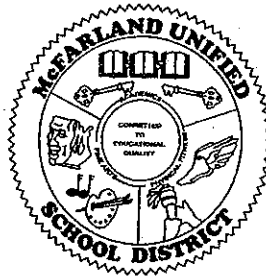


McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING November 20, 2007

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Invocation
- V. Public Communication

5:30 p.m.

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

VI. 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 Negotiators: Nitasha Sawhney & Kim McManaman
- C. Student # 0708-08 MMS – Expulsion recommendation
- D. Student # 0708-09 MHS – Expulsion recommendation
- E. Student # 0708-10 MHS – Expulsion recommendation
- F. Student # 0708-11 SJHS – Expulsion recommendation
- G. Student # 0708-12 MHS – Expulsion recommendation
- H. Student # 0708-13 MHS – Expulsion recommendation
- I. Student # 0708-14 MHS – Expulsion recommendation
- J. Student # 0708-15 MHS – Expulsion recommendation

VII. Open Session

VIII. Report of Closed Session

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IX. Action Items

- A. Revision and Approval of Agenda of November 20, 2007
- B. Approval of Minutes of October 9, 2007 (Regular Meeting), October 18, 2007 (Study Session) & October 25, 2007 (Special Board Meeting).
- C. Consent Agenda
 1. Approval of Warrant Registers
 2. Approval of Travel, Conference, and Related Expenses
 3. Approval of Interdistrict Agreements for the 2007-2008 school year
 4. Approval of Annual School Trustees Fall Dinner Meeting of the Kern County Supt. of Schools Office and the Kern County School Boards Association (including Spouses)
 5. Approval of 2007-08 Carl D. Perkins Vocational & Technical Education Grant Award
 6. Approval of Instructional Assistant – In-House School Suspension (Classified)
 7. Approval of 2007-2008 Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant

X. 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

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. M/O/T – Robert Matheny
2. Browning Road School – Mario Torres
3. College Night – Martin Schmidt
4. MTA
5. CSEA
6. Williams Act Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report (Irene Melendez)

XI. Presentations (no action)

1. KCSOS – Kathy Caric – Program Improvement Year 3
2. Adult Education Students – MLC

XII. Action Items (cont'd)

XIII. Old Business

- A. None

XIV. New Business

- A. 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.

- B. Approval of Variable-Term Waiver for Katina Henry, 6th Grade Math Teacher at McFarland Middle School

Mathematics is a single subject area with few qualified teachers available to fill our existing positions. Ms. Henry is currently enrolled in a credential program and is eligible for a variable term waiver. She has been a substitute for this class and is requested to stay in this position for the remainder of the school year. This position will be re-posted for the next school year. Your approval is requested.

- C. Approval of Resolution 0708-05

The resolution is required to correct timeline issues as identified by STRS in relation to the 2006-2007 Early Retirement Incentive Program. Approval is requested.

- D. Approval of Joint Use Agreement with McFarland Recreation and Park District.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide for cooperative use of School District and Recreation District fields and facilities at no cost other than the direct utilities and maintenance/custodial costs.

- E. Approval of Application for Part-Day State Preschool Programs

The California Department of Education (CDE), Child Development Division (CDD), is pleased to announce the availability of State Preschool (CPRE) funds for fiscal year (FY) 2007-08. The CPRE funds will provide direct services for California children ages three to five. The intent is for the MUSD to apply for \$183,341.00 from the state to open another Preschool in McFarland. Approval is requested.

- F. Approval of Agreements between McFarland Unified School District and the following Supplemental Educational Service Providers: A+ Educational Centers, Academic Tutoring Services, Carney Educational Services, National Farm Workers Services Center Field, Fresno CORALhc.DBA CORAL & Extreme Learning

On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed his education plan, No Child Left Behind, into law. The law united both political parties behind the principle that schools must be held accountable for their results and that every child must learn. As part of that law, when a disadvantaged child is attending a low performing school, federal funds can be used to provide supplemental services for that child. Parents of eligible children can choose from the list of state-approved providers. When parents have made their selection, the District must then contract with that provider to deliver the services. The law requires that supplemental education service providers adhere to high-quality, research-based instruction. The law states that a provider must continue to provide SES to eligible students until the end of the school year in which those services were first received. Approval is requested.

- G. Application for Continued Funding for Pre-School

This is an annual report that is required by the CDE as a condition of continued funding. Approval is requested.

XVI. Advance Planning

- A. Future Meeting Dates

1. Annual Organizational Meeting – December 11, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.
2. Regular Board Meeting – December 11, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.
3. Study Session – December 5, 2007 – 4:30 p.m. @ District Office

XVII. Adjournment