

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at the McFarland High School Multi-Purpose Room. The regular meeting was called to order by Board President at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Jim Beltran, President  
Angel Turrubiates, Clerk  
Eliseo Garza, Member

**Absent:**

David Arguello, Vice President  
Victoria Ramirez, Member

**Student Board Member**

Arturo Navarrete

**Staff Present:**

Victor Hopper	Irene Melendez	Ambelina Duran
Valerie Garcia	Ty Bryson	Lori Schultz
Raul Murrieta	Quentin Panek	Humberto Chairez
Albert Melendez	Adan Robles	Michael Doria
Teresa Arvizu	Matt Roderick	Melissa Melendez
Monica Marroquin	Marie Tafoya	Mark Mayes
Smith Efada	Lourdes Bucher	Dario Diaz
Brian Bell	Mona Aguilar	Mayra Trevino
Numerous Others		

**Community Present:**

Pastor Terry Ruddell Chris Burger David Diaz  
Others

**Open Session**

**Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

**Pledge of Allegiance – Eliseo Garza**

**Invocation – Pastor Terry Ruddell**

**Public Communication** – Amador Ayon addressed the board and proceeded to thank them and Supt. Hopper for the beautiful facelift at MHS with the new stadium renovation. He added that the Invitational held last week included 24 schools with between 1800 – 2000 people in attendance. The girls track team was 6<sup>th</sup> out of 24 and won the Small Schools Division. The boys track team was 7<sup>th</sup> out of 24 and also won the Small School Division. They had a spectacular performance. He added that much of that is due to the new track and the support by the board members, staff and community who attended and assisted. He announced the All Valley Championships to be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> and the League Championships to be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. He invited everyone present to attend. He again thanked the Board.

Teresa Arvizu addressed that board as well to extend an invitation to all the Board Members and Superintendent to the Reclassification Celebration to be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the MMS Multipurpose Room. She stated that currently there are 161 students who will be reclassified.

Mayra Helo-Trevino addressed the board. She will be the new Principal at Browning Road School for the upcoming school year. She proceeded to introduce her family and stated that she is happy to be joining our district and returning to this area. She also introduced Mona Aguilar who has been selected as the new Learning Director at Browning Road School. Mona Aguilar also thanked everyone and is excited to be at Browning Road School next year alongside Mrs. Trevino.

### **Presentation**

RDA Resolution – Chris Burger from Schools Legal Service gave a brief explanation of the proposed resolution regarding RDA's (Redevelopment Agencies) underpayments and non-payments. The deadline is May 31, 2015. We can choose to participate with other districts for litigation to recover the funds owed the district and other districts. Cost to the district is dependent on the amount of monies being recovered by each district.

The CASHEE Academy Students were recognized for their attendance of 4 sessions of the academy. Board President Jim Beltran thanked the students and parents for their commitment to the academy. He stated that it is important to have the support of the parents in order for their children to excel.

### **Closed Session**

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:25 p.m.

### **Open Session**

The board re-convened to Open Session at 6:57p.m.

### **Report of Closed Session**

- A. Nothing to report
- B. Nothing to report
- C. Nothing to report
- D. Student #1415-02 – MMS - Motion made by Eliseo Garza, seconded by Angel Turrubiates for Expulsion of Student #1415-02. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.
- E. Nothing to report
- F. Nothing to report

### **Action Items**

- A. Revision and Approval of Agenda of April 14, 2015.

Under New Business, Item C. was pulled from the Agenda.

Motion made by Eliseo Garza, seconded by Angel Turrubiates, to approve the Agenda of April 14, 2015 with the revision. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

- B. Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2015 (Regular Meeting) and March 19, 2015 (Special Meeting).

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by Eliseo Garza, to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2015 (Regular Meeting). Motion carried by a 3-0 vote. The minutes for March 19, 2015 (Special Meeting) were tabled to the May board meeting due to a lack of eligible board members' approval.

## C. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Warrant Registers
2. Approval of Interdistrict Agreements
3. Approval of Donation to MHS Choir/Drumline – Kern County School Boards Association
4. Approval of Donation to MHS Woodworking Class – The GEO Group Foundation, Inc.
5. Approval of Donation to MHS – Discover Brighter Futures Fund
6. Approval of Superintendent’s Mentor Consultant Agreement
7. Approval of Countywide Plan for Provision of Educational services to Expelled Pupils
8. Approval of MOU with Mike Lynch for CPR/First Aid Training – April-June, 2015
9. Approval of Job Description – Vice Principal/Athletic Director & Activities - MHS

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by Eliseo Garza to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

## Information and Proposals

### Community Input

None

### Superintendent’s Report:

Superintendent Hopper reported on:

