

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 14, 2010, at the McFarland High School Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting was called to order by Board President at 4:11 p.m. immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

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

Absent: Marin Ortega Jr., President

Student board members:

Absent: Jose Jaime Ezenia Garza

Staff Present: Gabriel McCurtis Irene Melendez Kim McManaman
Smith Efada Sandra Espinoza Maria Salgado
Ambelina Garcia David Lopez Roberta Burgh
Cynthia Virrey Raul Murrieta Ty Bryson
Louie Gomez Liz Smith Josh Rogers
Albert Melendez Sandy Hannah Robert Matheny
Maggie Gore Ada Diaz Danny Diaz
Manuel Cantu Maria Perez
Numerous Others

Community Present: Suzy Beltran Esmeralda Gonzalez David Diaz
Jeff Foy Miguel Ortiz Thomas Valles
Others

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance – David Arguello

Invocation – Manuel Cantu

Recognition of Staff/Students

This was addressed after Closed Session.

Public Communication

David Diaz a parent spoke regarding the Track Club and the excused/unexcused absence homework for the students who attended the Nationals in Orlando, Florida. He asked the board to reconsider the policy regarding the make-up tests and homework.

Miguel Ortiz also addressed the board regarding the Track Club and the make-up tests and homework. He stated that his daughter was told she could make-up the tests and homework but was denied when she returned from the trip. He also asked that the board reconsider the policy.

Thomas Valles congratulated the new and returning board members. He added that he is back in the community now and is involved in the Track Club with the students. He addressed the board as well regarding the Track Club trip and the students not being able to make-up the work in certain classes.

Arlene Munoz, a student also spoke regarding the make-up work she stated she was told she could make-up but was denied. She also asked for reconsideration of the policy.

Esmeralda Gonzalez addressed the board regarding her concern of her Browning Road Student. She stated he was moved to another classroom where he is not comfortable and would like to have him moved to a class where he is comfortable with the teacher. She asked that the board take into consideration the complaint she has of her son being verbally abused. She would like answers to her questions.

Closed Session

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:38 p.m.

Open Session

The board re-convened to Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

Report of Closed Session

- A. No Action taken
- B. Nothing to report
- C. Student Expulsion/Readmittance

1. Student #1011-07 KAS - Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Jim Beltran for Expulsion of student #1011-07 for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

2. Student #1011-09 MHS – Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Jim Beltran to Suspend Expulsion of student #1011-09 with stipulations. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Recognition of Students/Staff *(moved to follow Closed Session)*

Elizabeth Rodriguez, recipient of the Caldwell Flores Winters Scholarship for \$2000 read her application letter to the board. She was excited to know she had won the Scholarship.

Action Items

- A. Revision and Agenda Approval of Agenda of December 14, 2010.

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer, to approve the Agenda of December 14, 2010. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

- B. Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2010 (Regular Meeting) & November 23, 2010 (Special Meeting).

Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by David Arguello, to approve the minutes of November 9, 2010, (Regular Meeting) & November 23, 2010 (Special Meeting). Motion carried by a 3-0 vote with 2 abstaining.

C. Consent Agenda

(The board agreed to address each item separately.)

1. Approval of Warrant Registers
Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Kaye Breyer for approval. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.
2. Approval of Interdistrict Agreements – 2010-2011
Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Beltran for approval. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.
3. Approval of QES Agreement for Consultant Services – MHS SIG Grant
Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer for approval. Motion carried by a 4-1 vote.
4. Approval of Overnight Trip FFA Leadership Conference in Visalia – Feb.12-13, 2011
Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by Rey DeLeon for approval. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.
5. Approval of District Attorney Truancy Prevention Services – MOU Transfer of Funds
Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer for approval. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.
6. Approval of Agreement for Consultant Services – Esperanza Gomez
Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by David Arguello for approval. Motion carried by a 4-1 vote.
7. Approval of Student Teaching Agreement – Fresno Pacific University
Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer for approval. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Information and Proposals

Community Input

None

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Gabriel McCurtis welcomed new board member Jim Beltran and reelected board member David Arguello. He added that he and Kaye Breyer, David Arguello and Marlin Isaacs had attended the Winter Trustees Workshop Dinner. The topic of discussion was the Budget Crisis. Mr. McCurtis also stated that he had attended the California School Boards Association's Annual Education Conference along with board members Marlin Isaacs, David Arguello, Kaye Breyer and Jim Beltran. Marlin Isaacs had also attended the Board Presidents Workshop and Jim Beltran also attended the New Board Members Workshop. He and Kaye Breyer also attended the Legal Symposium. They attended many meaningful workshops including some regarding the state budget. Supt. McCurtis also added that the Groundbreaking Ceremony was held at MMS for the new Central Kitchen. Supt. McCurtis added that he had visited Sacramento with Steve Samuelian from California Consulting and had met with Tom Torlakson. They had discussed a new elementary school and he invited Mr. Torlakson to visit MUSD.

