

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at the McFarland High School Multi-Purpose Room. The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Jim Beltran at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Jim Beltran, Board President – Present
Angel Turrubiates, Clerk – Present
David Diaz, Member – Present
David Arguello, Vice President – Present
Eliseo Garza, Member – Present (Arrived at 6:00 p.m.)

Student Board Members: None Present

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance – Trustee David Diaz

Invocation – Pastor Terry Ruddell

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

- A. Revisions and Approval of Agenda of August 8, 2017:
1. Correction: Item VI, B, Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2017: Deputy Superintendent Staff Reports, presentation and overview of the 2017-2018 Budget included the Greater Reserve Statement of Reason.
 2. Revision: Item VI, C, revise to read Special Meeting instead of Regular Meeting.
 3. Remove: Item IX, C, Anticipated Litigation: Associated with Personnel Register, person resigned, therefore, there is no anticipated litigation.
 4. Correction: Item XIII: Correct Alpha Sequence to A, B, C, D.
 5. Revision: Item XV, A, Personnel Register has been revised. Revised version is available on the table at the entrance of the MHS Multipurpose Room.
 6. Correction: Item XV, D, Remove the following language: The approval of Resolution 1718-03 will authorize the District to apply for hardship funding. It should say: The approval of Resolution 1718-03 will allow the district to borrow from the General Fund to pay for the design of the projects and hopefully receive reimbursement from the state.

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by David Arguello to approve Agenda of August 8, 2017. Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

- B. Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2017 (Regular Meeting)

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by David Arguello to approve Minutes of June 13, 2017. Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

- C. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2017 (Special Meeting)

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by David Diaz to approve Minutes of June 14, 2017. Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Presentations/Recognitions

- A. Dr. John Walkup presented a Grants Update presentation.
- B. Lalo Trujillo from MTA Advisors presented a presentation on Certificates of Participation (COP) Financing Options to the Board.
- C. Technology Director David Lopez presented a report on Wifi for the entire City of McFarland.
- D. Patty Carrillo shared a PowerPoint Report with the Board regarding the Migrant Summer School Program.
- E. State & Federal Projects Coordinator Monica Marroquin provided a report regarding MUSD Summer Camps. Sample of classes offered included designing and building robots, fitness classes, nutrition, sportsmanship opportunities, multi-media classes, and music/band class.
- F. VP of Athletics Justin Derrick provided Management Retreat Highlights to the Board.
- G. VP of Athletics Justin Derrick delivered a presentation on MHS Athletic Uniform Purchase Cycles.
- H. MUSD Trustee Eliseo Garza and MUSD Clerk Angel Turrubiates were presented with Certificates for Five Years of Distinguished and Continuous Service on behalf of Public Education in California and the Schools in Kern County.

Public Comments

A. Community Input

1. Roobie Richards addressed the Board in regards for an Agriculture Position.
2. Ariana Hallum addressed the Board in regards to the Agriculture Department and programs.
3. Patricia Puentes addressed the Board in regards to the Agriculture Department and asked for District support for students to attend conferences.
4. Ada Diaz addressed the Board regarding two different curriculums that have helped the teachers.
5. Octavio Gonzales addressed the Board regarding No on D concerns.
6. Audrey Chavez addressed the Board regarding No on Measure D concerns, documentation requests, employee concerns, and the Pathways Program.
7. Kim Whealy addressed the Board regarding the future of MHS/MUSD and ways to retain teachers.

B. Public Communication

1. None

Closed Session

Time: 6:00 P.M.

