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McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, March 13, 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
 David Arguello, Member

Absent: Rey DeLeon, Member

Student board members: Erika Garza

Absent: Khlarissa Agee

Staff Present: Gabriel McCurtis Irene Melendez Kim McManaman
 Ambelina Garcia David Lopez Ty Bryson
 Raul Murrieta Laurie Haas Quentin Panek
 Sandra Espinoza Louie Gomez Josh Rogers
 Kathy Rowland Quinlan Chaves Anell Chavez
 Melissa Melendez Yolanda Gonzalez Albert Melendez
 David Heredia

Community Present: Chris Breyer Jeff Foy John Almond
 Grant Herndon Mark Russell Don Hunt

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance – Jim Beltran

Invocation – Louie Gomez

Public Communication

Kathy Rowland addressed the board in support of Quinlan Chavez.

Raul Murrieta addressed the board with comments regarding the non-reelects and the policies and procedures for such. He also commended the district for the support given to the Soccer Team and the CIF Championship game.

Closed Session

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:10 p.m.

Open Session

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

Report of Closed Session

A. Board President reported out that in Closed Session, Under Resolution #1112-11 the board took action to Rescind the Non-Reelection of four Probationary Certificated Employees.

Also, Under Resolution #1112-09, the Board took action to non-reelect Employees 2746, 2873, 2732, 2722, 2723, 2871, 2903, 0917, 2868, 2858, 2721, 2578, 2478, 2859, 2743, 2867, 2421, 2863, 2865, 2860, 2727, 0694, 2751, 2726, 1510, 1694, 2719, 2725, and 2810 probationary certificated employees, pursuant to Ed. Code Section 44929.21 (b), effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. The Board directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices. Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Beltran. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes, David Arguello, Jim Beltran and Kaye Breyer with 1 absent and 1 abstention. Motion carried by a 3-0-1 vote.

The board also took action approving a Settlement Agreement with a classified employee with the resignation effective April 30, 2012. Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello for approval of the Settlement Agreement. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- B. No action taken
- C. No action taken

Action Items

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

Board President noted the revision Under New Business item J. to change the word Architectural to read Design Build. Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs, to approve the Agenda of March 13, 2012. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

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

The minutes of February 14, 2012 were corrected under Report of Closed Session item A. to read "effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year". Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Jim Beltran, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2012, (Regular Meeting). Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- 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 made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello for approval of Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Information and Proposals

Community Input

None

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent McCurtis asked Assistant Superintendent Kim McManaman and Principal Louie Gomez to give a brief overview of the recent conference they attended regarding teaching strategies with also included Sandra Espinoza and Lori Haas.

Kim McManaman also reported on the Read Across America held at KA, BR and MMS on March 2nd.

Ambelina Garcia was asked to give an update on the Bond.

Superintendent McCurtis also gave highlights of the Newsletter.

Jeff Foy and Mark Russell gave a brief overview of the MHS Football Field Modernization Project.

Sandra Espinoza reported regarding First Five and their recent decision to extend the agreement for two extra years. She also reported on Summer School.

Ty Bryson was asked to comment regarding the MHS Soccer team and their recent Championship game in Downey. He stated that the team did exceptionally well this year earning the Valley Title and earning a birth in the Regional Tournament (State) in Downey where the team played against Crossroads High School. Unfortunately the team lost to Crossroads High School but the support received from the students, staff and community meant a lot to the team. He stated that over 500 people attended the game in support of the team. He also stated that the high school is testing this week and the 10 graders had a 100% attendance that day.

Superintendent McCurtis reported that he along with other Kern County Superintendents had attended "Legislative Action Days" in Sacramento recently to lobby on behalf of Kern County Schools and had met with several state officials on various educational issues.

1. Attendance

Supt. McCurtis stated that the monthly total was 3281 students enrolled for the month. Last month there were 3276 and one year ago there were 3247 students.

He also stated that the Soccer team will be honored at the April board meeting.

