solution to this problem.

Raul Perez organizer from CSEA also addressed the board regarding the layoffs. He stated that CSEA has a lot invested in McFarland. He stated he was at the meeting today to ask the leaders to have some discretion in bringing the aides back. He asked that the leaders lead by example.

Closed Session

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:17 p.m.

Open Session

The board re-convened to Open Session at 6:38 p.m.

Report of Closed Session

- A. No Action
- B. No Action
- C. No Action

Action Items

- A. Revision and Agenda Approval of Agenda of May 25, 2010.

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Kaye Breyer to approve the Agenda of May 25, 2010. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Old Business

- A. Approval of Employment Agreement Extension – Superintendent

This item was pulled from the agenda to a later date.

New Business

- A. Personnel Register

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Kaye Breyer to approve the Personnel Register as presented with the **exception** of: A. New Hires – Principal – MHS. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote. Personnel Register item: A. New Hires – Principal – MHS was defeated by a 2-1 vote.

- B. Public Hearing – School Improvement Grant (SIG) Application

The public hearing was opened at: 6:40 p.m.

Raul Murrieta addressed the board regarding the SIG application. He wanted to reiterate some concerns: There needs to be more involvement necessary from Admin., Certificated staff, Consultants, as well as parents; a different perspective. He added that decisions are made without consideration of others. He added, “We need to keep positive and work together, be at the table and negotiate to work things out. There is room for improvement with a decent plan with more parent involvement, student involvement.”

Discussion followed.

Marilyn Lippiatt addressed the board with a brief explanation of the SIG application process and what was needed for improvement at MHS and the teaching strategies that need to be implemented. She added comments about the model chosen for implementation at MHS.

After further discussion by the board the public hearing was closed at: 6:55 p.m.

C. Approval of Request for Application (RFA) to fund eligible schools to participate in the School Improvement Grant (SIG) program using federal funds provided under sections 1003(a) and (g) of Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Eligible school is McFarland High School.

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Kaye Breyer to approve the Request for Application(RFA) to fund eligible schools to participate in the School Improvement Grant (SIG) program using federal funds provided under sections 1003(a) and (g) of Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Eligible school is McFarland High School. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

D. Approval of Resolution #0910-16, Child Development Services – Instructional Materials 2009-2010

Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to approve Resolution #0910-16, Child Development Services – Instructional Materials (\$500) .Roll Call vote: Marlin Isaacs – Aye, Kaye Breyer – Aye & Marin Ortega Jr. – Aye. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Advance Planning

Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to approve a Special board meeting date of June 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at Kern Avenue Room #74 and a Regular board meeting date of June 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at MHS multipurpose room. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Adjournment

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Kaye Breyer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board

Marin Ortega Jr., Board President

Marlin Isaacs, Vice President

Kaye Breyer, Clerk

ABSENT
Rey DeLeon, Member

ABSENT
David Arguello, Member