- A. Pubic Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (G.C. 54957)
- B. Conference with Labor Negotiator(s) (G.C. 54957.6)
 1. CSEA
 2. MTA
- C. Student Expulsion/Readmittance
 1. Student #1617-03 – MMS – Readmittance
 2. Student #1617-04 – MMS – Readmittance
 3. Student #1617-08 – MHS – Readmittance
 4. Student #1617-11 – MHS – Readmittance

Report of Closed Session

- A. Pubic Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (G.C. 54957) - Nothing to Report
- B. Conference with Labor Negotiator(s) (G.C. 54957.6) - Nothing to Report
- C. Student Expulsion/Readmittance – Tabled

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by Eliseo Garza to Table Student Expulsion/Readmittance presented in Closed Session. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Action Items

- A. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Approval of Warrant Registers
 - 2. Approval of Inter-District Agreements
 - 3. Approval of Donation to McFarland High School - \$1,048.22
 - 4. Approval of Agreement between MUSD and KCSOS/District Education Technology
 - 5. Approval of Agreement between MUSD and KCSOS/Instructional Media Services
 - 6. Approval of Agreement between MUSD and KCSOS/2017-18 Special Education Services
 - 7. Approval of Agreement between MUSD and EdCaliber Curriculum Systems
 - 8. Approval of Agreement between MUSD and KCSOS/AVID Consortium
 - 9. Approval to Agreement between MUSD and Imagine Learning Software Services
 - 10. Approval of Agreement between MUSD and Americorp Site Placement
 - 11. Approval of Contract between MUSD and Atkinson, Adelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo
 - 12. Approval of Purchase of three Express Passenger Vans
 - 13. Approval of Overnight Trip for Boys and Girls Cross Country Team to Orange County, CA to participate in the Woodbridge Cross Country Classic – 9/15/17 – 9/17/17
 - 14. Approval of Overnight Trip for Boys and Girls Cross Country Team to Portland, Oregon to participate in the Cross Country National Competition – 9/28/17 – 10/01/17
 - 15. Approval of Overnight Trip for Boys and Girls Cross Country Team to Walnut, Ca to Participate in the Cross Country Mt. Sac Invitational. – 10/20/17 – 10/21/17
 - 16. Approval of Overnight Trip for Boys and Girls Cross Country Team to Fresno, CA to Participate in the Cross Country C.I.F. Central Valley Championships – 11/15/17 – 11/16/17
 - 17. Approval of Overnight Cross Country Trip for Boys and Girls Cross Country Team to Fresno, CA to participate in the Cross Country State Championships – 11/24/17 – 11/25/17
 - 18. Approval of Annual Education Conference in San Diego – 11/30/17 – 12/02/17

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Angel Turrubiates to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-18 as presented. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

B. Non-Consent Agenda

Superintendent received a positive evaluation on his 2016-2017 school year.

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by David Arguello to approve Non-Consent Agenda Item 1 as presented. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Information and Proposals

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Victor Hopper stated the following:

1. Attendance Report – Attendance one year ago was 3,501 as of today we are at 3,557, we are up 56 students.
2. He would like to thank all those that supported efforts to try and pass Measure D.
3. Stated that he is grateful to all the Administrators that participated in the City of McFarland's National Night Out on August 7th. Ms. Schultz gave away 20 backpacks with supplies thanks to a generous donation from the McFarland Lions Club.
4. Congratulated to Mrs. Harrison and Sandra Gonzales as of today all vacancies are filled and none of teaching positions were filled with any type of waivers. Shows commitment on their behalf.
5. Thanked all the staff that made the Welcome Back Breakfast a success. Very exciting. Focus continues to hire the best people, have a common purpose, an unbridled passion, and together we're unstoppable.
6. Stated that 2016-2017 was a successful year we had 204 Graduates.
7. Thanked Mr. David Lopez for his hard work in being able to get permission from Caltrans and UPRR to run the fiber optic under Hwy 99.
8. Declared that we are working on our own newsletter that will be published shortly.
9. Announced that MUSD will be hosting the USC Mobile Dental Clinic on September 29th and 30th and October 2nd through 6th at the Lockwood Center.

