

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 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, President
 Kaye Breyer, Vice President
 David Arguello, Clerk
 Jim Beltran, Member

ABSENT: Rey DeLeon, Member

Student board members: Cecilia Nunez Kharissa Agee

Staff Present: Gabriel McCurtis Irene Melendez Ambelina Garcia
 Smith Efada Ty Bryson Louie Gomez
 Cynthia Virrey Raul Murrieta Shirley Oesch
 Sandy Hannah Albert Melendez Melissa Melendez
 Numerous Others

Community Present: Jeff Foy Robert Thornton

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance – Jim Beltran

Invocation – Louie Gomez

Public Communication

None

Closed Session

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:02 p.m.

Open Session

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

Report of Closed Session

- A. No Action
- B. No Action

Action Items

- A. Revision and Agenda Approval of Agenda of January 11, 2011.

Motion made by Jim Beltran, seconded by David Arguello, to approve the Agenda of January 11, 2011. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

B. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2010 (Organizational & Regular Meeting).

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Beltran, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010, (Organizational & Regular Meeting). Motion carried by a 4 - 0 vote.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Warrant Registers
2. Approval of Interdistrict Agreements – 2010-2011
3. Approval of Annual School Trustees Winter Workshop/Dinner Meeting of the KCSOS Office and the Kern County School Boards Association (including spouse)

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

Information and Proposals

Community Input

None

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent McCurtis welcomed everyone back and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He asked Jeff Foy and Robert Thornton to give an update on the current projects.

Jeff and Robert addressed that board and also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

1. 2-Story building – still working on the science room. They have been in contact with DSA regarding the holdup.
2. Central Kitchen – the ground in drying out from the recent rain. A temporary fence has been installed and the forms will be put up soon. The weather hurt a little bit but they will make-up the time lost.
3. Gym Floor Update – they gave information regarding the HVAC and costs of replacing as well as refurbishing/replacing existing bleachers as well as cost for a new air conditioning system.

Robert stated that there were two options available to the district. They just need to know which option the board wants them to proceed with.

Supt. McCurtis addressed the board regarding a letter received from Secretary of State Arnie Duncan regarding a Joint Collaboration Conference scheduled for February 15 & 16 in Denver Colorado. They are requesting the Supt., Union President and Board representative attend. Supt. McCurtis stated he will attend as well as Raul Murrieta, MTA President and Board Vice President Kaye Breyer. All expenses will be paid for by a private corporation. Supt. McCurtis also stated that he will be attending the Governors Budget Workshop scheduled for January 18th in Long Beach. Business Manager Ambelina Garcia will also attend. He added that the Governor is saying no further cuts to schools but that it is subject to approval by voters in June. He stated we have a tentative budget at this time. He also stated that at the Study Session scheduled for January 20th Board Protocols for the schools and community will be the topic. Also, at the next board meeting he would like to highlight new teachers hired. He added that he visited school sites this week and saw some great teaching going on at each of the sites visited and that there are "marvelous things going on in the classrooms." He added that he had attended the CSBA conference in December and attended many good workshops regarding the budget. He added that he will be attending the CSBA Superintendent's Symposium on January 26 – 29th for new and valuable information for Superintendents.

1. Attendance

Supt. McCurtis stated that the monthly total was 3238 students enrolled for the month. Last month there were 3290 and one year ago there were 3224 students.

He also added that his mother had passed away during the winter break.

Board Member/Student Board Member Reports

Student Board member Cecilia Nunez reported on Academics. She added that the 1st semester had ended and report cards would be mailed to parents. UC Scholars Workshop 4 regarding Financial Aid will be held on January 18th. The workshop will provide parents with a better understanding of financial aid opportunities available for students to go to college. FFA is scheduled to go to Bakersfield on January 18th as well. The SAT test is scheduled for January 22, Cash for College Workshop on January 30th and on January 31st the UC Scholars workshop 5 for K-12 Standardized Exams will be held. It will introduce parents to Federal and State standardized exams that students are required to take.

Student Board member Khlarisa Agee had nothing to report.

Jim Beltran extended his condolences to Mr. McCurtis on the recent passing of his mother. He also added that he had attended the Garces Tournament and the Girls Basketball team had competed with a loss to Frontier High School. They played a great game. He also congratulated Mr. Bryson on a great Christmas Program put on by the staff and students of Kern Avenue School.

David Arguello – None

Kaye Breyer – None.

David Arguello – None

Marlin Isaacs – None

Rey DeLeon – Absent

Reports

1. MTA – None
2. CSEA – None
3. Williams Act Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report – Irene Melendez gave the quarterly report with no complaints to report.

Old Business

- A. Approval of Election of Trustee Representative to County Committee on School District Organization

Motion made by Jim Beltran to nominate Kaye Breyer as Trustee Representative to County Committee on School District Organization, seconded by David Arguello. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- B. Approval of Election of Alternate Representative to County Committee on School District Organization.

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs to nominate David Arguello as Alternate Representative to County Committee on School District Organization, seconded by Kaye Breyer. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

New Business

- A. Personnel Register

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

B. Approval of Resolution #1011-08 STRS Retirement Incentive Program

Motion made by Jim Beltran, seconded by David Arguello to approve Resolution #1011-08 STRS Retirement Incentive Program. Roll Call Vote: Jim Beltran – Aye, David Arguello – Aye, Marlin Isaacs – Aye, & Kaye Breyer – Aye. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

C. Approval of Provisional Intern Permit for Kevin Brady, Music/Band/Choir Teacher at McFarland High School

This item was pulled from the agenda.

D. Approval of New/Revised Board Policies – First Reading

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Beltran for approval of First Reading of New/Revised Board Policies. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote

E. Approval to Extend Contract for HVAC Provider for a District-Wide Preventative Maintenance Program

Motion made by Kaye Breyer to extend contract for HVAC provider to a District-Wide Preventative Maintenance Program, seconded by David Arguello. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

F. Update and Possible Approval to Proceed with MHS GYM Floor Replacement

Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by David Arguello to proceed with MHS GYM Floor Replacement. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Advance Planning

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Beltran to approve the next regular board meeting date of February 8, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The Study Session date of January 20, 2011 was approved at a previous meeting. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Adjournment

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

Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board

Marlin Isaacs, Board President

Kaye Breyer, Vice President

David Arguello, Clerk

ABSENT
Rey DeLeon, Member

Jim Beltran, Member