

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees

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REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2007

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

- I. Call to Order** **5:30 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**
- III. Administer Oath of Office to Student Board Member**
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance**
- V. Invocation**
- VI. Public Communication**

The public is invited to comment on any matter appearing on the closed session agenda.

VII. Closed Session

- A. Public Employee Discipline/ Dismissal/ Release (G.C. 54957)
- B. Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54957.6)
 - Employee Organizations: MTA and CSEA
 - Labor Negotiator: Cynthia Virrey
- C. Existing Litigation – McFarland Unified School District V. Siemens Building Technologies – Case # CV257570.SPC
- D. Student # 0607-06 MHS – Re-admittance
- E. Student # 0708-01 MMS – Expulsion recommendation
- F. Student # 0708-02 SJHS – Expulsion recommendation
- G. Student # 0708-03 SJHS – Expulsion recommendation
- H. Student # 0708-04 SJHS – Expulsion recommendation
- I. Student # 0708-05 SJHS – Expulsion recommendation

VIII. Open Session

IX. Report of Closed Session

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X. Action Items

- A. Revision and Approval of Agenda of September 11, 2007
- B. Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2007 (Regular Meeting).
- C. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Approval of Warrant Registers
 - 2. Approval of Travel, Conference, and Related Expenses
 - 3. Approval of Interdistrict Transfers for the 2007-2008 school year
 - 4. Approval of Teacher Recruitment and Retention Program
 - 5. Approval of Psychology Interns Consultant Agreement
 - 6. Approval of Occupational Therapist Consultant Agreement
 - 7. Approval of Additional RSP Teacher at KA and SDC Teacher and SDC At MMS
 - 8. Approval of Financial Consultant – Barbara May
 - 9. Approval of Agreement with Medical Billing Technologies, Inc for Services related to Billing our Medical eligible activities for Medi-Cal
 - 10. Approval of Addendum to 2006/2007 Agreement with School Innovations & Advocacy regarding Site Service Plan – expanded training and support of collection of mandated cost data collection.
 - 11. Approval of Construction Agreement with LEA Electric Power Distribution for Installation for Kern Avenue Relocatable Classroom
 - 12. Approval of Construction Agreement with LEA Electric wire and conduit installation for Kern Avenue Relocatable classroom Fire Alarm System.
 - 13. Approval of Construction Agreement with Southern Valley Concrete Construction For concrete and flat work for Kern Relocatable Classroom
 - 14. Approval of Construction Agreement with ATES Electric for Components and connection of Stand alone Fire Alarm System
 - 15. Approval of Construction Agreement with Bill Martin Construction Clear & Grub of site per plans Browning Road School New Library Building
 - 16. Approval of Construction Agreement with Bill Martin Construction Grading and Excavation of site per plans Browning Road School New Library Building
 - 17. Approval of Construction Agreement with Bill Martin Construction installation of Concrete foundation per plans Browning Road School New Library Building
 - 18. Approval of Construction Agreement with Bill Martin Construction Additional Excavation and Engineered Fill due to unfavorable soil sample test of foundation soil Browning Road School New Library Building
 - 19. Approval of Agreement to purchase from M & M Enterprises - Visalia to provide and install steel foundation necessary for New Modular Library Building per specifications and plans
 - 20. Approval of Construction Agreement with Bill Martin Construction installation of Concrete curbing and new 8" Sidewalk as directed for water damage
 - 21. Approval of Construction Agreement with Bill Martin Construction installation at Browning Road School Kindergarten Playground Equipment
 - 22. Approval of Construction Agreement with Bill Martin Construction installation at Browning Road School Playground Equipment and concrete Demolition and curbing
 - 23. Approval of Out of State Travel and Conference – Director of Curriculum & Instruction, MHS Principal, 1 Math Teacher and 1 English Teacher
 - 24. Approval Update to School Plan – McFarland High School to offer Saturday School and After School Programs for School Year 2007/2008