B. Staff Reports

1. Deputy Superintendent Ambelina Garcia Duran shared the following:
 - A. Visited all the sites and is happy to see the teachers engaged and ready for the school year.
 - B. Thanked the Custodians and Technology Department for getting the classrooms ready for the staff.
 - C. Congratulated William Stoutinburg and Bob Phillips for being Google Certified this summer.
 - D. Reiterated Kori Harrison and Sandra Gonzales' hard work and dedication to ensure highly qualified teachers. Proactively recruited, posted, and made sure everyone went to EdJoin.org.
 - E. Thanked District Staff, Cafeteria Staff, Technology, and MOT Staff for helping out during the Welcome Back Breakfast.
 - F. Phase 1 of State Compliance Audit was completed on August 3rd. Second Part of the Audit will be on October 23rd.
 - G. MOT has been working very hard at getting everything hard, especially Kenny Ramirez for addressing safety issues that will be corrected.
 - H. Apologized to teachers regarding the carpet replacement, that will be scheduled during Thanksgiving or Christmas week.

- I. Presented a rendering of the MHS Outdoor Courtyard. This proposal is help deal with the challenges that the kids have during lunch as they try to navigate their way around vehicles in the parking area during lunchtime in an effort to find shade. We are expecting 950 students this year. We would like to place tables with umbrellas around the current parking lots to accommodate these extra students and give them a place to eat their meals, gather, and socialize. We will bring in trees in planters to help provide shade. We will work with the Fire Department access and be in compliance. We will ask for bids. We are looking at the most effective option for alternative parking for teachers.
2. Assistant Superintendent S. Aaron Resendez shared the following:
 - A. Stated the District is working with the Teachers Association, school sites, and site Principals to balance out the student enrollment that we have.
 - B. Thanked Lori Schultz and her staff for doing a great job for managing inter and intra districts requests.
 - C. Announced that as we analyze student enrollment numbers and population shifts within the city, the District will be examining the likely need to modify our current Elementary School boundaries in an effort to equalize the current overcrowding. Should the enrollment continue as projected, we anticipate holding stakeholder meetings this spring. We will monitor numbers.
 3. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Valarie Park shared the following:
 - A. Stated that McFarland Unified School District and its Staff are all here for the kids.
 - B. Announced that she has been busy working with all Elementary School Principals.
 - C. Indicated that she has been working with Monica Marroquin and is working on an Induction Program with the County to retain the high quality staff that we have.
 - D. Stated that she has been working with Mr. Resendez on supporting Principals.
 - E. Proclaimed that she is looking at what we do here to impact student learning, how can we do that positively and measure our success.
 - F. Announced that we do great things at MUSD and that we want to tell our story and let people know what we stand for.
- C. Board Member Reports
1. Trustee David Diaz stated the following:
Wanted to wish and thank everyone for your efforts during the summer. Wanted to reiterate that there is nothing is more important in our District than our students and everything that we do is for the students. Is looking forward to a successful year and looks forward to visiting you at each of your respective sites.
 2. Trustee Eliseo Garza stated the following:
Welcomed everyone back and said this is going to be another great year. He believes in McFarland. We have a great Staff.
 3. Clerk Angel Turrubiates stated the following:
Welcomed everyone back from their vacation and is excited for another great year. Go out and do your best.

4. Vice President David Arguello stated the following:
Welcomed everyone back to a new school year. It's going to be a great year! Point out to Mr. Cantu on the city side, thank you to the crews for taking care of the crosswalk lines throughout the city prior to the beginning of the school year. It helps with the safety of our kids.
5. President Jim Beltran stated the following:
Welcomed everyone back. Knows we're going to have a great school year. Everyone is doing a great job and it shows. He hears a lot of the academic talk and the language and it is very positive. There are hiccups, but we are leaders, and let's all join together, and work together to solve these hiccups and in due time everything can be resolved. Working together shows the spirit of McFarland because we can overcome, we are winners, we are champions, and we going to be the light of this county in terms of education. Thanked everyone for being an inspiration to our kids and leaders.

