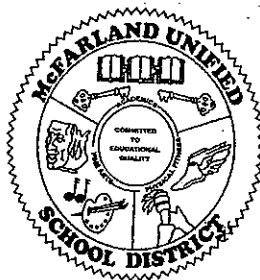


McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2009

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

Convene and Adjourn to Closed Session – 4:00 p.m.
Reconvene to Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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

The public may address the Board concerning items that are scheduled for discussion during closed session only by completing the Community Input Request Form provided on the table at the entrance to the meeting room and submitting the form to the Executive Assistant prior to the Board adjourning to closed session.

VII. Closed Session

- A. Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal/Release {G. C. 54957}**
- B. Existing Litigation**
 - Case # S-1500-CV25757WDP
- C. Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54957.6)**
 - Employee Organizations: MTA and CSEA
 - Labor Negotiators: Nitasha Sawhney & Kim McManaman
- D. Student Expulsion/Readmittance**
 - 1. Student #0809-19 – MHS – Expulsion recommendation
 - 2. Student #0809-20 – MHS – Expulsion recommendation
 - 3. Student #0809-21 – MHS – Expulsion recommendation
 - 4. Student #0809-22 – MHS – Expulsion recommendation

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VIII. Open Session

IX. Report of Closed Session

X. Action Items

A. Revision and Approval of Agenda of February 10, 2009

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

B. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2009 (Regular Meeting) & January 22, 2009 (Study Session).

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

C. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Warrant Registers
2. Approval of Interdistrict Agreements
3. Consolidated Application Part II – 2008-2009
4. LEA Plan Addendum Revision
5. Child Development Continued Application Funding – 2009-2010
6. Approval of Kern County Substance Abuse Prevention Education Consortium/Partnership Participation 2008-2009
7. Approval of MHS Wrestling Team Overnight Trip to Mendota, CA on Feb. 20, 2009
8. Approval of FFA Leadership Conference MFE and ALA Overnight Trip to Visalia, CA on Feb, 20 & 21, 2009.
9. Approval of FFA Leadership Conference State FFA Leadership Conference Overnight Trip to Fresno on April 18 – 21, 2009.
10. Approval of Out-of-State Trip to attend SIOP Coaches Training – March 23-24, 2009
11. Approval of Job Description – Special Education Teacher – Mild/Moderate
12. Approval of Job Description – Special Education Teacher – Moderate/Severe

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

XI. Information and Proposals

A. Community Input

The public may address the Board regarding general school district matters. 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. McFarland High School – Martin Schmidt
2. Browning Road School – Maria Salgado
3. Kern Avenue – Professional Learning Communities
4. McFarland Teachers Association
5. California School Employees Association

E. Presentations

1. Atkinson, Andelson Loya, Ruud & Romo

XII. Action Items (cont'd)

XIII. Discussion

- A. School Calendar

XIV. Old Business

- A. Approval of New/Revised Board Policies – Second Reading

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

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

XV. 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, 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.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

- B. McFarland High School requests that the Board approve the following expenditure: \$10,000 from Title I categorical budget to fund the 8th period intervention program.

This budget item was approved by the MHS Site Council on Jan. 20, 2009. The 8th period after school intervention will target those students who have multiple fails and are struggling with their studies. Funding will pay for 10 teachers to provide a total of 200 hours of intensive instruction to students with low GPA's. Approval is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

- C. Approval of McFarland High School expenditures: \$11,367.44 from the Discretionary Block Grant categorical budget to purchase an electronic readerboard from Signtronix and \$12,500 from the Discretionary Block Grant categorical budget to pay for the Magic Mountain reward trip for students who jumped one performance level on the 2008 CST.

Many high schools in the valley have installed electronic readerboards in the front of their schools. These readerboards help to keep parents, students and the community informed of school events and activities. The readerboard that we intend to purchase is very similar to the one in front of Wasco High School. Last year's reward trip to Magic Mountain played an important part in encouraging our students to give their best effort on the California Standards Test. This is a great way to reward those students who gave 100% effort and raised their scores to a higher performance level. Approval is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

- D. Approval of Five New Courses of Study at McFarland High School: AP Studio Art, AP Government, AP Chemistry, Guitar, and Video Production.

AP Art, AP Government and AP Chemistry will provide students with a college level of instruction increasing the level of rigor in three content areas. Guitar classes provide students the opportunity to earn their fine arts graduation requirement. Guitar is a highly requested class. Video production will give students the opportunity to learn valuable computer and communication skills. Video Production uses the equipment that the District purchased in 2007. Approval is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

- E. Approval of Donation of Obsolete Electronics to Bakersfield Association of Retarded Citizens (BARC).

The purpose of this is to save the District the expense of disposing of broken and obsolete electronic devices. BARC refurbishes or recycles obsolete and broken electronic equipment saving the district the expense of disposing of the equipment as it can no longer be sent to local dumps. Approval is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

- F. Approval to Apply to E-Rate to use Verizon for T-1 Interconnection of sites.

E-Rate pays up to 90% of communication expenses for eligible schools and libraries. We are applying to have E-Rate cover the eligible cost of the T-1 connections in the district. The current cost is \$2133.50 per month to the district for a total of \$25,602 per year. By applying to E-Rate the final cost to the District will be approximately \$2560.20. Approval is requested.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

- G. Approval of Resolution #0809-07 approving Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Waiving Rights to File any Claim regarding the Hughes Bill Statute and regulations in the future.

In response to legislation (AB 2586, the Hughes Bill), the State Board of Education in 1993 adopted regulations requiring LEA's to develop BIP's for special education students who exhibit serious behavioral problems. The regulations imposed detailed and costly requirements that exceed federal law. This claim has been tied up in the mandate reimbursement process and in the courts for over 14 years. In the Resolution the board: Approves the settlement which will bring the District approximately \$14.85 per 2007-08 ADA, \$45,642.50 annually for the six-year period beginning 2011-12 through 2016-17, Agrees to waive its ability to file future mandated cost claims on the Hughes Bill statute and regulations are currently worded; Directs the District's authorized representative to sign the Waiver to implement this action. The legislature's obligation to fund the settlement is contingent on 85% of all districts, county offices of education, and special education local plan areas constituting 92% of statewide ADA waiving their rights to file additional mandated cost claims on the current Hughes Bill statute and regulations. Approval is requested.

XVI. Advance Planning

- A. Future Meeting Dates

1. Regular Board Meeting – March 10, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at MHS
2. Board Study Session – February 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at District Office

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

XVII. Adjournment

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

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