

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2008

The Special Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2008, at the McFarland Unified School District Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Board President at 3:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL Ramon Melendez, President
Marin Ortega Jr., Vice President
David Arguello, Clerk
Rey DeLeon, Member

Absent Jim Kasiner, Member

Staff Present: Gabriel McCurtis Candi Clark Irene Melendez
Cynthia Virrey Kim McManaman Smith Efada
Albert Melendez Ernesto Diaz Melissa Melendez
Lisa Turrubiates

Community Present: Nitasha Sawhney - GCR
Nicholas Diaz
Jared Diaz

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Board President asked if Jim Kasiner the district had heard anything from him. Irene Melendez stated that she had mailed him his agenda and packet and had called him about faxing him the agenda but he had not returned her call.

Board President also addressed those present. He apologized for not being present on Tuesday of last week. He stated that some of the present issues might have been taken care of then, but were moved to this meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance – Rey DeLeon

Public Communication

Lisa Turrubiates addressed the board in which she thanked them for allowing her to speak. She gave a brief summary of her years with the District in which she stated that she has been employed by the district for 21 years and has worked under several superintendents as well as business managers and never had any problems with anybody. She stated that she lives here and her kids attend school year except for one who attends in Delano. She stated that she does participate in things at the school and helps many students at MHS and the teachers know her and know she is willing to help. She proceeded to read two letters of support from Amador Ayon and from Nancy Thompson from the County Office. She added that she has always done the work that she has been asked to do. She stated that she would not do anything that would hurt the district. She stated that she has worked hard to get where she is. She concluded that if the Dr. would release her to work full time she would be glad to return to work but that is not possible at this time. She again thanked the board.

Smith Efada gave the board a brief update on Rick Sparks' condition.

Board President asked if there was anything that the district could do to help the family in any way. Board Vice-President made a suggestion that maybe someone from the district could go down there and let the family know that the district is thinking of them.

Closed Session

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 3:15 p.m.

Open Session

The board re-convened to Open Session at 4:52 p.m.

Report of Closed Session

- A. No Action taken
- B. No Action taken
- C. No Action taken

Action Items

- A. Revision and Agenda Approval of Agenda of October 20, 2008.

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon to approve the Agenda of October 20, 2008. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- B. Consent Agenda

- 1. In-House Suspension – Certificated Position/Job Description – MHS

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marin Ortega Jr. for approval of the In-House Suspension – Certificated Position/Job Description – MHS. Motion was defeated by a 2-2 vote.

Old Business

- A. Approval of Superintendent's Contract

Motion made by Marin Ortega Jr., seconded by David Arguello. to approve the Superintendent's Contract. Motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

- B. Approval to Reconsider Action Item

Motion made by Marin Ortega Jr., seconded by David Arguello for approval to reconsider action item. Motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

- C. Approval of Recruitment for a Speech-Language Pathologist at the American Speech-Language Hearing Association's Career Fair to be held during the annual convention.

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marin Ortega Jr. to approve recruitment for a Speech-Language pathologist at the American Speech-Language Hearing Association's Career Fair to be held during the annual convention. Motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

New Business

A. Approval of Relocation Incentive for Fully-Credentialed Speech-Language Pathologist

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marin Ortega Jr. for approval of Relocation Incentive for Fully-Credentialed Speech-Language Pathologist. Motion was defeated by a 2-2 vote.

Advance Planning

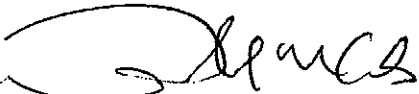
Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon to approve the future meeting date of November 18, 2008 Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Adjournment

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Board President adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:




Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board

Ramon Melendez, Board President



Marin Ortega Jr., Vice President

David Arguello, Clerk

Rey DeLeon, Member

ABSENT
Jim Kasiner, Member