D. Reports

1. McFarland Teachers Association (MTA) – Patty Carrillo
Patty Carrillo stated that she wanted to thank MOT and Mr. Rojas as she had a lot of teachers pay compliments for how clean their classrooms were. She saw custodians working as a team and it's a reflection of the team culture we're in. We're in the process of having our EERC Team Meetings.
2. California School Employees Association (CSEA)
None
3. Williams Quarterly Report - Belinda Cole
Belinda Cole stated there were no complaints this period.

Old Business

- A. Approval of the McFarland Unified School District Youth Suicide Prevention Policy – Second Reading

Approval and implementation of this policy supports emotional wellness of students which directly impacts school attendance and educational success.

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by David Arguello to approve Second Reading of the McFarland Unified School District Youth Suicide Prevention Policy. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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, reassignment, etc., individually.

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Angel Turrubiates to approve Revised Personnel Register. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

- B. Approval of Resolution 1718-01 for McFarland Unified School District to apply for Hardship Funding.

The District has short-term and long-term facilities needs at the high school and middle school. McFarland High School originally designed to support 600 students, will serve almost 1,000 during the 2017-2018 school year and is projected to continue increasing in the coming years. Likewise the middle school will serve almost 900 students in the 2017-2018 school year and is projected to continue increasing in the coming years. The District meets the requirements to apply for hardship funding. With the passage of Proposition 51, the state has funding available for hardship funding. As of February 17, 2016, the District has a total eligibility of \$23,099,719. The approval of Resolution 1718-01 will authorize the District to apply for hardship funding.

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by David Diaz to approve Resolution 1718-01 for McFarland Unified School District to apply for Hardship Funding. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

- C. Approval of Resolution 1718-02 authorizing State Building Funds Application.

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Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Angel Turrubiates to approve Resolution 1718-02 authorizing State Building Funds Application. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

- D. Approval of Resolution 1718-03 authorizing Bridge Financing for State Building Funds Application.

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Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Angel Turrubiates to approve Resolution 1718-03 authorizing Bridge Financing for State Building Funds Application. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

E. **Approval to Commit Funds for Construction of District Educational Center**

The growth in the district has created a need for additional facilities to house the District Office, Board Chamber, and a professional development facility. At this time the District has met its bonding capacity and cannot access additional bonds for the funds needed for construction of this facility. For this reason, we are recommending to recommit the \$3,582,113 in Fund 40 for the construction of the new District Educational Center. Additionally, we are recommending the commitment of an additional \$1,417,887 from the General Fund which will be transferred to Fund 40. The total funds committed for the new District Educational Center will total \$5,000,000.

Motion made by Angel Turrubiates, seconded by David Diaz to approve commitment of Funds for Construction of District Educational Center. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

F. **Approval of Amendment to Extend the Assistant Superintendent's Contract of Employment**

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Angel Turrubiates to approve Amendment to Extend the Assistant Superintendent's Contract of Employment. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Advance Planning

A. **Future Meeting Dates**

1. **Regular Board Meeting – September 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at MHS Multipurpose Room**

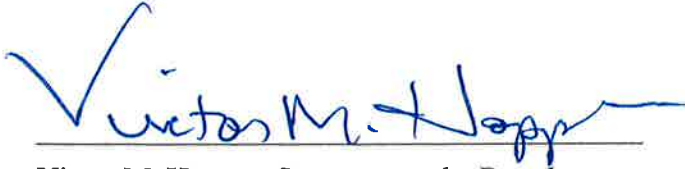
Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Angel Turrubiates to approve next Regular Board Meeting date of September 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the MHS Multipurpose Room. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Adjournment

Time: 7:52 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted:



Victor M. Hopper, Secretary to the Board



Jim Beltran, Board President



David Arguello, Vice President



Angel Turrubiates, Clerk



Eliseo Garza, Member



David Diaz, Member

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