Mr. McCurtis asked Jeff Foy to give an update on the current projects. Jeff stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the two story classroom building was held earlier today with many in attendance. He also stated that work has begun on the Central Kitchen. He also gave some information and options regarding the MHS Gym Floor.

1. Attendance

Supt. McCurtis stated that the monthly total was 3254 students enrolled for the month. Last month there were 3311 and one year ago there were 3224 students.

Board Member/Student Board Member Reports

Khlarissa Agee gave the MHS Athletics report. She stated that Wrestling had competed in the Lemoore Duals. Varsity Boys Soccer will be competing at Garces High School on Dec. 17th. Varsity and JV Girls Basketball will be competing at home versus Wasco High School on Dec. 14 as well as the Varsity and JV Boys Basketball. Varsity Boys Basketball will be participating in the Coast Union's Tournament on Dec. 16-17. The MHS Cheerleaders performed at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Science and Technology Complex earlier today.

Cecilia Nunez gave the Academics report. She stated that First Semester ends on December 17 and students will be released at 1:10 p.m. Students will have early release to prepare for finals on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The new Science and Technology Complex will provide students with a good learning environment. She added that as a student she truly believes this was an excellent decision. She thanked the district for this.

Rey DeLeon – None

Jim Beltran – He thanked everyone for the smooth transition. He thanked the community for electing him to the board. He stated he is ready to accept and move forward.

David Arguello – Welcomed Mr. Beltran to the board and thanked everyone for his reelection.

Kaye Breyer – Welcomed Jim Beltran to the board and David Arguello back. She is excited about the new school building and improvements in the city. Everyone is working together to make a better place. She had comments regarding the progress in the district since Gabriel McCurtis has been here. She added that he brings excellence to the district. They have visited Sacramento and they now know McFarland for other things besides negativity. She thanked Mr. McCurtis for the progress and for working together as a team. She appreciates the staff and administrators.

Marlin Isaacs – None

Reports

1. MTA – Raul Murrieta welcomed new and returning board members. He sees positive things happening. He also wanted to highlight that Mrs. Avelar was granted \$1000 award from The One Classroom at a Time Program to help student with Art projects. He added that regarding SIG grant consultants, there are concerns. Teachers are doing what they need to do. He asked that someone keep an eye on the consultants and they be up to par. He sees positive continued growth for the district.

2. CSEA – None

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Personnel Register

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello, to approve the Personnel Register as presented. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of First Interim Report – 2010-2011

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Beltran to approve the First Interim Report as presented. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Resolution #1011-06 for Release of Impounds for McFarland Unified School District

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Jim Beltran to approve Resolution #1011-06 Release of Impounds. Roll call vote: Rey DeLeon – Aye Jim Beltran – Aye, David Arguello – Aye, Kaye Breyer – Aye, & Marlin Isaacs – Aye. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval of Resolution #1011-07 Amendment to Local Agreement for Child Development Services

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to approve Resolution #1011-07 Amendment to Local Agreement for Child Development Services. Roll Call vote: Rey DeLeon – Aye, Jim Beltran – Aye, David Arguello – Aye, Kaye Breyer – Aye & Marlin Isaacs – Aye. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval of School Site Safety Plans

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to approve the School Site Safety Plans as presented. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

F. Approval to Proceed with MHS Gym Floor Replacement

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Jim Beltran to proceed. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

G. Approval to Purchase Four (4) Trucks Utilizing Fund 14

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Kaye Breyer for approval to purchase four trucks utilizing fund 14. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Advance Planning

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to approve the next regular board meeting date of January 11, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. and Special Board meeting date of January 20, 2011. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Adjournment

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Beltran to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board

Marlin Isaacs, Board President

Kaye Breyer, Vice President

David Arguello, Clerk

Rey DeLeon, Member

Jim Beltran, Member