

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 17, 2012, at the McFarland High School Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting was called to order by Board President at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Kaye Breyer, President
 Jim Beltran, Vice President
 Marlin Isaacs, Clerk
 Rey DeLeon, Member

Absent: David Arguello, Member

Student board members:

Absent: Erika Garza Khlarissa Agee

Staff Present: Gabriel McCurtis Irene Melendez Kim McManaman
 Ambelina Garcia David Lopez Ty Bryson
 Louie Gomez Raul Murrieta Laurie Haas
 Quentin Panek Margie Perez Melissa Melendez
 Albert Melendez Javier Holguin

Community Present: Chris Breyer John Almond Rafael Melendez

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance – Marlin Isaacs

Invocation – Chris Breyer

Public Communication

Closed Session

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:03 p.m.

Open Session

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

Report of Closed Session

A – D No Action taken

Action Items

A. Revision and Agenda Approval of Agenda of January 17, 2012.

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Jim Beltran, to approve the Agenda of January 17, 2012.
Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

B. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2011 (Organizational & Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Jim Beltran, seconded by Marlin Isaacs, to approve the minutes of December 13, 2011, (Organizational & 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 – 2011-2012
3. Approval of District Attorney Truancy Prevention Services – MOU Transfer of Funds
4. Approval of AVID College Overnight Field Trip – March 14-15, 2012
5. Approval of Facilities Lease with KCSOS for the KA Preschool – 2011-2014
6. Approval FFA Overnight Trips to Attend Conferences – Feb. 10-11, 2012 in Visalia, April 2012 in Fresno, and the Summer of 2012 in Washington.
7. Approval of Annual School Trustees Winter Workshop/Dinner Meeting of the KCSOS Office and the Kern County School Boards Association

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Rey DeLeon for approval. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Information and Proposals

Community Input

Rafael Melendez addressed the board regarding a personal matter.

Chris Breyer addressed the board with comments regarding all the progress being made in the district.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Attendance

Superintendent McCurtis asked Quentin Panek to give a brief update of the ACSA Special Education Symposium he attended last week. Mr. Panek stated that he attended many workshops and roundtable discussions some of which included Brain Research, Co-Teaching, Top 10 Pitfalls of Special Ed. & what to expect as a Director of Special Ed. in a new district.

Superintendent McCurtis asked Kim McManaman to give the board information regarding the new Kindergarten Transition to be put in place next year. She stated that the Transition will be implemented for the upcoming school year. Students at age 5 by November 2 will be enrolled in Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. They will identify the students who qualify as well as work with the parents who will be affected by the transition.

Mr. McCurtis added that at the Budget Meeting scheduled for Wednesday they should know more about the transition requirements.

He also stated that he and Ambelina had attended a meeting last Friday at the county office regarding the Transportation Trigger that will affect the district by approximately \$80,000. He also added that Governor Brown's Budget is based on taxes and if not passed will cause the need for more cuts.

Supt. McCurtis also asked Ty Bryson from MHS and Louie Gomez from MMS to come forward to be addressed. He stated that they are two of the finest principals in the District and are doing great at their school sites.

He asked David Lopez, Director of Technology to come forth and also stated that David has been implemental in the districts growth in Technology. Items such as all elementary classrooms having Smartboards with surround sound and computers. All classrooms at MMS having Smartboards as well and all but 6 classrooms at MHS have Smartboards. David also mentioned each classroom has projectors and there are multiple labs at MMS and MHS. He added that the visitors from Peru are implementing many similar items after visiting our district.

Supt. McCurtis added that the Nursing Program at the McFarland Learning Center should be opening soon.

Supt. McCurtis and Board President Kaye Breyer presented former board President Marlin Isaacs with a Plaque in Appreciation of his leadership as Board President.

Supt. McCurtis also stated that Margie Perez at the FRC is doing a commendable job and that the recent audit had no findings.

Supt. McCurtis stated that the monthly total was 3281 students enrolled for the month. Last month there were 3287 and one year ago there were 3238 students.

Board Member/Student Board Member Reports

Student Board Member Erika Garza gave her report. She stated that the first semester ended and all students studied for finals. The Senior class studied and also had to submit all UC and CSU applications before the deadline in November. In the next few months Seniors will be filling out applications for scholarships, financial aid and grants. Many of the teachers assisted with the application process. She thanked them for their help and said she hopes to make them proud one March comes around and they know where the Seniors will be headed in the fall.

Student Board Member Khlariisa Agee stated that beginning in December, the winter sports began their pre-season. All sports consisting of wrestling, soccer and basketball participated in tournaments before the winter break. Today, both girls and boys Varsity Soccer teams will battle their first conference match here at home against Farmersville High School. Tomorrow, all four basketball teams will travel to Laton High School to begin their season. JV and Varsity Wrestling will compete in Shafter High later in the week. Winter Sports have gotten off to a great start and hope to gain many more victories and accomplishments.

Rey DeLeon – None

Marlin Isaacs – Thanked the board for the plaque. He stated that he proudly serves on the board to help improve the community and schools and to help make McFarland a better place to live.

Jim Beltran – None

Board President Kaye Breyer addressed the board with sentiments regarding former MUSD teacher Barbara Dennis who passed away last week and the services scheduled for this week. She had a great love of children and taught for many years in our district. She asked that all remember Mrs. Dennis. Mrs. Breyer also wanted to acknowledge a couple of district staff:

1. Sandra Espinoza for her assistance with the recent FPM visit. It was even stated that Sandra should train other districts.
2. Margie Perez for all the wonderful accomplishments with the Family Resource Center Program.
3. Josh Rogers for his innovative new ways to serve food. She is excited about the school garden in conjunction with the FFA program to be implemented at the school farm.

Reports

1. FRC – Margie Perez, Program Manager gave a brief report of the Family Resource Center. She stated that they provide community services such as: Family Case Management, School Readiness Program and Parenting and Nurturing Classes. The Outreach Programs provided include: Kern County Dental Network, Kern County Public Health, and the Free Medical Clinic. In Support Services they provide Emergency Food Pantry and Emergency Utility and Rental Assistance. They are funded by First Five till 2013 and MUSD.
2. MTA – None
3. CSEA – None
4. Williams Act Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report – Irene stated that there were no complaints filed for this quarter.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Personnel Register

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

B. Approval of the Pre-Construction Services Agreement with the S.C. Anderson, Lease-Leaseback Provider, for the MHS Gym Remodel

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Jim Beltran for approval of the Pre-Construction Services Agreement with the S.C. Anderson, Lease-Leaseback Provider, for the MHS Gym Remodel. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Advance Planning

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello to approve the next regular board meeting date of February 14, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Adjournment

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

Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board

Kaye Breyer, Board President

Jim Beltran, Vice President

Marlin Isaacs, Clerk

David Arguello, Member

Rey DeLeon, Member