XI. Information and Proposals

A. Community Input

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
2. Newsletter
3. Management Study

C. Board Member Reports & 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. All Schools – Opening Reports – MHS, MMS, MLC, KA, BR
2. MTA
3. CSEA

XII. Presentations (no action)

1. Ivy League Tour – Kathy Rowland
2. Total School Solutions
3. Eminence Counseling Service
4. Caldwell, Flores, Winters
5. Latanna Investments – Dan Patrick
6. Gary Farrell – McFarland Parks & Recreation

XIII. Action Items (cont'd)

XIV. Old Business

None

XV. New Business

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

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

B. Approval of 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. If the Board has any questions regarding a particular item on the register, the item can be modified to follow Closed Session. This will allow the Board to discuss that item in Closed Session before making a decision.

C. Approval of Resolution to Reduce or Eliminate Classified Positions:

Due to a lack of work and/or lack of funds, the administration has recommended that one classified management position (Assistant Director of MOT) be eliminated by layoff. The layoff will be effective after giving the affected employee(s) the required 45-day notice. The affected employee(s) will be afforded bumping and reemployment rights according to statute. Approval is requested.

D. Approval of Resolution – Waiver Request Pursuant to Education Code Section 41402 (b)

For fiscal year 07/08 the district employs 156 teachers for an Administrator ratio allowance Of 12 administrators. In preparation and anticipation of the QEIA Grant the district has added One additional Administrator for fiscal year 07/08 bringing the Administrator total to 13 for Fiscal year 07/08. The district only qualifies for 12 administrators for fiscal year 07/08. Approval is requested.

E. Courses of Study – Social Studies

New textbooks were adopted in the 2006-2007 school year for Social Studies. The Social Studies department has revised the Courses of Study for American Government, American Government Honors, Economics, Economics Honors, U.S. History, U.S. History CP, U.S. History Honors, World History, World History CP, and World History Honors. Approval is requested.

F. Approval of SpringBoard Subscription Agreement

Annual approval of this agreement requires board action in order to continue with implementation of the SpringBoard program at McFarland High School. CollegeBoard agrees to furnish the SpringBoard program which helps prepare 9th-12th grade students to succeed at college-level work. Exhibit A “Three Party Agreement” to include Paramount Farming Company, Wasco Union High School District and McFarland Unified School District in which Paramount Farming agrees to pay CollegeBoard directly to fund the SpringBoard Program for the 2007-2008 school year. Approval is requested.

G. Approval for PESA (parent Expectations Support Achievement) Parenting classes to Begin for the 2007-2008 school year.

PESA is a parent education program based on the belief that parents' expectations can predict a child's academic achievement level. PESA presents a cost efficient parent education through a trainer of trainers' approach. PESA fulfills the requirement of training parents, teachers, staff and school administrators to work with parents under Title I. Part A of the NCLB Act of 2001. Approval is requested.

- H. Approval of Agreement between the INEA – Instituto Nacional de Educacion Adulta/National Institute for Adult Education, the Mexican Consulate of Fresno, CA, the McFarland Unified School District and two consultants, to provide a program known as PLAZA Comunitaria.

PLAZA is a program whose general objective is to encourage, promote and operate educational services for Hispanic and Mexican youth and adults who live in McFarland. The primary function is to promote, manage and provide Basic Education services for adults at the literacy, primary and secondary levels of education. INEA shall provide instructional programs and work activities in accordance with the needs and interest of Mexican youth and adults who have not completed or whose basic education studies were interrupted. Approval is requested.

- I. Agreement between Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office the Kern County Consortium SELPA and McFarland Unified School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

This contract outlines the agreement for reimbursement of the costs of the special Education programs and transportation provided to the district students by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools office. Approval is requested.

XVI. Advance Planning

A. Future Meeting Dates

1. Regular Board Meeting – October 9, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.

XVII. Adjournment