

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees

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REGULAR MEETING March 13, 2012

BOARD MEETING PLACE
McFarland High School Multi-Purpose Room
259 Sherwood Avenue
McFarland, CA

Convene and Adjourn to Closed Session – 4:00 p.m.
Reconvene to Regular Session – 5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Open Session**
- III. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance**
- V. Invocation**
- VI. Public Communication**

The public may address the Board concerning items that are scheduled for discussion during Closed Session only by completing the Community Input Request Form provided on the table at the entrance to the meeting room and submitting the form to the Executive Assistant prior to the Board adjourning to closed session.

- VII. Closed Session**
 - A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (G.C. 54957)
 - B. Conference with Labor Negotiators (G.C. 54957.6)
 - Employee Organizations: MTA and CSEA
 - Labor Negotiator: Kim McManaman
 - C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
 - Case #2011010187

VIII. Open Session

IX. Report of Closed Session

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X. Action Items

A. Revision and Approval of Agenda of March 13, 2012.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

B. Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2012 (Regular Meeting).

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

C. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Warrant Registers
2. Approval of Interdistrict Agreements – 2011-2012 & 2012-2013
3. Approval of 2012-2013 Agreement for High Intensity English Language Development for Grades K-12 - Kevin Clark
4. Approval of Agreement California Consulting, LLC for Consulting Services
5. Approval of Trip to Visit San Lima, Peru for District Staff
6. Approval of a \$3,000 Donation from a former student to be used for the Library at Kern Avenue School

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

XI. Information and Proposals

A. Community Input

The public may address the Board regarding general school district matters. This is an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board on matters pertaining to the school district that are not listed on the agenda. For items on the Agenda, the public will have an opportunity to address the Board when that item is acted upon. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each person is limited to 3 (three) minutes. If a large number wish to speak on a specific item, there is a limit of 20 minutes total input on any item.

B. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent will report to the Board about various matters involving the District.

1. Attendance Report

C. Board Member & Student Board Member Reports

This is an opportunity for board members to report on conferences, workshops and other school/school board meetings attended as well as provide recognition/information about the schools. It is also an opportunity to calendar a conference, workshop, and/or meeting for future attendance.

D. Reports

1. McFarland Teachers Association (MTA)
2. California School Employees Association (CSEA)

E. Presentation (No Action)

1. Review Updated Demographics from 2010 Census and Proposed Resolution to Maintain At-Large Election System
2. K-1 Literacy

F. Discussion (Discussion, Possible Action)

1. School Calendar

XII. Action Items (cont'd)

XIII. Old Business

None

XIV. New Business

A. Personnel Register

The personnel register is listed as one item. The Board can approve the entire register in one vote or can approve each employment, resignation, transfer, reassignment, etc., individually.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

B. Public Hearing Regarding Maintenance of the Current At-Large Election System

Public Hearing Opened: _____ Public Hearing Closed: _____

C. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution #1112-08 to Maintain At-Large Election System

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

D. Approval of Second Interim Report with a Positive Certification

The district is required to periodically review and certify its financial conditions. The Second Interim Report presented is as of January 31, 2012. The Interim Report was based upon and completed in accordance with the state-adopted Criteria and Standards. The District must certify that it will meet its financial obligations for the current year and the two subsequent fiscal years as well as have adequate cash to meet the current year needs. Approval is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

E. Approval of Pipeline Easement at Browning Road Elementary School

The City of McFarland has requested a pipeline easement for the installation of a proposed potable water pipeline along the existing dirt road just east of Browning Road Elementary School. The proposed pipeline will be a 12" diameter PVC pipe buried with a minimum of 30" of cover. Approval is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

E. Approval of Resolution #1112-10 Authorizing the Issuance of the District's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2012 Series A

The Board of Trustees of the District has previously approved the issuance of \$9,150,000 aggregate principal amount of the District's 1992 Election General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "1998 Bonds"), of which \$395,000 is presently outstanding, and the issuance of \$5,285,308.20 aggregate principal amount of the District's 2004 Election General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "2004 Bonds"), of which \$4,450,308.20 is presently outstanding. It currently makes economic sense to refund all or a portion of the outstanding 1998 Bonds and/or 2004 Bonds. Such refunding is expected to generate net present value savings in excess of 3.0%, taking advantage of historically low interest rates. The refunding will reduce property taxes and will not increase the term of the bonds. Staff wishes to proceed with the refunding, subject to realizing adequate net present value savings in excess of 3.0% as determined by staff. A Resolution approving the issuance and delivery of refunding bonds by the District is presented for the Board's consideration. The Resolution will authorize the District's financing team to proceed with the refunding and approves the form of the following documents in connection with the refunding: Preliminary Official Statement, Escrow Agreement, Continuing Disclosure Agreement and Bond Purchase Agreement. Approval is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

F. Approval of New/Revised Board Policies – Second Reading

New/Revised Board Policies are being presented in order to insure current District Policy. Approval of the Second Reading is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

G. Approval of Revised Board Policy BP 6146.1 – First Reading

Board Policy BP 6146.1 has been revised and is now being presented in order to insure current District Policy. Approval of First Reading is requested.

H. Approval to Grant 3-year Contract to Bright House Networks for a connection between Browning Road Elementary and the High School, between the High School and KCSOS and Internet Access.

E-rate pays up to 90% of communication expenses for eligible schools and libraries. We are applying to have E-rate cover the eligible cost of connecting Browning Road Elementary to the High School at a speed of 100Mb/s at a cost of \$2798 per month. We also, have the option of increasing the bandwidth in future years. Their current bandwidth is approximately 5Mb/s and is inadequate for their current use. The other sites are connected by fiber that the district installed and have bandwidths of 1000 Mb/s and are utilizing between 20 and 60 Mb/s of their capacity. In addition, we are applying to have E-rate cover the cost of \$1049 per month and Internet Access at 50 Mb/s at a cost of \$2138 per month. The total cost for all circuits and internet access will come to \$5985 per month. After E-rate pays for 90%, our cost will be \$598.50 per month. Approval is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

I. Approval to Advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural Services for the MHS Athletics Field Modernization Project.

The District wishes to seek proposals to provide architectural services for the design and reconfiguration for the MHS Athletics Field Modernization Project. Funding Source: Developer Fees. Approval is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

XV. Advance Planning

A. Future Meeting Dates

1. Regular Board Meeting – April 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at MHS Multipurpose Room.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

XVI. Adjournment

Time: _____

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____