Board Member/Student Board Member Reports

Student Board Member Erika Garza reported on sports. She stated that the MHS Soccer Boys ended the season with a controversial 2-0 loss to the Crossroads High School from Santa Monica. However, they did win the Valley Title against Tranquility and reaching the California Division III State Championship. The community came together to support the Cougars. She stated that as the Soccer Team arrived home on Saturday they were escorted into town where cheering fans congregated to welcome them home. She also thanked the board for their support with the transportation to the game. She added that baseball, softball, tennis and track have begun and hopes for support for them as well.

David Arguello – none

Marlin Isaacs – He stated these are exciting times for MHS/McFarland and long overdue regarding the modernization, test scores going up and having a better education foundation. He is proud to be on the board of trustees.

Kaye Breyer – She reported that she had attended Read Across America at Browning Road School to read to the students and had a wonderful time.

Jim Beltran commented he had also attended Read Across America at Kern Avenue to read in his son's class. He thoroughly enjoyed it as much as the students.

Reports

1. MTA – Raul Murrieta had comments regarding planning for the future, budget concerns and state initiatives.
2. CSEA – None

Presentation (No Action)

1. Grant Herndon gave a brief overview of the updated demographics from the 2010 Census and Proposed Resolution to Maintain the At-Large Election System.
2. Kim McManaman along with Sandra Espinoza and Enrique Osuna gave a brief presentation regarding K-1 Literacy

Discussion (Discussion, Possible Action)

1. School Calendar – The 2012-2013 school calendar was discussed with no action taken. It will be addressed again at the April board meeting.

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

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:57 and closed at 6:58 with no input from the community.

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

Motion made by Jim Beltran seconded by Marlin Isaacs for approval of Resolution #1112-08 to Maintain At-Large Election System. Roll Call Vote: David Arguello – Aye, Marlin Isaacs – Aye, Kaye Breyer – Aye, and Jim Beltran – Aye. Motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

D. Approval of Second Interim Report with a Positive Certification

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to approve the Second Interim Report with a Positive Certification. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

E. Approval of Pipeline Easement at Browning Road Elementary School

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Jim Beltran for approval of the Pipeline Easement at Browning Road Elementary School. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

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

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Beltran approving Resolution #1112-10 Authorizing the Issuance of the District's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2012 Series A. Roll Call vote: David Arguello – Aye, Marlin Isaacs – Aye, Kaye Breyer – Aye and Jim Beltran – Aye. Motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

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

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello to approve the second reading of new/revised board policies. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

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

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Beltran to approve the Revised Board Policy BP 6146.1 First Reading. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

I. Approval to Grant a 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.

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello for approval to Grant a 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. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

J. Approval to Advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Design Build Services for the MHS Athletics Field Modernization Project.

Motion made by Jim Beltran, seconded by David Arguello for approval Advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Design Build Services for the MHS Athletics Field Modernization Project. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Advance Planning

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Jim Beltran to approve the Special Board Meeting date of March 29, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Motion made by Jim Beltran, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to approve the next regular board meeting date of April 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at MHS Multipurpose Room. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Adjournment

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

Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



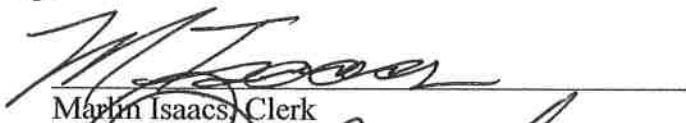
Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board



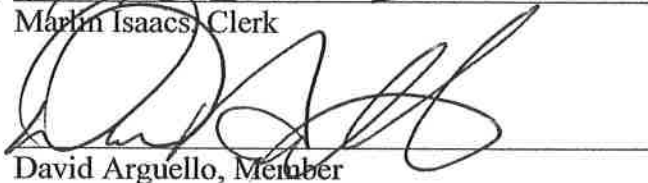
Kaye Breyer, Board President



Jim Beltran, Vice President



Marlin Isaacs, Clerk



David Arguello, Member

Absent

Rey DeLeon, Member