1. Attendance – To date the District has 3408 students enrolled, 56 more than last year.
2. Data Management Recognition – Ambelina Duran recognized the Technology Director David Lopez and the Attendance Technicians/Registrars, which included: Violeta Murguia, Rocio Garcia, Eliza Carmona, Irma Soto, Josephina Raya and Anita Escobar for their assistance in the CALPADS Data Collection process for the District. She added that Amy Christensen Grant writer from CA Consulting was instrumental in getting the approval for the ASES Funding for \$225,000. The District will apply again next year for MMS funding.  
Mr. Hopper also read two letters from Ed Levenson: He commended Ms. Cristina Tafoya, Food Service Director, for Outstanding Service to the MHS Wrestling Program by providing the team with food and drinks. In his second letter Mr. Levenson asked the board for reconsideration of a JV Wrestling Team. Mr. Hopper also commended Mrs. Ambelina Duran and her team for the AB 1200 approval.
3. Student Recognition – Lori Schultz and Brian Bell introduced the Boys and Girls Soccer Teams as well as the Varsity Basketball Team.
4. Use of Facilities Presentation - Cancelled

## Board Member & Student Board Member Reports

Student board member Arturo Navarrete had to leave but Superintendent Hopper gave his report.

Regarding Academics: This past month was spent preparing for the upcoming tests. These tests include the Common Core Test which the Juniors will be taking and the CAHSEE test the Sophomores just finished taking. Regarding Athletics: Track is underway having just hosted an Invitational here at MHS. Tennis is coming to a close with their last home game happening next Tuesday. Baseball and Softball are doing a great job and are hoping for a great season.

Eliseo Garza – Congratulated the teams on doing an amazing job. He added that every sport counts. He thanked them for doing well.

Angel Turrubiates – Congratulated the teams as well and stated, “Let’s do it again next year.”

Jim Beltran – Thanked all the students and coaches and extended Congratulations to our kids. He thanked McFarland Unified School District Staff for working together for a common goal.

## **Reports**

1. MHS – Lori Schultz gave an overview of the activities at MHS and the LCAP Goals and the focus on two of the goals being: Create a safe and welcome learning environment and engage parents and families. She also stated that they stressed Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking and Creativity.
2. McFarland Teachers Association – Raul Murrieta, President of MTA expressed his views regarding the MTA Contract, Common Core, Quality of Leadership at Sites, Changes/Promotions.
3. California School Employees Association – None
4. Williams Quarterly Report – Irene Melendez reported that there were no complaints filed for this quarter.

## **Old Business**

Approval of New/Revised Board Policies – Second Reading

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by Eliseo Garza for approval of New/Revised Board Policies – Second Reading. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

## **New Business**

### **A. Personnel Register**

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by Eliseo Garza, to approve the Personnel Register as presented. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

### **B. Approval of RDA Resolution #1415-17 (RDA Underpayment Litigation)**

There were no motions made so the Resolution Died.

### **C. Approval of Resolution #1415-18 Elimination/Reduction of Certain Confidential/Classified Services**

This item was pulled from the Agenda.

### **D. Approval of CMAS Contract 4-99-78-0006A for Playground Equipment for the New Elementary**

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by Eliseo Garza for approval of CMAS Contract 4-99-78-0006A for Playground Equipment for the New Elementary. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

### **E. Approval of Revision of Use of Facilities Fee Structure**

Motion made by Eliseo Garza, seconded by Angel Turrubiates for approval of Use of Facilities Fee Structure. The current Use of Facilities Fees Structure was reviewed with No Revisions and No Exceptions. Fees will apply to all entities. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

F. Approval of School Calendar – 2015-2016

Motion made by Eliseo Garza, seconded by Angel Turrubiates for approval of School Calendar – 2015-2016 as presented. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

G. Approval of Ratification of Contract of Employment – Job Title: Superintendent

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by Eliseo Garza for approval of Ratification of Contract of Employment – Job Title: Superintendent. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

**Advance Planning**

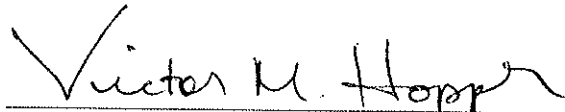
Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by Eliseo Garza to approve the next regular board meeting date of May 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at MHS Multipurpose Room. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by Eliseo Garza to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



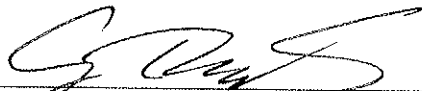
Victor M. Hopper, Secretary to the Board



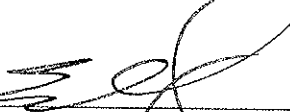
Jim Beltran, Board President

ABSENT

David Arguello, Vice President



Angel Turrubiates, Clerk



Eliseo Garza, Member

ABSENT

Victoria Ramirez, Member