

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at the McFarland High School Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting was called to order by Board President at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Jim Beltran, President
David Arguello, Vice President
Marlin Isaacs, Clerk
Eliseo Garza, Member
Angel Turrubiates, Member

Staff Present:
Kim McManaman Irene Melendez Ambelina Duran
Sandra Espinoza David Lopez Ty Bryson
Tania Courtney Louie Gomez Smith Efada
Quentin Panek Lori Schultz Laurie Haas
Michael Doria Sandy Hannah Raul Murrieta
Javier Ruiz Anita Cruz Courtney Lancaster
Suzanne Villaruz Melissa Melendez Jim McFarland
Ed Levenson Johnny Samaniego Colin Normington
Albert Melendez Mayela Medina
Others

Community Present:
John Almond Chris Breyer Kaye Breyer
Grant Herndon April Hernandez Linda Genel
Others

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance – Angel Turrubiates

Invocation – Chris Breyer

Recognition of Staff/Students

Employee Recognitions: Kim McManaman presented Student Services employees with Certificates of Appreciation.

Student Recognitions: MHS Wrestling Team was recognized as winners of the South Sequoia League Almond Classic.

The MHS Girls Basketball Team was recognized as East Sierra League Basketball Champions and the MHS Girls Soccer Team was recognized and received certificates from Congressman David Valadeo's office for being the East Sierra League Soccer Valley Champions. These teams will have their names placed on the banners in the new MHS Gym.

Public Communication

April Hernandez field representative from the office of Assemblyman Rudy Salas addressed the board regarding some of the Assembly bills he is working on. She also stated that they now have an office in Bakersfield.

Kaye Breyer addressed the board regarding the positive things that have happened during Dr. McCurtis' tenure.

Albert Melendez addressed the board regarding budgeting concerns in regards to \$ needed for salaries, classroom supplies and bringing back the buses from the County.

Chris Breyer commented on the district morale and staff concerns with regards to change of administration. He also referred to previous administration and the morale issue.

Jim McFarland addressed the board regarding personal medical issues he has had in the past and the many years he has been with the district and he thanked the district & staff for sticking by him. He is very grateful.

Closed Session

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.

Open Session

The board re-convened to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

Report of Closed Session

A. In Closed Session, the Board rescinded the non-reelection of employee #1510 and accepted the resignation of 1 elementary teacher. The teacher will work through the end of this school year. Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

B. No action

Action Items

A. Revision and Approval of Agenda of March 12, 2013.

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Angel Turrubiates to approve the Agenda of March 12, 2013. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2013 (Regular Meeting) & March 5, 2013 (Special Meeting).

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2013 (Regular Meeting). Motion carried by a 4-0 vote with 1 abstaining. Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Angel Turrubiates to approve the Minutes of March 5, 2013 (Special Meeting). Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Warrant Registers
2. Approval of Interdistrict Agreements – 2013-2014
3. Approval of Donation to Browning Road School for Science Museum Trip.
4. Approval of Auditor Contract – Roberts & James – 2013-2014
5. Approval of Renewal of CollegeBoard Agreement

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Eliseo Garza to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Information and Proposals

Community Input

Smith Efada addressed the board regarding the School Calendars to be discussed.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Attendance

Superintendent Gabriel McCurtis stated that the monthly total was 3252 students enrolled for the month. Last month there were 3269 and one year ago there were 3263 students.

Board Member Reports

Angel Turrubiates – He stated that he had attended Board Training. He is happy he attended and found it very informative.

Eliseo Garza – He also stated that he had attended the Board Training as well and also found it to be very informative.

Marlin Isaacs – He thanked the staff and all involved in the MHS GYM remodel. He added that it is one project down and more to be done.

Jim Beltran – He concurred with Mr. Isaacs on the MHS GYM as well. He added that he had attended the CAHSEE Academy graduation on Saturday. He stated that there is great learning and teaching going on.

David Arguello also concurred with Mr. Beltran.

Reports

1. MTA – Raul Murrieta commented regarding the district issues. He stated that everyone has an opinion and the board should see all sides. He praised Dr. McCurtis on many of the issues he has dealt with but also stated that there were still some ongoing issues as well with a major one being teacher safety in the classroom. He added that change is difficult for everybody.

2. CSEA – None

Discussion (Only)

Discussion was held regarding the four 2013-2014 School Calendar Drafts brought before the Board.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Personnel Register

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

B. Public Hearing – McFarland Teachers Association Sunshine Proposal to McFarland Unified School District.

The public hearing was opened by board president at 6:37 for input from the community. The public hearing was closed at 6:38 with no comments from the community.

C. Approval of Resolution #1213-14 State Allocation Board “Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority List

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by David Arguello for approval of Resolution #1213-14 State Allocation Board “Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority List. Roll Call vote: A. Turrubiates – Aye. E. Garza – Aye, M. Isaacs – Aye, J. Beltran – Aye & D. Arguello – Aye. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

D. Approval of Resolution #1213-15 STRS Early Retirement Incentive Program

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Angel Turrubiates for approval of Resolution #1213-15 STRS Early Retirement Incentive Program. Roll Call vote: A. Turrubiates – Aye, E. Garza – Aye, M. Isaacs – Aye, J. Beltran – Aye & D. Arguello – Aye. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

E. Approval of Second Interim Report with a Positive Certification

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Angel Turrubiates for approval of Second Interim Report with a Positive Certification. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

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

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs for approval of New/Revised Board Policies – First Reading. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Advance Planning

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by Angel Turrubiates to approve the next regular board meeting date of April 9, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at MHS Multipurpose Room. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Board President announced they would resume Closed Session. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:45 p.m.

Open Session

The board re-convened to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

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In Closed Session, the board, stating in the best interest of the district, voted to release the Superintendent from his contract effective immediately. Motion made by Eliseo Garza, seconded by Angel Turrubiates. Roll call vote: Angel Turrubiates – Yes, Eliseo Garza – Yes, Jim Beltran – Yes, Marlin Isaacs – No & David Arguello – No. Motion carried by a 3 -2 roll call vote.

Adjournment

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

Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

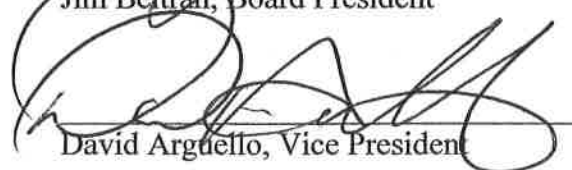
Respectfully Submitted:

Absent

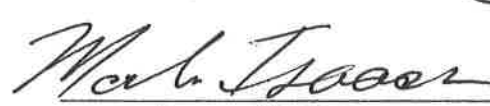
Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board



Jim Beltran, Board President



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